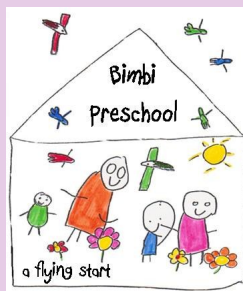




**Teachers and Staff would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and safe holidays. See you all in 2014.**

## Donations Wanted



The Preschool is collecting large styrofoam boxes for a gardening project in 2014. If you have any please drop them into Bimbi Preschool.

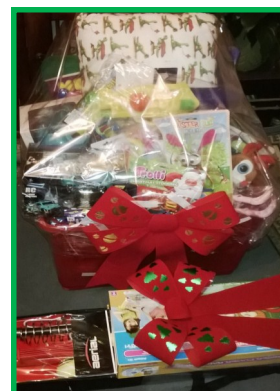
Thanks,  
Sally Longmore

**Last day for students  
Wednesday  
18th  
December**

## P&C Raffle Reminder



Please remember to return all raffle books sold or unsold by **Friday 13th December**. Books are still available and may be collected at the office.




## Presentation Day

Family and Friends are invited to attend the Tolland Public School student Presentation Day on **Tuesday 17th December 2013**.  
**Infants assembly at 10.00am**  
followed by  
**Primary at 12.00pm.**

We look forward to celebrating your child/childrens' achievements with you on the day.

### Dates to Remember

Wednesday 11th December	Maths Fun Day / Support Your Team Mufti
Wednesday 11th December	Reports sent home
Thursday 12th December	Silver Morning Tea 11.00am
Friday 13th December	Gold Lunch at RSL Club
Tuesday 17th December	<b>Presentation Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infants 10.00am</li> <li>Primary 12.00pm</li> </ul>

Our target this year	Attendance last week	Attendance this year
 <b>90%</b>	<b>88.2%</b>	(Term 3 2013– 87.5%)



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Matthew Gray

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Kathryn Harriott  
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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 10 Term 4**

**Tuesday 10th December 2013**

### Principal's Message



Dear parents,  
As always the final weeks of the school year brings mixed emotions. These centre around pride when we reflect upon the achievements of our students from the year past, a tinge of sadness as we farewell our Year 6 students and with them and some much loved and valued community members. There is also the excitement of a new crop of Tolland students about to grace our school and a sense of relief with the impending holiday season almost upon us. The overwhelming emotion is pride however, and there is so much to be proud of in our community after another amazing twelve months of sharing, learning and growing.

This week will be another busy week beginning with the Junee Pool Fun Day today, Maths Fun Day on Wednesday, Silver Morning Tea on Thursday and the Gold Lunch on Friday. Next week we begin with the Yr 6 Luncheon, which will be their last official function for the year and Yrs 3-6 disco. Presentation Day is on next Tuesday for both Infants (at 10am) and primary students (at 12noon) with the Infants students attending a picnic at the Botanic Gardens after their presentation ceremony.

It was enjoyable to watch the students present their speeches before the Captain's elections last week. I was impressed with how confidently they all spoke (knowing that inside they were all feeling very nervous) in front of the students, staff and friends and family. Our new leaders will be presented to the school community at the Presentation Day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Staff farewells

The end of the 2013 school year will see a number of staff leaving Tolland. Mrs Marlene Bush, Mrs Marg Wilson and Mrs Jenny Stubbs will all be retiring. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them all for their service to the students and parents of Tolland PS and wish them all well in their retirement.

#### 2013 Semester 2 Reports

On Wednesday students will be given their Semester 2 reports to bring home and share with you. Should you wish to discuss your child's report with class teachers, please contact them individually to organise a mutually convenient time to have a discussion prior to the end of the school term.

#### Last Day 2013

The last day for students to attend school this year is Wednesday 18th December. Term 1, 2014 will resume for staff on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January; Years 1-6 on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January and Kindergarten children attend Best Start testing on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th before officially beginning on Monday 3rd February.

#### Classes for 2014

Classes for 2014 will not be announced on the first day back for students next year (Wednesday 30th January). Students will remain with their teachers from 2013 for the first few days until we finalise numbers and then classes. Once numbers are finalised classes will be formed. We would hope to do this within the first week of Term 1 2014.

#### P&C Raffle

The P&C raffle will be drawn next Tuesday. Thank you to all the families that supported the P&C by selling tickets. Good luck to all those who have bought tickets.

I sincerely thank all members of our community for the contributions they have made to our school in the last 12 months. Your attitude, enthusiasm and support make working in this community one of the great privileges of life.

An enormous thank you the teaching, admin and support staff for their many wonderful efforts this year in working with the students. Thank you also to the school executive for their support throughout this year.

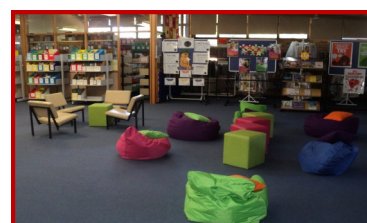
This will be the final newsletter for 2013. I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to working again with the school community during 2014.

Have a great week.  
**Matthew Gray**

# Snapshots of the Library



The Library has undergone a massive refurbishment this term, creating learning areas around a mobile Smart Board, new computer stations, reading relaxation areas and space for lunchtime board games and dance.



# CANTEEN NEWS

**Friday 13th December is the last day for Canteen this year. We are not open the last week of term.**

I would like to thank all the Staff, Parents and especially the children for making my time at Tolland Canteen so enjoyable. Your support and smiles have been great. I would like to wish everyone all the best and a safe and happy Christmas.

Marlene Bush

# Community Princess Visit



Wagga Wagga's Community Princess, Cayde Cheney returned to our school last Thursday to share her memories of when she was a student at Tolland with KS and K/1B. She showed a photo of her first day of school and even brought her old school uniform. Her visit was great timing as Miss Shoemark had brought in a frog for our writing session and KS wrote a letter for Cayde from Fredrick the frog. Fredrick got to meet the princess, but unfortunately Cayde could not turn him into a prince.

Mrs Buete



## Level 6 Awards

Lucy

## Level 7 Awards

Jesse	Jahkobi	Alex	Walker
Jessica	Tyson		

## Bronze Level Awards

Cooper	Makeel	George	Charlie
Ethan	Shayne	May	Jaiden
Ajak	Jayden	Peter	Cody
Corey	TJ	Kaedyn	Tallum
Riley	Ella		

## Silver Level Awards

Heather	Sarah	Shakur	Nathaniel
Toni	Madelyn	Moniqua	Thomas
Cameron	Jayden	James	Lydia
Edward	Ellena	Charlie	Elizabeth

## Gold Level Awards

Mackenzie	Ashton	Ben	Alex
Tabua	Danica	Olivia	Joshua
Laura	Molly	Chelsea	Emily
Suhraya	Sarah	Arthur	Tara
Logan	Charlotte	Amber	Ebonie
Ethan	Talia		

