

## SCHOOL HATS

New supply of hats have arrived.

Only \$6 each available from the front office

**Reminder!**

Please return Media Permission Notes and Update of Student Details

as soon as possible.

We have a supply of these at the front office for your convenience.

Thanks

# Canteen News

## This Weeks Special

**Chicken, Corn and Cheese Roll**  
(looks like a sausage roll but tastes even better!)



**Fruit Box and Super Dooper**

**\$4.50**

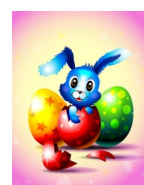


**Canteen will be CLOSED**  
**Wednesday 27th February**  
**due to Swimming Carnival**

## Easter Lunch Draw

Each time you order your lunch at the canteen your name goes into the draw for the Easter Surprise.

Drawn Thursday 28th March 2013



## HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting [australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus) and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

## Dates to Remember

Wednesday 27th February	Swimming Carnival / Fun Day - Yrs 1-6
Thursday 28th February	NRMA Bus Safety - K-1
Wednesday 7th March	Meet & Greet Afternoon @ TPS

## Our target this year



**90%**

Attendance last week

**91.5%**

Attendance this year

(Term 1 2012- 88.7%)



# Tolland Public School

## School Newsletter

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

**Principal**  
Matthew Gray

**Assistant Principals**  
Kathryn Harriott  
Rachel Linsell  
Helen Nixon  
Narelle Buete (Relieving)  
Kate Fox (Relieving)

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**Term Dates**  
Term 1 2013:  
Wednesday 30th January – Friday 12th April 2013

**Week 5 Term 1**

**Tuesday 26th February 2013**

## Principal's Message

Dear parents,

Congratulations to all our new school leaders who were presented with their badges at our Leaders Assembly last Friday. I was especially encouraged to see so many parents, grandparents and friends supporting these students. Being a leader is a wonderful opportunity to develop skills that will assist the students as they get older.

## Staff Professional Learning in 2013

**Our K-2 staff** has been working with Mrs Harriott on an intensive writing program for students in developing more effective sentence structure, use of grammar and a more creative approach to their writing. I have had the opportunity to read many examples of their writing and have been really impressed with the improvements in their writing.

Our **Kinder teachers** have also been involved in Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) is a Kindergarten classroom intervention, targeting text reading and writing. It has been designed to complement the daily Literacy program for students who do not bring a rich Literacy background to their first year of school. Students receive explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies in small groups of three to four selected students. Students then rotate to independent individual or group tasks. This occurs in the daily Literacy session.

Focus on Reading for **Yrs 3-6 staff** is an intensive program for teachers to support the explicit teaching of the key aspects of reading in the middle and upper primary years, namely comprehension, vocabulary and reading text fluency. The program draws from a sound research base that justifies the need for these key aspects to be at the forefront of literacy teaching and learning.

**Staff in the Special Education Unit** have recently had training in the Four Blocks. The Four-Blocks--Guided Reading, Self-Selected Reading, Writing and Words--represent four different approaches to teaching children to read. Daily instruction in all Four-Blocks provides numerous and varied opportunities for all children to learn to read and write. Doing all Four-Blocks acknowledges that children do not all learn in the same way and provides substantial instruction to support whatever learning personality a child comes with.

These are some of the initiatives currently running in the school. All of these are in place to support staff in assisting students improve their learning outcomes. I would encourage you to talk with your child(ren) to find out what is happening in their classroom.

## Parent Contact

Parent contact is very much encouraged at Tolland PS so don't be alarmed if you receive a call from myself, a member of the school executive, Aboriginal Education Officer or your child's classroom teacher. If we can't reach you by phone then letters will be sent home or if the matter is urgent home visits will be made. It is vital that the school keep in touch with parents so that you are aware of what's happening in your child's life with regards to social, emotional, academic or behavioural concerns – both positive and or if there are concerns!

Have a great week.

**Matthew Gray**



# 3-5 W Class News

The students are very excited this term with all the learning opportunities in which they will be participating.

Our focus book is Bones and the See Dog. We have integrated our Creative Arts and our writing around the pirate theme of the story. We enjoyed painting the sea, sand and palm trees and adding details from the book to our paintings.



## Leaders Assembly & Morning Tea

A special thankyou to all those parents who attended the assembly on Friday. Many children received badges for leadership. During the year there will be many opportunities for students to develop skills in this area.

We are proud of our leaders for 2013 and wish them well in their various positions.



## Merit Awards

Lennard S	Ella T	Ethan H	Connor G
Temika G	Roslyn P	Levi G	Shayne P
Aleisha S	Amber L	Amy M	Delilah R
Joshua G	Ben B	Nickolas W	Latrell G
Shari I	Nandalie W	Eden K	Maleek T
Sarah S	Charlotte G	Clayton D	Tatum W
Rasheed G	Tara K	Biralee P	



## Weekly Social Awards

Luke S	Abigail S	Justen M	Stephanie H
Souljah G	Roslyn P	Sarah S	Chloe M
Tamsyn G	Mereoni T	Kirsty C	Tyler R
Moniqua S	Jenna F	Tamika P	Nicholas J
Jahkobi H			



## MEET & GREET AFTERNOON

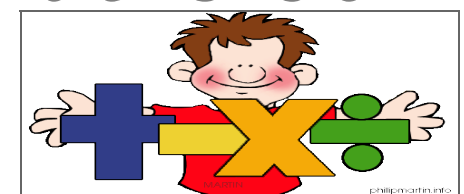
Thursday, 7th March  
Tolland Public School

Parents and friends of our current students P-6 are invited to attend a free sausage sizzle from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

The canteen will be open if you would like to purchase drinks, ice-blocks etc.



## Maths Corner



Do you know the magic of number 9? Multiply any number with nine and then add all the individual digits of the result (product) to make it a single digit. The sum of all these individual digits would always be nine.

$$\text{Eg. } 4 \times 9 = 36 \\ 3 + 6 = 9$$

$$8 \times 9 = 72 \\ 7 + 2 = 9$$



Answer to last weeks riddle is :  
The letter M