

Newsletter

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Term 3- Week 9

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks have yet again flown by, with this already being our last Newsletter for the term. In Term Three, students have participated in many varied learning experiences, both curricular and extra-curricular.

The greatest reward, that we, as educators and parents receive, is to watch our students and children grow and learn, whether it be gaining a greater understanding of maths concepts, reading for comprehension or just learning to get on with each other.

Our students have excelled this term in academic tests, on the sports fields, performing at The Opera House and in debating. Congratulations are well deserved by each and every student at Tallong PS.

We have one very exciting week to go as we count down to our inaugural Tallong School Concert. Students have been practising very hard for the concert and they are keen to show parents and carers their talents in singing, dancing and acting.

After the excitement of the concert there will be a final day of winding down, cleaning up and an assembly at 2:30pm.

Have a wonderful and relaxing holiday. Students return Monday 10th October.

Ellie Moore - Principal

School Absences

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to

encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people.

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you **must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation** for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

At Tallong Public School we have recently recorded unacceptable levels of unexplained absences.

Please contact the office ASAP to rectify this matter.

Kindergarten Orientation

Starting school is an important step for any child. To help families get used to the routine (and fun!) of 'big school', we will be hosting a series of orientation days in Term 4, which are open to all local families so please spread the word.

Parents are invited to an information session and morning tea on 1st November 2017 while the children participate in fun activities in the classroom with teachers and teachers aides. On the 8th & 15th, parents are invited to walk their child to class and collect them at the designated time.

Tuesday 1st November 9:30am - 11:00am

Tuesday 8th November 9:30am - 1:00pm

Tuesday 15th November 9:30am - 3:00pm

For more information please contact Tallong Public School on 02 4841 0292 or

Email: tallong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Tallong School Concert

Our School Concert is on next Thursday the 22nd of September. Doors open at 5:30pm for a 6pm start. There will be a gold coin donation upon entry. All students are to arrive at the hall in their costumes to meet with their class teacher at 5:30pm. Students that are involved in the TPS Dance Group will need to come wearing their leotard, tutu and tights (if they are wearing tights). The structure of the concert is as follows:

Koalas Performance

TPS Dance Group

Kookas Performance

TPS Dance Group

Kangas Performance

As the TPS Dance Group are performing between class performances, students involved in dance will need to bring a small bag with them carrying their costumes, which they can change in and out of throughout the night.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



Reminder

Could you please return the note regarding your anticipated numbers for the upcoming School Concert as soon as possible to the office. Thank you.

Direct Deposit Payments

Reminder direct deposits are **NO** longer available as at 23rd September. All outstanding payments must be paid up by this date as per parent statements sent out mid August.

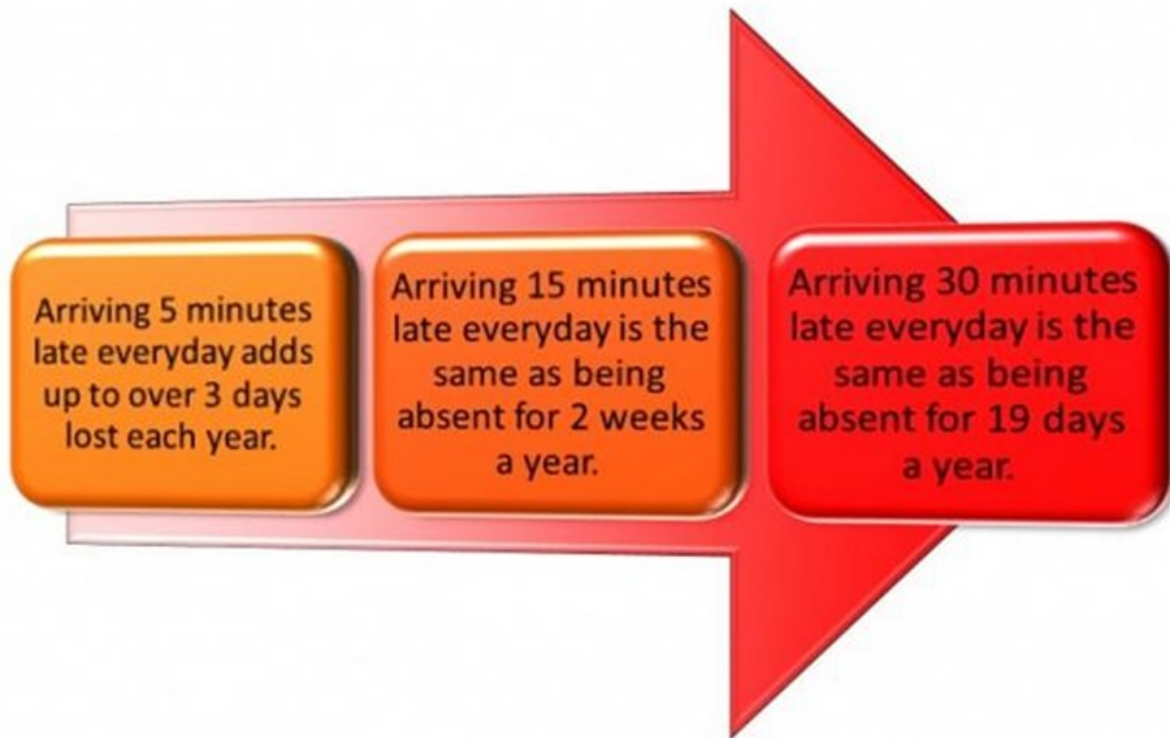
P&C Shopping Bus Trip

Just a reminder for those interested in attending a great social day out with friends and doing a little shopping at the same time...the date is just around the corner, Saturday 15th October!! Please contact the school office to book your seat.



Margaret Cech Writing Competition

The Fellowship of Australian Writers Southern Highlands (FAWSH) is holding a writing competition open to primary & secondary students as well as adults. If you are interested in entering the competition, forms are available from the office.



Did you know...

96% attendance is:

- 8 days absence per year from school

the equivalent to 11 weeks missed over 7 primary school years

95% attendance is:

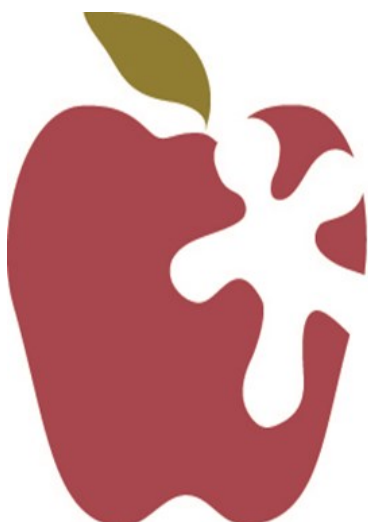
- 10 days absence per year from school

70 days or 14 weeks missed from a child's primary school education

90% attendance is:

- 19 days absence per year from school

133 days (almost 3/4 of a school year) missed over their primary school care



Missing School
Matters

Term 3, 2016

Week 9

Wednesday 14th Sept	Playgroup 9:30 - 11:00 Art Club with Jessica After School Care \$8.00 3:00 - 4:30pm Bookings essential contact office
Thursday 15th Sept	Karate Fitness WSK Martial Arts After School Care \$5 3:00 - 4:30pm Bookings essential contact office
Friday 16th Sept	Sport - Tennis \$5 Toasties Assembly 2:30pm

Week 10

Monday 19th Sept	Explorers Club \$2 3:00 - 4:45pm
Tuesday 20th Sept	After School Care \$7.50 3:00 - 4:30pm Bookings essential contact office
Wednesday 21st Sept	Playgroup 9:30 - 11:00 Art Club with Jessica After School Care \$8.00 3:00 - 4:30pm Bookings essential contact office
Thursday 22nd Sept	Karate Fitness WSK Martial Arts After School Care \$5 3:00 - 4:30pm Bookings essential contact office SCHOOL CONCERT 5:30pm at TALLONG HALL
Friday 23rd Sept	Sport - Tennis \$5 Assembly 2:30pm LAST DAY OF TERM

Week 1

Monday 10th October	FIRST DAY OF TERM Explorers Club \$2 3:00 - 4:45pm
Tuesday 11th October	After School Care \$7.50 3:00 - 4:30pm Bookings essential contact office
Wednesday 12th October	Playgroup 9:30 - 11:00 After School Care \$7.50 3:00 - 4:30pm Bookings essential contact office
Thursday 13th October	After School Care \$7.50 3:00 - 4:30pm Bookings essential contact office
Friday 14th October	Assembly 2:30pm
Saturday 15th October	SHOPPING BUS TRIP

Week 2

Monday 17th October	LMBR GO LIVE DAY!! Explorers Club \$2 3:00 - 4:45pm
Tuesday 18th October	After School Care \$7.50 3:00 - 4:30pm Bookings essential contact office
Wednesday 19th October	Playgroup 9:30 - 11:00 After School Care \$7.50 3:00 - 4:30pm Bookings essential contact office
Thursday 20th October	After School Care \$7.50 3:00 - 4:30pm Bookings essential contact office
Friday 21st October	Assembly 2:30pm



Tallong Public School P & C Shopping Tour 2016



Date: 15th October, 2016
Bus leaves from Tallong Hall 6:15am sharp

Cost: **\$70.00**
includes Coach, Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea (Lunch at Botany Golf Club)

Deposit: **\$20.00** to secure your seat ASAP
Regular payments can also be made to pay off the full cost by placing money in an envelope and dropping into the office at Tallong School. Full payment required by Friday 9th September, 2016

Shops:

Home & Gift Warehouse - Scanpan, Masterchef, Jamie Oliver etc.

KB toys - Lego, dolls, games etc.

Manchester Importer - Bedroom linen, towels, cushions etc.

Puma / New Balance - Sports wear, shoes etc.

Original Surf Factory - Quiksilver, Roxy, Rusty etc.

Cheese & Wine - Liquor & confectionery

Peter's of Kensington - Kitchen & homewares

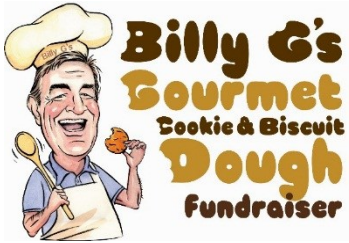
Autograph, Katie's & Crossroads Clearance store

Stax Foods - Lollies, chocolates, nuts etc.

FSW Shoes - save up to 70%

Barcs Factory Outlet - Handbags, jewellery etc.

Fun Day Shopping with Lucky Door Prizes and Raffles
Contact Karen on 0425 200 079 or Tallong PS 48410 292



FUNDRAISING HAS NEVER TASTED SO GOOD.

We are excited to announce that next term we will be commencing our very own Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser.

Each family will be provided with a Billy G's Fundraiser order form that will assist in collecting orders from family, friends & neighbours.

Tallong PS will also have its own online store, where orders can also be placed and paid for.

You can only purchase this moorish cookie dough through this fundraiser and is not sold in stores, so stock up!

Billy G's is an Australian family owned and operated business that provides quality ingredients for that home style taste. There are ten (10) delicious flavours to choose from including a new Gingerbread and Shortbread Biscuit dough. They also make available a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough that your favourite furry animals will go bonkers over and a Gluten Free Chocolate Chunk.

For each tub of Gingerbread Dough purchased, you will receive a free gingerbread man cookie cutter. The kids will love baking and decorating their very own cookies – just in time for Christmas!

There is a fantastic incentive prize program available for each child who buys or sells one or more tubs of cookie dough. There are over 50 prizes to choose from which can be viewed in your Billy G's order form.

There is also a family holiday promotion where families can go into the running to win a trip to the Gold Coast, and entry is simply through purchasing or selling a tub of cookie dough.

The cookie dough is packed in a reusable 1kg tub which makes 40 x 25g cookies. **33c-38c per cookie.**

You can **RE-FREEZE** the cookie dough and thaw it out as you require for baking.

You can keep the thawed cookie dough in your refrigerator for up to 4 weeks.

Order Forms will go home in Week 1.