

Tallong P.S.

A nurturing small school environment with caring and committed staff.

Dear Tallong families and friends,

We are now into the second half of the year. Student reports went out during the last week of Term 2. It was great to read about the achievements of all students. I look forward to reading the Semester 2 reports, in regards to improvement.

During the July school holidays Tallong Public School were apart of the 'Share Our Space' program to enable greater community use of schools. It was a successful program which allowed the community to use our site.

Also in the July school holidays we had a group of volunteers come in and clear out some of our front gardens. I would like to thank Mrs Collins for her assistance in coordinating the day and for removal of some of the rubbish. Next to our oval, you may have noticed the removal of low branches, this was also done in the holidays to improve safety for our students.

Last term we held some competitions for naming our wellbeing mascot and our newsletter. Congratulations to Ella S for naming our mascot 'Tallong Apple'. Also our newsletter will now be called the 'Tallong Teller' named by Jack M.

We held our termly formal assembly in Week 10 of Term 2 and introduced many new school initiatives which addressed parent, student and staff survey queries. Our very first prestigious award was handed out called the Spirit of Tallong award. The first recipient was Geordie R who displays our school expectations at all times is a valued member of our school.

EDUCATION WEEK - OPEN DAY

Yesterday invitations went out to families inviting parents and grandparents to our 2019 open day. We have a range of choices for families to choose from. Our open day will commence at 9am incorporating open classrooms, music demonstrations, book fair and a presentation about our new spaces. Our usual Week 3 Friday assembly will occur at 10.30am on Thursday 8 August to coincide with our open day. To conclude the open day families are welcome to have morning tea with their children at recess from 11 to 11.20am. Students will resume normal classroom activities from 11.20am. We are very excited to showcase our school to the community.

NATIONAL TREE DAY

Last Thursday we had some special visitors, Mayor Bob Kirk and Deputy Mayor Peter Walker. They were impressed with our school and enjoyed the student interaction. The council donated a Banksia and we held a ceremony to plant the tree near the cricket net. Stage 3 celebrated the event.



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2020

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. Please come into the office and speak with a member of staff or give us a call for further information.

2019 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

All books need to be logged online via the NSW PRC website using your child's individual login details by Friday 30 August. Koalas class are not required to log theirs as Mrs Schaefer does this for them.

MY COMMUNITY PROJECT

The P&C have been busily working behind the scenes to nominate Tallong Public School for a My Community Project grant. Mrs Richardson and Mrs Rawling wrote our submission to upgrade our playground. This NSW funded grant goes to the projects with the most votes. Please see the link below on how to vote. Each vote counts, so please tell your friends and family to all go online and help Tallong by voting for us!

<https://static.nsw.gov.au/nsw-gov-au/1561417005/MCP-Voter-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

ACACIA CONCERT

On Monday night students from Tallong went to the Opera House and performed in the Acacia concert. The students had worked hard all year for this big event. It was a great spectacle to watch. I was very proud of our students dedication over a long period of time and also proud of the manner in which they represented our school. A special thanks to Ms Matthews who worked with the children all year to prepare them for this event, unfortunately due to sickness could not attend, so Mr Andrews went in her place, thank you Mr Andrews. Also thank you to the parents for assisting in your child's participation, this is a moment they will not forget, performing in our iconic Opera House.



Our next performance the school is involved with is the GCOPS event on Wednesday 7 August. Again I am looking forward to being in the audience for this concert listening to our choir.

NAIDOC WEEK

Last Wednesday our students participated with 3 other local schools in a NAIDOC Celebration day. They children were able to do a variety of activities involving dancing, art, stories and bush tucker. We followed this up at school with our own day learning about Aboriginal culture, games and worked on a class art project.

NEW FURNITURE

Our new furniture has arrived and the children are already excited when being able to use the new spaces. There is a great opportunity for the community to view our spaces during open day next week.

TERM 3 ACCOUNT

Reminder - Term 3 accounts are now due. Thank you to those families that have already paid.

Regards

Scott Osborne
Principal

*Next P&C Meeting -
AGM*

**Tuesday 6th August, 2019
7:00pm All welcome!**



Calendar of Events

TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	29/7 Opera House Performance Recorder Group	30/7	31/7 Scripture Playgroup 9:30 - 11:00am Art and Craft with Janet	1/8 Library Newsletter	2/8 Sports Day Tennis
Week 3 EDUCATION WEEK	5/8	6/8 P&C AGM + General August Meeting 7:00pm in Library. All welcome!	7/8 GCOPS Concert in Goulburn Scripture	8/8 Open Day 9:00 - 11:20am Book Fair Assembly 10:30 - 11:00am Library Big Read Bus	9/8 Sports Day Tennis District Athletics
Week 4	12/8	13/8	14/8 Scripture Playgroup 9:30 - 11:00am Art and Craft with Janet	15/8 Library Newsletter	16/8 Sports Day Tennis
Week 5 BOOK WEEK	19/8	20/8	21/8 Scripture	22/8 Book Week Parade	23/8 Sports Day Tennis

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'.



Week 10 Formal Assembly



The Spirit of Tallong Award



Playground Award - Koalas



Classroom Award - Kookas



Daily Assembly
Award - Kangas



Golden Apple - KANGAS



Uniform Award - Koalas



Tallong's Guitar Ensemble

Week 10 Formal Assembly



Library Monitors



SRC - Student Representative Council



Principal Morning Tea Recipients



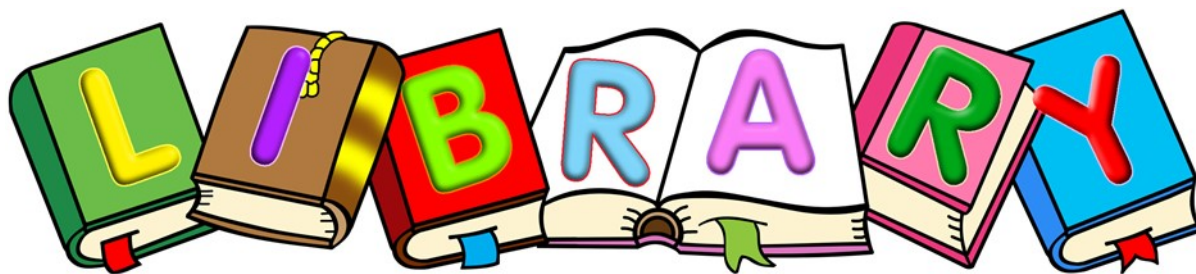
Winner of the 'Tallong Apple'
Naming Competition



Winner of the 'Tallong Teller'
Naming Competition



Assembly hosted by our Vice Captains



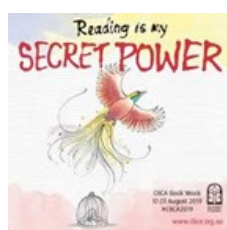
Welcome back to term three. Big things are happening in our library. The arrival of our new furniture enhances our learning environment, please drop in and have a look. We have exciting events planned for the term ahead.

Education Week Book Fair

As part of our Education Week Open Day – **Thursday 8 August**, Tallong will hold a Book Fair. Book Fair's give families an opportunity to purchase books for themselves and also an opportunity to donate a book to our school library for all students to share. All purchases earn free books for our school library.



Children's Book Week



The book week theme for 2019 is Reading is my Secret Power. Our book week celebrations will be held on **Thursday 22 August**. Dress up as your favourite book character or superhero and bring the book along that your character is from. Following the book parade, we will break into groups to share the shortlisted books and complete activities.

Information will be following in our school newsletter.

Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) will continue this term, our students are encouraged to select from the PRC books and read a total of 30 books for K/1/2 and 20 books for Years 3-6. Students need to have their books read and logged by Friday, August 30.

K/1/2 have completed their challenge already in class and library time.



Scholastic Book Club continues this term, thank you to Katie Bennett for her continued support in organizing the book club each term.

Our library times each Thursday:

9.00 – 10.00am: Kookas

10.00 – 11.50 am: Kangas

2.00 – 3.00 pm: Koalas

It has been great to see our students borrowing each week with consistency and enthusiasm.

Students need a library bag for carrying books to and from school.

Kathryn Schaefer

**Teacher/Librarian
Tallong Public School**