

FRUIT BREAK & IGA

Tolland IGA are now proud supporters of our "Fruit Break" here at Tolland Public School. IGA will be supplying us with some delicious apples.

HEAD LICE has reared its itchy & ugly head once more. This is a problem for many students in all schools.

Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if required.



**Last for
students
Wednesday
18th
December**

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This week Yr 5 & 6 are learning about dealing with shyness and feeling self-conscious. They have been reminded that everybody feels embarrassed or left out sometimes. It is important not to catastrophise about bad outcomes in social situations. Instead use positive self talk

Malcolm Levett Award

All Yr 6 students are invited to apply for this special award. The award is made in Mr Levett's memory and is dedicated to assisting students to further their education. South Wagga Rotary dedicate this award each year in remembrance of his wonderful contribution to the school and community. The students will be given further details at school over the coming weeks. Please encourage your Yr 6 child to be involved.

Mrs Helen Nixon

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.

P&C Christmas Raffle

1st Prize: Christmas Hamper

2nd Prize: Toy Hamper

3rd Prize: 4.5L Slow Cooker cook book

Drawn 17th December @ presentation day.

Notes have been sent home for students to have parent permission to sell raffle tickets. **Each book worth \$6.00.** If you would like a book of tickets and did not receive a note, you may collect one from the office.



Dates to Remember

Friday 29th November	NAIDOC Touch Final
Wednesday 27th November	3-4L & 3-5W - Visit Tolland Community Gardens
Wednesday 4th December	MAHS-Yr6 Transition 9.30am-2.30pm
Wednesday 4th December	Helpers Morning Tea
Thursday 5th December	K-6 Levels Assembly

Our target this year



90%

Attendance last week

88.2%

Attendance this year

(Term 3 2013- 87.5%)



Principal
Matthew Gray

Assistant Principals
Kathryn Harriott
Rachel Linsell
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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 8 Term 4

Tuesday 26th November 2013

Principal's Message



Dear parents,

The last weeks of Term 4 always provide a range of exciting activities. Many of the activities reward students for attaining behaviour levels. These activities include BBQs, morning teas and even lunch with the Principal, and are great opportunities to acknowledge the wonderful efforts made by so many of the students. Please encourage your child to continue to demonstrate the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Care and Cooperation every day.

Facebook

We have some recent concerns about students, particularly in Stage 3, using Facebook to use inappropriate language and make derogatory comments (cyber bullying) about other students. This form of bullying is completely unacceptable and is treated the same way as any inappropriate behaviour at school. Please ensure that you monitor your child's Facebook interactions and talk with them about the responsibility of using Social Media.

Captain Speeches

This week we begin the formal process of electing our school leaders for 2014. Year 5 students will hold their nominations this week for School Captains and Counsellors and have the opportunity to deliver their speeches to the student body. Following the speeches, students will have the opportunity to vote for their chosen leaders.

We certainly have plenty of worthy candidates to choose from and we wish all nominees the best of luck. The 2014 School Captains will be announced at Presentation Day on Tuesday 17th December.

Volunteers' Morning Tea

On Wednesday 4th December, staff will be hosting our annual Volunteers' Morning Tea. This is an opportunity for the staff to say an enormous thank you to all the volunteers that work within our school and provide so many wonderful opportunities for the students. Invitations have been sent out. If you have not already contacted us in regards to the RSVP, could you please contact the school office on 69311263 by this Friday 29th November.

Christmas Treats

A normal part of the lead up to Christmas is children sharing cards and/or treats with each other. The difficulty is often when some children get left out. At this time I would ask parents to refrain from sending in candy canes as the students often eat them before school and this is not a healthy way to start the day. Your support in this area would be appreciated.

Yr 3/4 Choir

This term, Mrs Judy Marshall from the Conservatorium of Music has again been working with our Year 3/4 choir. This is a joint pilot program between the Conservatorium and Wagga City Council provided to the school free of charge. I have enjoyed popping in to choir practices and hearing the students singing. They are working hard to learn some Christmas Carols to sing at the IGA supermarket in Tolland and at Presentation Day.

Bimbi Preschool

Last Wednesday Mrs Longmore held a Preschool information session for children coming to Bimbi in 2014. There were 12 families in attendance for this session and it was designed to allow families to meet preschool and school staff as well as other families. The children had the opportunity to have a look at the preschool, while Mrs Longmore had time to inform families about what to expect for next year. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Have a great week.

Matthew Gray

BORAMBOLA



On Friday the 15th November 38 Stage 2 students from 3/4L and 3/5W swapped desks and workbooks for fresh air and outdoor activities when they visited Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre. The students were split into two groups and the active outdoor learning program included kayaking, archery and Indigenous games.

During archery the students learnt how to place an arrow on the bow and hold it correctly to aim and fire at the target, with most students succeeding in hitting the target. Arthur from 3/4L was elated when he hit the target with all three arrows on his second attempt and Kyana and Jack from 3/5W showed skill both hitting the bullseye.

The students enjoyed learning about, and participating in, a variety of Indigenous games such as Gorri and Kootchee. The students learnt that Indigenous children use to play these games to develop skills in the use of boomerangs and spears to prepare them for when they were old enough to go out hunting. These games were also great for the students hand-eye coordination and balance.

Feedback from the students suggested that kayaking was the favourite activity of the day. Each group spent around 45 minutes in the water and they developed skills in rowing forward, backward and turning their kayaks around. They played a game of tip in the kayaks and the children got great pleasure out of chasing one another down, as well as tipping Mrs Nixon and Mrs Williams.

The adventurous activities were certainly a lot of fun, and the program was a great opportunity for the kids to challenge their abilities and practice initiative, teamwork and communication. All in all it was an enjoyable day.

Mrs Lawler



Weekly Merit Awards

Luke	Janae	Shaytaya	Ashton
Molly	Ethan	Bella	Tabitha
Briley	Tara	Mason	Amber
Thomas	Ayden	Latrell	Cody
Tabua	Dante	Emily	Toby
Souljah	Shawn		

Weekly Social Skills Awards

Amellia	Islah	Bella	Stephanie
Joshua	Lucas	Toby	Tilly
Logan	Kaedyne	James	Lachlan
Alex	Tamika	Lili	Nicholas
Lochlan	Jessica	Sarah	Ethan

Reading Awards

Club 75	Heather	Club 100	Club 200
Ebonie		Ethan	Ashton

Kindergarten 2014



Please remember to complete and return Kindergarten 2014 enrolments forms as soon as possible with updated records where applicable.

Yandarra Fun Day

On Sunday November 17th Natalie, Jessica and Jackie were involved in the Yandarra Fun Day at Ashmont Oval. Various service providers attended the day and the girls ran a stall with a range of preschool activities. Children and their families were able to participate in painting, making rainbow butterflies and making play dough. The stall was lots of fun for everyone and all 50 Bimbi show bags were given out to families who participated in the activities. It was a wonderful day to celebrate and promote our preschool. Well done girls!

