Principal’s Message

Last Friday and Saturday, Kate and I attended the next stage of our instructional rounds training. The focus for the training was on formative assessment and providing effective feedback to students. Combined with our How2Learn strategies Kate and I will be further developing our teaching/learning programs to ensure the students at Tallimba continue to receive the most current, researched based and quality learning experiences. This Wednesday, I will be attending mandatory training for Principals in Griffith. Mrs Anita Moore will be on the Primary class.

Assembly

A small assembly, run by the School Captain and assisted by Year 6 students will be held twice a term, once in Week 5 and Week 10. Parents and community members are invited to attend these assemblies to help celebrate the achievements the students have been making during the term.

Swimming Carnival

What a great day we had for our Swimming Carnival last Wednesday! Thank you to all the students for your excellent participation and sportsmanship on the day and to our families who also were great cheerers, encouragers and helpful assistants. The District Swimming carnival is this Wednesday 17th, at Lake Cargelligo. If your child is interested in competing please notify the school ASAP. House trophy and age champion medals will be presented at next week’s assembly.

Library Borrowing

This term library borrowing will be on Friday afternoons. Each child is asked to bring a bag to protect school books. Library will return to Wednesdays after swimming has ceased. Thank you.

**Monday 15th February 2016**

**WEEK 4**

**TERM 1**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Permission to Walk to Excursions Note
Permission to Publish Note
Update of Family contact details

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**Primary Class (Year3/4 + Year5/6) News**

Narrative writing will be the focus this week in English. We will be continuing with our Accelerated Literacy unit, The BFG and incorporating the descriptive language used by Roald Dahl in our own narratives. Mathematics focus is addition and subtraction strategies. In Science students will be challenged to construct a structure that can bear a given weight. History unit is on the importance of celebrations in our local community.

**How2Learn**

H2L focus for this fortnight is Managing Distractions. Classrooms are busy places and often students can find it difficult to stay focused and on task. Strong learners are able to recognize a distraction and use appropriate strategies to ensure they can stay on task.

**Absenteism Notes**

Written notes are required by law for an absence or to leave school grounds (visit to doctors, dentist, and family reasons). Please ensure the school is notified in a timely manner regarding any absence, emails are accepted.

**Reading for Meaning – Quiz**

Congratulations to last week’s quiz winners Joe Quade.

This week’s quiz is: You can’t say the letters B, M and P without both your lips touching. What fraction of all letters can be said without your lips touching if you said the following words: “Pam and Bobby make the best pumpkin soup?”

**Medication at School**

The only medication to be administrated at school is to be prescribed by a doctor. If it is necessary for a pupil to receive prescribed medication during the day, parents/caregivers must clearly label the medication with the child’s name, the dosage and time to be taken. All medication must be taken to front office at the beginning of the school day, where it will be safely stored and administered. This should be sent in original packaging with the doctor’s instructions.

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**Infants News**

Kindergarten’s new sound this week is ‘p’. The Year 1 and 2 sound focus is ‘k’, ‘c’, ‘q’, ‘ck’ and ‘x’, as in kiss, can, quick and six, in spelling list words. The children have viewed the YouTube Austin’s Butterfly in class, which focuses on the value of feedback and its importance to learning goals. The children have been involved in discussions about their own learning goals and how they can become better learners.

For the following two weeks the Kindergarten children’s learning focus will be whole numbers, patterns & algebra and length. The Year 1 and 2 children will be exploring the concepts associated with addition & subtraction and length.

In Science, the children will be observing and drawing the features of earthworms; identifying features of earthworms that allow them to move, breathe, feed and protect themselves underground; and construct an earthworm habitat.

The children have been involved in constructing a timeline of familiar events in History and this week they investigate the school, taking photos that show ‘signs of the past’. The children will be posed with the question ‘What makes you say that?’ The children will then be asked to locate the photos on a school map.

**Year 6 Fundraising**

Each Friday during Term 1, the Year 6 students will be selling Zooper Doopers for 50c each. All money raised will go to a gift for the Year 6 to donate to Tallimba Public School at the end of the year.

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**West Wyalong Cubs and Scouts**

We will be recommencing Wednesday, 17th February, 2016. Boys and girls, aged 8 to 15 are all welcome! For further information, please contact Barb Penny 69722558
No Hat No Play
A reminder that Tallimba Public School supports a “no hat no play” in the sun policy. Children are requested to wear a broad brimmed hat in the playground. Children who do not have a hat will be supervised in the COLA. Hats may be purchased from the P&C uniform supplies or via the front office at a cost of $8.50.

School Lunches
During this hot weather all students are encouraged to keep their school lunch in the refrigerator in the staffroom. This keeps food cool and safe from birds. All children are supervised during fruit break and first lunch, however, we encourage all children to be responsible for their lunch boxes and eating their own lunch. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Swimming Carnival 2016
Brower’s 10th Charity Walk 2016

‘GOG TO WEETHALLE - The Return’

Starting at Allen & Lisa Payne’s 9am, total distance 22kms

Saturday, March 19

Registration sheets available from Quade Moncrieff Livestock & Property

Forms must be picked up by Monday, March 14 and a $5 fee, to cover insurance costs, must be paid on registration.

All participants, friends, family and supporters are invited to the Weethalle Country Club for a sausage sizzle, raffles and auction at the completion of the walk (under 18’s must be accompanied by a responsible adult).

For more information please contact 0427 722 219 or 0408 266 920

All funds raised go to West Wyalong Can Assist and Country Hope.

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 19th MARCH 2016

ANGICAN PARISH CENTRE, COURT STREET, WEST WYALONG

Our speakers are Lt. Col. David Deasey RFD (Rtd) and Megan Gibson.

David Deasey’s particular interest is the Boer War and the myths that surround Australia’s involvement. (hint: it’s more than Breaker Morant). Megan Gibson from Family Tree Time has worked as a freelance researcher on the hit Australian TV series Who Do You Think You Are, and is co-author of the book How to Get More Family Time.

Cost incl. Morning tea and lunch $30 Registration: 9.00 am

For catering purposes please book by contacting us at: genealogy@wyalongfamilyhistory.com or telephone Pam Butcher 02 6972 3113 or Rhonda Williams 02 6972 3066 or 0427 723 066