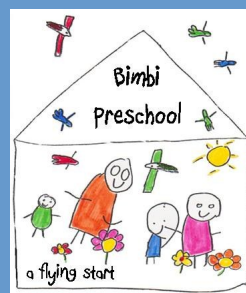


IMPORTANT NOTICE
3-WAY INTERVIEWS with teachers, parents and students will be held in Weeks 4 & 5. Invitations will be sent home from individual classes.



Bimbi Preschool Reminder

Enrolment applications are now due. Please ensure forms are completed & returned to the office so that your placement can be finalised.

P&C Meeting

When: Thursday 31st October 2013
Where: Community Room
Time: After Morning Levels Assembly



STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS REMINDER

Medical update forms were sent home at the end of Term 3. Please ensure you complete and return to school as soon as possible so we may update our records to ensure suitable care for your child. If you have misplaced the forms, you may collect another copy from the front office.

LOST PROPERTY BOX



All lost property will be displayed in the Infants Cola on Wednesday before the morning line up bell. Please come and see if anything belongs to you. Remaining items will be washed and placed in the clothing pool.


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This week Stage 1 are learning about Cyber Bullying. Cyber Bullying is a form of bullying which is carried out through an Internet Service, Mobile Phone or other electronic device.

Dates to Remember

Monday 28th October - Friday 8th November	Swim School Lessons
Thursday 31st October	Levels Assembly
Friday 8th November	Naidoc Touch
Monday 28th October - Friday 8th November	3-Way Interviews

Our target this year	Attendance last week	Attendance this year
 90%	87.1%	(Term 3 2013- 87.5%)



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Matthew Gray

Assistant Principals
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Rachel Linsell
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Kate Fox (Relieving)

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Term Dates
Term 4 2013:
Tuesday 8th October 2013 —
Wednesday 18th December 2013

Tolland Public School

School Newsletter

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

Week 4 Term 4

Tuesday 29th October 2013

Principal's Message



Dear parents,

RAM Funding Model

Last Tuesday the Education Minister, Mr Adrian Piccoli announced the 2014 Resource Allocation Model (RAM) allocations under the equity loadings for socio-economic and Aboriginal backgrounds for NSW public schools. This is part of the new model of funding which is being implemented in phases from 2014 which recognises that students and school communities have different needs and require different levels of support. These funds allow the school to provide a range of targeted temporary staffing positions which will support student learning. The school executive will now be working toward planning our staffing and resource allocation for 2014.

Blue Mountains Bushfires

As you read the newsletter this week we can reflect upon a difficult week for many colleagues and students who have endured the most heartbreaking period imaginable in the face of some of the worst bushfires ever seen in our state. Our thoughts are with those affected

Canteen Supervisor (Casual)

Tolland Public School P & C Association is seeking to employ a casual canteen manager/supervisor in the running of the school canteen. Applications are sought from members of the Tolland school community and the wider local community to be submitted by 13th November 2013, 4.00pm.

Interested parents or community members need to contact the school for a position package.

Once all of the applications have been received the P&C committee will meet to discuss and cull the applications. The committee will invite applicants who meet the criteria to an interview as soon as possible. When all of the interviews are completed, the panel will contact relevant referees and a decision will be made.

If you have any questions regarding the process please contact the school.

Parent Survey

Attached to this newsletter is a link to a *Community Engagement* survey. If you open this newsletter via the school's website, you will be able to click on the link and be taken directly to the survey. It will only take about 5 minutes to complete but provides the school with valuable feedback to assist in planning for 2014. The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QKKXQC5>. Alternately you can type this link into a search function on the internet and it will take you directly to the survey. If you have any issues with the link, a printed copy is available in the office.

Have a great week.
Matthew Gray

I loved being in the Core Choir but singing 208 songs was so much. We had the best day on the first day. We performed with the school choir. The best part about that was, we had our friends there with Tabua, Mereoni and Kuliah. It was fun. The last day I was feeling sick so I missed out on pizza and the matinee but that night we had the parents there and I felt super better. **I had awesome days.**

By Danica H

CHORDS



I was in Core Choir which means that other students and I had to perform for 4 days and nights! It was tiring, but at the same time it was fun.

The Core Choir had to sing a total of 208 songs. On the last day we got pizza and shared it with the Riverina Regional Dance Ensemble.

By Tabua T

Last week students from KS and K/1B performed a dance to the song "A whole new world" at the 2013 CHORDS. Thanks to Miss Shoemark for her choreography, Mrs McGrath for her conducting on the day and Mrs Buete for all her organisation. A special thankyou to all the parents who assisted with costumes and makeup.

Mrs Kath Harriett



Staff and students have been busy lately weeding and replanting the school's vegetable patch and work has started on the outdoor learning classroom with the laying of the cement foundation.



Weekly Merit Awards

Ella T	Kayden H	Ethan H	Jai M
Tilly K	Toby B	Mason T	Lachlan W
Ella-Rose K	Bailey C	Tallum H	Talia N
Jahkobi H			

Weekly Social Skills Awards

Janae P	Luke S	Ebonie C	Charlotte S
Chloe M	Sarah S	Kyana P	Amber L
Alexander D	Rhys K	Shari I	Corey M
Charlie C			

Home Reading Awards

Club 25	Sarah S	Club 100	Stephanie H
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Helping your child to NOTICE...

At school we are practising our noticing skills to become better learners. Here are some suggestions for you to help your child to practise the skill of noticing:

1. When you are driving in the car ask your child what they notice about the signs along the road or how a word is spelt.
2. Ask questions about what is the same and what is different about things around you. For example, what is the same and what is different about our house and the one next door or our car and someone else's car.
3. Ask your child to tell you three things that happened after they watched their favourite show on TV

When you help your child to notice details, you are helping them to be more successful with their reading, spelling and mathematics. You will also be helping them become more powerful learners in life.

Other words for noticing are being:

- * Switched on
- * Aware
- * Attentive
- * Tuned in
- * Perceptive
- * Observant

Good luck with your noticing, let us know how you go! Mrs Tracey Smith



2014 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

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

Tuesday 12th November at 9.15am

Thursday 14th November at 9.15am

Please bring birth certificate & immunisation records to confirm your enrolment.

Come for morning tea, meet your Kindergarten teachers and be prepared to start school in 2014.

