

WAGGA PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations!



Joey C




Areaka B



Jayden M



Reading Encouragement Award			
Justen M	Jack H		
Peter B			
Chloe M			
Chelsea C			
 Our target this year		Attendance last week	Attendance this year
90%		90%	

Tolland Public School

School Newsletter

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



Dear parents,

Last Friday Joey C, Areaka B and Jayden M represented Tolland PS at the Wagga PSSA Swimming Carnival. This was the first time in a number of years that we have had students participate in this carnival. All three students participated enthusiastically and recorded some pleasing results. Joey came 6th in the 12yr 50m Backstroke, 7th in the 50m Freestyle and 7th in the 50m Butterfly. Areaka came 25th in the 11yr 50m Freestyle and Jayden was 23rd in the 11yr 50m Freestyle. Congratulations to all three students.

3-way Conversations

Our 3-way Conversations have been organised for Monday 16th – 20th March for our mainstream classes and Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March for classes from the Special Education Unit. These informal meetings will allow parents to meet teachers with their child to talk about the learning that has been happening so far and also a chance to talk about your child's learning goals for the year. Notes with further information were sent home yesterday which will allow parents to indicate a time preference. I strongly encourage all parents to take this opportunity to participate in these conversations.

Bimbi Preschool

Bimbi has recently been selected to take part in the Assessment and Review process. Assessment visits are conducted to determine whether, and at what rating level, Bimbi meets the National Quality Standards (NQS) and the requirements of the National Law and Regulations.

The assessment and rating process is designed to be collaborative and empowering, with the Quality Improvement Plan allowing Bimbi to perform a self-assessment, and the visit allowing us to demonstrate how Bimbi meets the unique education and care needs of the children and families in the Tolland community. The visit is designed to capture a 'snapshot' of the quality of education and care being provided at Bimbi. After the visit we will be sent a draft assessment and rating report within approximately 3-5 weeks. This is an exciting time as Bimbi prepares for this assessment. Good luck to Sally and the staff.

Staff Professional Learning

There are a number of areas that staff will be involved in Professional Learning (PL) to support their development this year. One of these areas is embedding the use of technology into teaching and learning activities. Over the past 12 months the school has purchased 90 mini laptops and 5 mobile carts that allow staff to have computers within the classroom. Staff have also begun to work with Pip Cleaves who is a Senior Education Specialist with Design Learn Empower. Pip has already visited the school in early Term 1 this year to work with staff on a range of innovative learning tools the staff can use with students. Pip has an amazing depth of knowledge in this area and is certainly challenging staff to use technology across the curriculum in more inquiry based ways. Later this term we will be inviting parents to a learning forum that will include the opportunity to see first-hand the work staff and students are doing in class with technology.

Canteen Upgrade

The planned upgrade is scheduled to start in Week 9 this term with the canteen being completely refurbished. At this time, the tender process is still ongoing and we hope to find out soon the company which wins the tender. During the refurbishment the canteen will relocate but will still be operational. We will keep you up to date with this exciting development.

Have a great week.

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Dates to Remember

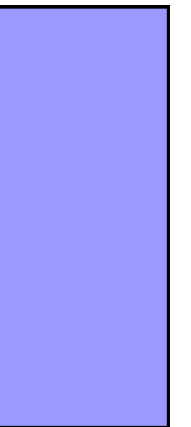
Friday 20th March	Harmony Day
Wednesday 1st April	Cross Country @ School
Thursday 2nd April	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday



Crabs and Turtles

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The students at Tolland Public School have been enjoying the company of Bill from the Blue Earth Foundation every second Thursday throughout the term.

The Bluearth Foundation, founded in 2000, is a registered charity that has grown to operate in more than 700 primary schools throughout Australia.

Bluearth believe that physical activity provides a rich environment for social interaction, learning, interpersonal development and satisfaction. Their specific games, movements and postures are designed to improve behaviour, self esteem, confidence, physical and mental health and academic achievements.

Bluearth's skills and strategies help children develop confidence and deal with new situations. It gives students the opportunity to discuss how they feel in different situations and understand that physical activity can help them feel good. The activities are game based, they are inclusive, enjoyable and non-threatening, learning environment. For more information on Bluearth go to: <http://www.bluearth.org>

