Principal’s Message

Last week, the students enjoyed a visit from a special four-legged friend, Zeta and her owner Carmen. The Responsible Pet Owners program is a NSW Government initiative aimed at educating young children on the dangers of approaching an unfamiliar dog. The Program focuses on teaching students about dog safety incorporating:
- When dogs should be left alone
- Things we should not do to dogs
- How can you tell if a dog is happy, frightened or angry
- A safe way to approach and greet a dog
- What to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog.

Tomorrow, Rowena and I will be attending training in Griffith on Strategic Financial Planning. Mrs Jan Hart will be on the Primary class. Mrs Kate Quade will be the teacher in charge.

Wednesday, Kate will be attending the Anti-Racism Control Officer (ARCO) training in Griffith. This is mandatory training for members of staff. Mrs Jan Hart will be on class.

Thursday, Mrs Sutton and I will be travelling into West Wyalong with the infants and Stage 2 children to attend a performance titled Kings and Queens of Recycling, at West Wyalong High School.
Infants News
Kindergarten’s new sound this week is ‘h’. The Year 1 and 2 sound focus is ‘f’, ‘ff’ and ‘ph’, as in frog, puffed and phone. The emphasis in spelling list words is capitals and compound words. This week we commence a new unit of work on Frogs and Spiders. The children will explore how texts on the same topic can differ according to purpose and audience. The children will read and respond to a variety of imaginative and informative texts on frogs and spiders and compose and create a variety of texts, including multimodal texts, with the purpose of informing their audience.
We return our focus to Addition and Subtraction in Mathematics. Kinder will look at the concept of more or less and are introduced to the ‘teen’ numbers and the idea of a group of ten. Year 1 will be exploring the addition and equals sign, as well as making numbers to 50, while Year 2 focus on those concepts relating to making 100, how many less and the difference. In length, we compare different distances, use different units to measure and learn about the metre.
In Science, the children will become ‘habitat detectives’, comparing observations of two different habitats and identifying the similarities and differences.
This week, our questions of inquiry are deepened, in History. We look at historic photos of the school and complete a ‘See, think, wonder’ chart. This 'wondering' produces more questions to add to the list from last week, about the history of the school.

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.

CoolKids and Adolescent Health Program
Please find attached an information sheet from Macquarie University regarding this program. More information and the consent forms can be obtained from contacting them directly or from Tallimba School.

Primary Class (Year3/4 + Year5/6) News
This week in English we are continuing with our narrative writing and reading of The BFG. Mathematics will be focusing on division strategies.
In History, students will a unit on Antarctica. Last week in science, we researched famous bridges and collected data on the different types of structures and looked at similarities and differences in the shape and materials used.

How2Learn
H2L focus for this fortnight is Resilience. Strong learners keep trying even if they feel like giving up.

Absenteeism 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 the Lili-Anne and Annaleise last week's winners. The answer was FIRE.
This week's quiz:
What invention lets you look right through a wall?

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.

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.

Library Borrowing
Library borrowing has returned to Wednesday afternoons. Each child is asked to bring a bag to protect school books. Thank you.
A Busy Start to 2016
King and Queen of Green ‘Realm of Rubbish Show’

REROC – Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils have organised for the King and Queen of Green, a professional performance duo, to deliver a very informative show to which Tallimba Public School and other local area schools have been invited. It has been offered to the schools at no cost. This performance will explore environmental concepts such as landfill, recycling and composting with interactive songs, demonstrations and puppets.

The performance will be held at the West Wyalong High School MPU on Thursday, 17th March, 2016, commencing at 10.30 am. Mrs Morden, Mrs Sutton and the students will travel to West Wyalong by bus, departing the Tallimba School at 10 am. Students are to bring a packed lunch for a picnic in the park after the production, after which, we will return to school. A small charge for the hire of the bus of $3.00 per student will be required.

The Tallimba Public School students, who are at Middle School on this day, will walk across to the MPU with the High School staff, returning afterwards to the Middle School program.

Deb Morden
Principal

I give permission for my child (ren) .................................................................to travel by bus, departing Tallimba Public School at 10 am, and travelling to West Wyalong High School MPU, Thursday, 17th March, 2016. I understand that the cost of this activity for travel is $3.00 per student, who are not attending the Middle School program.

Signed.................................................................................. Date..................................................
The CoolKids and Adolescent Health Program: Helping distressed children & adolescents suffering from somatic health complaints (including recurring headaches, stomach-aches etc).

About 40% of children and adolescents may experience functional somatic health complaints, which are medically benign (that is, they have no identified organic cause). The most common somatic-health complaints experienced by children and adolescents include recurring abdominal pain, gastro-intestinal symptoms, recurring headaches, chest pains, dizziness and nausea. Research has shown that these children are prone to have increased rates of school absenteeism, and this may also have an impact on their learning, peer relations and overall quality of life. Studies have also indicated that up to 80% of children and adolescents struggling to cope with these recurring functional somatic health complaints may also be experiencing anxiety and/or depressive problems.

Our new, CoolKids and Adolescent Health Program is designed to specifically help children learn how to concurrently cope and manage their somatic symptoms as well as learn stress management skills. This program is specifically designed for children aged 7 to 17 years who are experiencing recurring somatic health complaints for at least 3 months (and which a GP or medical specialist has confirmed that the symptoms are medically benign). The program is individually based and involves 10 x 1 hour weekly therapy sessions held either in-person at the Centre for Emotional Health (CEH) Clinic at Macquarie University or via Skype or telephone. Interested families will be invited to attend a screening assessment to determine eligibility.

Organisation: Centre for Emotional Health, Macquarie University.

Researchers: Associate Professor Maria Kangas, Prof Ron Rapee, & Prof Mike Jones.

Who is eligible? Children and adolescents aged 7-17 years who are experiencing recurring somatic health complaints for a minimum of 3-months.

Contact: For more information, please contact Assoc. Professor Kangas and her team (email: CoolKidsHealth@mq.edu.au or maria.kangas@mq.edu.au) or telephone (02) 9850 8599 or (02) 9850 4082.
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.
Tallimba Public School Easter Party!

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2016

Easter celebrations: 11.00am

* Easter bonnet making

* Yr 6 fundraiser lunch: Chicken Burgers $5

* Whole school assembly

Easter Parade & Egg Hunt

# Casual dress - gold coin donation

# Pre-schoolers and family members welcome!
WEETHALLE
RODEO & GYMKHANA
SATURDAY 30TH APRIL 2016
AT THE WEETHALLE SHOWGROUND
- GYMKHANA STARTS AT 9AM
- RODEO STARTS AT 12:30PM
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WHEN ITS ALL FINISHED

Gate Entry
Adult: $15
Age Pensioner: $5
12-17yrs: $5
11yrs and Under: Free
Family: $35

Its The Bucking Place To Be

ENTRIES CLOSE 21ST APRIL 2016
NO ENTRIES TAKEN ON THE DAY
NO GLASS ALLOWED
CAMPING AVAILABLE

For Entries and More Information: Vicki Jolly (02)69 756 125 or (04)28 692 205