

# Newsletter

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Term 2 - Week 2

Thursday 4th May 2017

Dear Parents /Carers,

Welcome back to another action-packed term of learning for everyone.

## **ANZAC DAY**

Thank you students and parents/carers who joined us at the ANZAC Memorial Service on ANZAC Day .

Our students were immaculately dressed in school uniform and our special student readers did a magnificent job. We have had many compliments from the community regarding our presentation.

## **Apple Day**

Please come and visit our stall on Apple Day and bring your friends. We will perform the Maypole dance at 10:30 am and at 1:30 pm. Please join in the fun. We are looking forward to seeing you.

## **Newsletters**

Due to the many demands of administering and managing our small school, as well as filling a teaching/principal position, our newsletters, which take several hours to complete, will be sent out fortnightly from now on. Thank you for your understanding. Please ring the office if you have any questions, concerns or issues or, if you just want to check out a time or date.

## **NAPLAN**

All students in Year 3 , 5, 7 and 9 will complete the NAPLAN tests during May 2017, **(next week)**.

**Tuesday 9 May** —Language conventions and writing tests

**Wednesday 10 May**—Reading Test

**Thursday 11 May**—Numeracy Test

## **NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge**

The School Sports Challenge officially commence 26 April and conclude 22 September 2017. To complete the Challenge, Tallong Public School will select ten weeks during Terms 2 and 3 and parents/carers will be notified of the dates.

**Ellie Moore**

**Principal**

## **We are introducing READING EGGS K-6 to Tallong Public School**

**A Trusted Reading Program for Children Aged 3–13.**

Learning to read is one of the most important skills children can learn. **ABC Reading Eggs** makes the learning to read journey **fun, interactive, and highly rewarding** for ages 3-13 – and **it's based on solid scientific research.**

**Like Maths Online**, each child will receive their own login to Reading Eggs shortly so that it can be accessed at home as well as at school. They will also have access to 2000 eBooks to read.





## **Learn to Read Program for the classroom**

ABC Reading Eggs is the award-winning online reading program that makes learning essential reading and phonics skills fun and motivating for students.

The program has many features that **support core literacy teaching** and gets students successfully started on their journey to becoming proficient readers. The **diagnostic test** and **student management tools** enable teachers to place students at different reading levels within the program.

Why do children love learning with Reading Eggs?

- The virtual environment is endlessly patient and each child can make real progress at their own pace.
- ABC Reading Eggs is infused with a sense of humour and children are surprised and amused by the program. They enjoy the variety of game-like activities, the rewards, the memorable funny songs and the animated characters that become like friends as they progress through the lessons.
- Each child can create their own avatar/online character.
- Each time a child completes a learning activity they are rewarded with Golden Eggs.
- They can then use these Golden Eggs to buy fun and educational games from the Games section.
- Children get a real sense of achievement as they progress through each of the eight maps.
- They love collecting Critters – a new critter hatches at the end of every lesson.

Best of all, they love mastering the skills of reading!

Teachers can choose the start point for individual students, so that each child can progress at their own level.

## **ANZAC Day**



The following extra curricular activities will be available after school in Term 2. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to participate.

Mondays — Robotics—\$7.50

Tuesdays—Gardening and Cooking — \$7.50

Wednesdays—Craft with Lisa—\$8.00

Thursdays - Craft— \$7.50

Children will be given afternoon tea (except for Wednesdays). Funds will go towards paying for group and school resources.

Private Music Tuition is available for piano, and guitar.

Choir will rehearse on TUESDAY MORNINGS at 8:15 am in Term 2.

### Premier's Reading Challenge—Please Register.

The 2017 Challenge kicks off **Monday 6 March** and closes **Friday 25 August** (midnight) for **students**. A link to the Premier's Reading Challenge can be found in the Student Portal under the **Learning** section. Public School students can also log in directly to the PRC Website using their **DoE user name and password**. These are the same details a student would use to access the student portal and the computer network at school. If your child is unaware of their student user name and password please contact the class teacher for details.



**Sunday 7th May - Tallong Apple Day**  
**Maypole Dance**  
**10:30am & 1:30pm**

### Term 2, 2017 Week 2

Monday 1st May	Robotics - After School Care 3:00 - 4:30pm \$7.50 <b>Bookings essential contact office</b>
Tuesday 2nd May	Choir 8:15am with Mrs Moore  Gardening & Cooking - After School Care 3:00 - 4:30pm \$7.50 <b>Bookings essential contact office</b>
Wednesday 3rd May	Soccer Training 8:00am with Mr Andrews & Mrs Cox-Barlow  Playgroup 9:30am - 11:00am  Art & Craft with Lisa - After School Care 3:00 - 4:30pm \$8 <b>Bookings essential contact office</b>
Thursday 4th May	Craft - After School Care 3:00 - 4:30pm \$7.50 <b>Bookings essential contact office</b>
Friday 5th May	Sport - Gymnastics <u>Early Learning Hub 9-11am</u> Assembly 2:30pm

### Week 3

Monday 8th May	Robotics - After School Care 3:00 - 4:30pm \$7.50 <b>Bookings essential contact office</b>
Tuesday 9th May	Choir 8:15am with Mrs Moore NAPLAN Years 3 & 5  Gardening & Cooking - After School Care 3:00 - 4:30pm \$7.50 <b>Bookings essential contact office</b>
Wednesday 10th May	Soccer Training 8:00am with Mr Andrews & Mrs Cox-Barlow  Playgroup 9:30am - 11:00am  NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Art & Craft with Lisa - After School Care 3:00 - 4:30pm \$8 <b>Bookings essential contact office</b>
Thursday 11th May	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5



### Apple Day Roster

Thank you to those families that have donated their time to help out at Apple Day. We are still needing volunteers between 12:00 - 3:00pm. All other time slots have been filled. Please contact Robyn Steward or Mrs Murray in the office if you are able to volunteer.

We appreciate any time volunteers can give and we also understand if you are unavailable on the day.

'Many hands make light work'.

### Bake Sale

We are calling for any donations of baked goods, slices, cakes, cookies etc to be sold at the P&C Stall at Apple Day on Sunday. Donations can be delivered to Robyn Steward on Saturday afternoon at the hall between 3:00 - 4:00pm or delivered to the stall on Sunday morning. We ask if you could please list all ingredients with your goodies.

Last year's donations were exceptional and we can't thank you enough for your continued support of our P&C. Thank you!



### 5c Challenge

This year the P&C will be holding a 5c challenge that will run until the end of the year. This fundraiser encourages students to bring in as many 5c pieces as they can find lying around the house, in the car, fallen between the cushions in the lounge etc. (with parents/carers permission of course!).

Each classroom has their own jar for the coins to be put in and the class with the most amount of 5c pieces at the end of the year wins a prize.

**UPDATE: the jars are filling up nicely. The KOALAS have now taken the lead!**



**SCHOOL  
FUNDRAISER**

***The next P&C meeting  
will be held on Tuesday  
16th May, 2017.***



# Gymnastics

