

# CANTEEN NEWS LUNCH SPECIAL

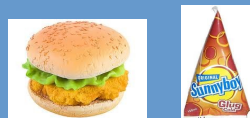
Pluto Pup &  
Frozen  
Sunny Boy



\$3.00

OR

Chicken  
Burger  
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Sunny Boy



\$4.00

BOOK  
CLUB  
ORDERS  
DUE  
THURSDAY  
25/10/12

## ATTENTION STAGE 3 PARENTS

The students who are owed a refund for the Canberra Excursion need to have a **parent collect and sign** for it at the school office.  
Refund is now ready for collection

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2013

The children from Bimbi Preschool will be visiting the Kindergarten classrooms beginning on Monday 29th October.

Parent Information sessions to be held at Bimbi Preschool on:-

**Tuesday 13th November at 9.15am**

**Thursday 15th November at 9.15am**



Come for morning tea, meet your  
Kindergarten teachers  
and be prepared to start school in 2013.

## BOUNCE BACK

Bad times don't last. Things always get better.  
Stay optimistic.



## REMINDER



**SCHOOL SWIM SCHEME**  
**OASIS REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE**  
5TH - 16TH NOVEMBER 2012  
YEARS 2 - 6

MAXIMUM COST \$33

(\$20 DEPOSIT TO SECURE A PLACE)

**NOTES AVAILABLE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE**

You are invited by ACTS to a **Free BBQ** -  
Plus Family Fun Time  
Tolland Community Centre  
Bruce Street  
3.30pm to 5.00pm  
Sunday 21st October 2012  
Sunday 18th November 2012  
Any queries call Dawn 0419 284 368  
or Nell 0427 609 998  
ACTS-Aboriginal Christian Train Services

Want to tri something new & fun?  
Why not give triathlon a go.  
Monthly meets for children  
up to 12 yrs.  
Meetings held the last Sunday of  
each month at Apex Park 8.30am.  
For more info contact EJ  
on 0407 660 443.

Our target this year

Attendance Wk 2 - T4

Attendance this year



**90%**

**87.2%**

**Term 2 2012 -**

88.2%

**Term 3 2012 -**

87.7%



**Principal**  
Matthew Gray

**Assistant Principals**  
Kathryn Harriott  
Rachel Linsell  
Helen Nixon  
Narelle Buete  
(Relieving)  
Lea Comtesse  
(Relieving)

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### Term Dates

*Term 4, 2012:*

Monday 8th October —  
Wednesday 19th  
December 2012

# Tolland Public School

## School Newsletter

We acknowledge the Wiradjuri people and recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal people in our community.

**Week 2 Term 4**

**Tuesday 16th October 2012**

### Principal's Message

Dear parents,

I have really enjoyed hearing the many stories about the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra. For some students it was the food, for others it was ice skating. Some of the students simply enjoyed the bus trip and the chance to talk to different students and some thought the accommodation, and I quote, was 'mad!' A very big thank you to Mr Pitchford, Mrs Nixon and Mrs McGrath for organising and accompanying the students on the excursion.

### Swim School

In Weeks 5 and 6, Mrs Buete has organised the Yrs 2-6 Swim School. I strongly urge you to include your child in this program. For just \$33 your child will receive 10 lessons, bus travel and entry into the pool. Normally a program like this would cost well over \$140. If your child cannot swim 25 metres of freestyle confidently, please consider that learning a skill like swimming is not only a healthy choice but could ultimately save their life.

### Arrival time

I have been concerned of late at the arrival time of a large number of students in the morning. The earliest students should be arriving at school is **8.30am**. Some students are being dropped off as early 8am. There are very few staff at school and there is certainly no teacher on duty until after 8.30am. Whilst I understand families have work commitments, please arrange alternate care in the morning so the students are supervised in a safe environment. I appreciate your support in this matter.

### Students not returning to Tolland in 2013

So that our planning can be as effective as possible, if you know you are moving or your child will not be returning to Tolland in 2013 please send a letter to school informing us of the situation as soon as possible. Tolland Public School is taking new enrolments for 2013. Come up to the office to enrol your child for next year if you have not already done so. The earlier you get this done the better it is for the school's planning for 2013.

### School Name Change

I wrote earlier in the year about looking into the possibility of changing the name of the school. This is to reflect the many suburbs that are now zoned to Tolland which has changed dramatically over the years and more directly is relevant to this part of Wagga. Changing the name of the school has many processes involved; the most important one is consultation with the school community. Whilst there are no guarantees the Department of Education will support the change, we believe this an important step for the school. I invite you to take part in the process by submitting your suggestions to the school. You need to consider locality, pioneering men, women or families, VC winners, writers, scientists, artists, explorers and community leaders who are connected to this area as well as cultural links. You also need to explain the reason for selecting your proposed name, including the significance of the name for the school. Please submit your suggestions to the office by **Friday 26th October** so we can organise a short list to then present to the school community.

Have a great week.

**Matthew Gray**

### Dates to Remember

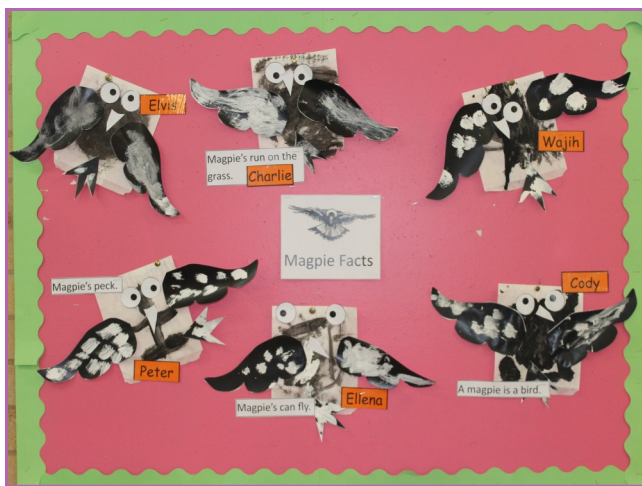
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| Thursday 25th October  | Book Club Due              |
| Mon 5th Nov - 16th Nov | Yrs 2-6 School Swim Scheme |



# K-2G Newsbits



K-1G have been reading 'Waddle Giddle Gargle' by Pamela Allen.



We made some magpies and wrote magpie facts.



We made and tested protective head wear.



## 2/3F Attended Ngiyaginya Aboriginal Festival

Last Tuesday 9th October, 2/3F were invited to attend the Ngiyaginya Aboriginal Festival at the Wagga Wagga Civic Centre.

The children were very excited to attend and were able to take part in a number of activities including:

- Weaving; which involved weaving grasses into the shape of a goanna.
- Food tasting; which included Kangaroo bolognaise, Emu sausages and Johnny cakes and golden syrup.
- Badge making; where we were able to choose a graphic of the type of occupation we would like to pursue.

Along with other schools we were entertained by a fashion show from Mt Austin High School students together with musical performances from both Mt Austin and Wagga Wagga High School students.

It was great to see some of our ex-students on stage in the Fashion and Musical performances. Our Tolland students are leading the way with their learning.

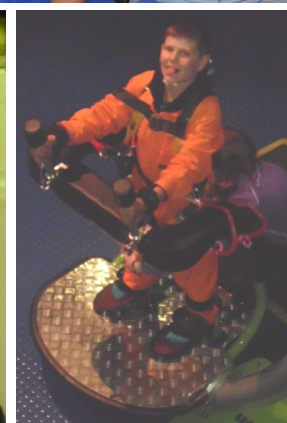
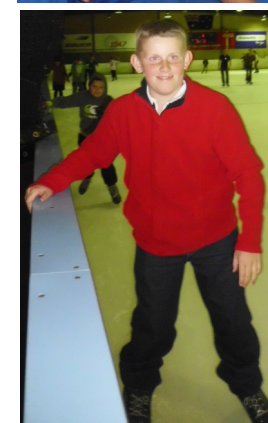
Mr Fryer / Class Teacher

# STAGE 3 EXCURSION

Stage 3 students enjoyed two very action packed days in Canberra. We left at 6am on Day 1 and had time at the CSIRO, War Memorial and the National Zoo and Aquarium before heading to our accommodation. After dinner all students mastered ice skating and had a terrific time. Mrs McGrath & Mrs Nixon stayed firmly planted on the ground and laughed and laughed.

After a healthy breakfast on Day 2 we headed to Parliament House and were lucky enough to see our Prime Minister in the flesh. Mr McCormack, our local member spoke to us and outlined his role in government. We then had a great time at Questacon before squeezing in some healthy exercise at Ten Pin Bowling. Our last stop was the Australian Institute of Sport where we had a guided tour and lots of fun with the interactive equipment. Everyone had lots of fun and agreed it was a most worthwhile educational experience.

Mrs Nixon



Canberra was amazing! I loved everything we attended especially the Australian Institute of Sport. I enjoyed myself. Canberra was a memorable trip. Milika T

The War Memorial was the best I think. It was very very good. I liked to look at all the guns and the men were so brave. We saw the grave of the unknown soldier. Karl

Ice skating was the best but it wasn't when I fell and hurt my chin. Chevy

When we were at Canberra the ice skating was fun and it was funny looking at everyone trying their hardest to skate. Questacon was fun & looking at the new contraptions they had. Chloe B

I think the Canberra excursion was very awesome! We had so much fun & learnt so much. The only drawback was that it only went for two days. Paul F

