

Newsletter

Tallong Public School

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Term 2- Week 9

Wednesday, 20 June 2012

Principal's Report

Yesterday evening I attended the Goulburn/Mulwaree Council meeting to hear the Council's decision on the submission put forward by the Tallong Focus Group for a footpath to continue along Bumballa Street and finish at the school front gate.

I am very pleased to announce that the decision was passed by Council.

This is a very positive outcome for the safety of our students as they travel to and depart from school by bicycle or on foot.

S. Matthews

Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 2

Week 9

Thursday 21 st June	Art Club \$2 with Mrs Botticchio 3:15pm – 4:30pm
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Week 10

Wednesday 27 th June	Playgroup 9:15am Games Club 3:15pm - 4:30pm Bake Sale- O'Leary family
Thursday 28 th June	Art Club \$2 with Mrs Botticchio 3:15pm – 4:30pm
Friday 29 th June	Athletics Carnival (K-6) at Eridge Park

Term 3: School Resumes Tuesday 17th July

Assembly now scheduled for Term 3 – date to be confirmed.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL POSTPONED.....again!

This carnival has been postponed until Friday 29th June (provided there is no rain between now and then). This means the assembly scheduled for this date will now be on a Friday (TBA) in Term 3. Unfortunately we have no control over these decisions but just have to make adjustments as they are made.

Musical Achievements

Congratulations to Keenan French who performed at the Goulburn Eisteddfod over the weekend. Keenan achieved First Place in the 8 yrs and under Woodwind Solo and Highly Commended in the Preliminary/First Grade Piece section.

Congratulations also to the 3-6 class, under the tutorage of Miss A, who performed on Monday at the Goulburn Eisteddfod and received a Highly Commended in the School Instrumental Group performing the piece "*Blue Danube Waltz*."



Science with Mrs Perger

Ellie and Jack are demonstrating two ways of generating electricity using magnets.

We have been using equipment kindly lent from the Science Department at Moss Vale High School.



3-6 Excursion

The primary class had an informative day spent interviewing managers from both St Vincent De Paul and also Woolworths in Goulburn. They were able to compare the role and practices of a charity organisation (not for profit) and also a profitable business. They collaborated in class prior to the excursion to formulate questions which they asked to these business managers and recorded responses which were later discussed back in the classroom.



Gonski Report Action

Have you heard about the findings of the Gonski Review? Well, potentially it is very good news for our school and our students.

Headed by senior businessman David Gonski, the review was the most comprehensive national investigation of school funding in almost 40 years. It found not only was the current funding system broken but Australia is investing far too little in schools.

The lack of funding is having significant consequences for students with widening gaps between what students achieve in disadvantaged areas compared to those in wealthy areas. Gonski said a major funding increase for public schools and (some private schools) is urgently required to ensure a high quality education for all. That increase translates to an average of \$1,500 per student extra per year in public schools. If we were to receive that amount it would mean much additional funding in our budget.

For our school, additional money would be spent in the areas we know make a real difference for students such as more individual assistance for students with particular needs and additional staff. The problem is that, despite the positive response from all education sectors to the report, there has been no commitment by either the Federal Government or the Opposition in Canberra to the new system or the additional funding.

The Australian Education Union, which represents teachers and principals, is running a national campaign to get a commitment to the funding and new laws passed based on the Gonski recommendations before the end of 2012.

If you would like to see additional resources flowing to our school, you can register your support at the Australian Education Union's campaign website www.igiveagonski.com.au.

Alternatively, you may like to contact our Federal MP directly.

You can also find out more about the Gonski Review at the Federal Government's website <http://www.schoolfunding.gov.au/>

Term 3 Sport

Back by popular demand we are fortunate to have Kevin Murphy coach our students in tennis for sport. Lessons will be delivered in two sessions of 45 minutes each. Cost for the term will be \$50 per child. Thanks must go to the P&C who have contributed funding to this programme which reduces the cost by \$20 per child to a total of \$30. We would prefer this payment as a lump sum of \$30 at the commencement of Term 3 but will also accept weekly payments of \$3 per child.



Holiday Programs

Highlands Soccer Camps

Please contact: Nick D'Amore for details on
0407917062

Blue Light Disco

Saturday 23rd June from 4pm-7pm. Cost \$5

GOLD DAY

The SRC facilitated the raising of \$34-00 for the Sydney Children's Hospital in the recent Gold Mufti Day. Thank you to Jeanie Newman for keeping with the theme and baking cupcakes with gold icing for sale. This raised \$16-50 for the SRC.

