# <u>Newsletter</u>

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Term 1 Week 4

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# <u>Tallong P.S.</u>

A nurturing small school environment with caring and committed staff.

Dear Tallong families and friends,

### WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to the P&C for organising the welcome afternoon tea for new students, families and teachers. It was a great chance to meet more of the local community. I look forward to more community and P&C run events in the future.

### MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Our 'Meet the Teacher' evening is scheduled for *Wednesday 6 March from 6pm-7pm* to inform parents and carers about the class routines and school focus areas for 2019. Thank you for giving up your time to attend these sessions. We hope that you find them valuable.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all Tallong students who participated in novelty events, competed in races and earned points for our school at Monday's carnival. It was great to see the children cheering and encouraging one another throughout the day. Our carnivals are successful thanks to the hard work of a team of teachers, parents and volunteers. Thanks to everyone who was involved, either supporting the children by the side of the pool and/or helping transport equipment. With special thanks to Mrs Dunn from Kangaloon PS for coordinating the events for the Bong Bong community. We had some fantastic results with Zali, Brody, Hayden and Isaac all gaining placings.

NEW SOUTH WALES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING



Zali and Hayden had a short turn around and competed in the District Swimming Carnival yesterday at Bowral with Hayden coming 3rd in the 50m 8 Years boys' freestyle and Zali coming 4th in the 50m 8 Years girls' freestyle. Congratulations to you both - fantastic results! What a great start to the sporting year for Tallong!



### <u>ASSEMBLY</u>

Last week we had the first of our 2019 assemblies. The Kangas hosted the assembly with a fantastic item that showcased the voices of our Stage 3 students; in particular 2 brave students, Shelby-Lee and Brody. Well done! Our class award winners were:

Koalas – Ethan, Eleanor, River and Estelle

Kookas – Brianna, Ella, Jade and Hunter

Kangas – Logan, Geordie, Brody and Stevie

Our next assembly is in Week 6, Friday 8 March at 2.30pm. This assembly will be hosted by the Kookas.



### **SCRIPTURE**

Our Scripture classes started last week and are taught each Wednesday between 10:20-11am. Tallong is looking at Ethics classes to start in the near future. We request that since the scripture program has commenced that no changes are made as it disrupts the flow and numbers in the program. Thank you for your understanding.

### HOMEWORK

Teachers will begin introducing homework to K-6 students in the coming weeks. It will be explained more during our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. We believe homework is an important task to develop solid work habits at home and is a way of consolidating content covered at school. In K-2, teachers will phase in various aspects of the homework program to allow students to get used to the routine and learn what is expected in each activity.

### **LIBRARY**

We have hit the ground running in the Library and lessons are already in full swing with borrowing beginning next week (Week 5). This year all students will have the opportunity to borrow from the Library on Thursdays. Continuing in 2019, is the Big READ Bus visiting Tallong every 3rd Wednesday at lunch time. To borrow from the bus you must be a member of the Goulburn Library.

### HANDY LIBRARY INFORMATION

Oliver is our Library management system. You can log into your child's Oliver account from home to search for books in our Library, make reservations, write book reviews and even check which books they still have on loan to renew them! Go to Student Portal and click Oliver Library, or visit

library.det.nsw.edu.au. It is a good idea to bookmark this webpage in your browser! Sign in with your child's school computer log in details.

Books are returned each week on your child's Library Day. If your child would like to keep reading a book, log into Oliver and you can renew it once online. If you still have not finished reading the book by the end of the second week, please bring it back to school. As long as no one has reserved that book, we can scan it again. Please remember the library bag each week to borrow. This protects books from getting damaged and keeps them together so they do not get lost. It also has your child's borrowing barcode with their name and class! Please do not put stickers or draw on this barcode as we need to scan it each week to borrow books.

Overdue notices are issued regularly. These notes outline which books have been on loan longer than two weeks without renewal.

Although every care is taken to minimise errors, occasionally we have technical issues or books are accidentally missed. If you are sure the books have been returned, please send the overdue notice back with a brief explanation written on it and we will see if we can track it down. Otherwise, if it is lost or damaged we kindly ask that you pay the cost of the book or replace the copy. We recommend checking Lost Property, your child's classroom to see if it is under a desk, in the classroom Library or in a tote tray!

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge begins each year in March and finishes in August. All students have the opportunity to complete this free, fun challenge as part of Library and classroom programs to enhance their love of reading.

### **CAR PARK LINE MARKING**

This week the staff car park and the parking spots across from the school 'drive-thru' have been marked to enhance safety in the operation of before and after school drop off and pick up.

To assist in the smooth operation of the 'drive -thru', can all parents who are parking their cars please not walk through the 'drive-thru' or staff car park, but instead use the front gate. Additionally to keep the flow of traffic moving, your children need to be reminded if they use the 'drive-thru' that they must go straight to the line up area in the COLA ready for pick up.

Regards Scott Osborne Principal

# **Calendar of Events**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TERM 1 Week 4	18/2	19/2	20/2 Scripture	21/2 Newsletter Big READ Bus	22/2 Sports Day
Week 5	25/2	26/2	27/2 Scripture	28/2 Library borrowing commences	1/3 Sports Day
Week 6	4/3 GRIP Leadership in Goulburn for Captains and Vice Captains	5/3 P&C Meeting 7:00pm in library All welcome!	6/3 Scripture Meet the Teacher Evening 6:00 - 7:00pm	7/3 Newsletter Library	8/3 Sports Day Assembly 2:30pm Presented by the Kookas class
Week 7	11/3	12/3	13/3 Scripture	14/3 Library Big READ Bus	15/3 Sports Day

Remember the best way to keep in touch with what is happening at our school and receive newsletters is with the School Stream app.

Download it today, it's FREE! Once downloaded search for 'Tallong Public School'.







# swimming Carnival 2019





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\$299 Early Bird Booking until 4/3/19

# School Holiday Camp 15 - 17 APRIL 2019

An exciting three-day adventure, enjoying fun activities including self defence, mountain biking, archery, flying fox, art and craft.

Experience the beauty of Tallong's natural environment, spotting wildlife and exploring Barbers Creek. Tallong is situated a 2 hour drive from Sydney and 1.5 hour drive from Canberra.

### Boys and girls from all schools are welcome. Ages 7-14

### 3 Day Package \$320 per child Book your holiday adventure. Bring your friends!

### Email tallong@ssc.nsw.edu.au or call 02 4841 0439

Bookings close 29 March 2019

Package includes accommodation (two nights), all meals and equipment. Bus transport to and from Sydney is available. Day-only stays and short-stay options are available.

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