

Week 8 Term 1			Thursday 19th March 2015		
Weekly Merit Awards—Week 6					
Phoenix K	Savannah D	Destiny P	Nathaniel G	Sarrinah R	
Ashleigh B	Jamilia G	Noah G	Kelissa K	Temika G	
Harrison L	Ashton C	Molly C	Jack H	Kuliah P	
Jonte K	Ethan H	Laura H	Birralee P	Roslyn P	
Weekly PBL Awards—Week 6					
Cordell K	Abby K	Nathan C	Ellena L		
Nathaniel H	Kai W	Blaze R	Sarah I		
Leticia W	Lindsay-Roy H	Shakur N	Noah G		
Jaycee G	Connor G	Cameron P	Amogh B		
Mackenzie C	Aiden W	Joshua G	Malaki H		
Home Reading Awards					
Club 25	Charlotte S	Kuliah P			
Kelissa K	Abbigail S	Noah G			
Logan K	Charlotte G	Nathaniel G			
Canteen News					
Coming soon—Easter Hat Parade Thursday 2nd April make sure to pre-order your sausage sizzle from the canteen now.					
CANTEEN RENOVATION 23rd March—24th April.					
During this time, the canteen will temporarily be set up inside the staffroom and food served outside the staffroom. A limited menu will be available during this time. All food will be prepared in the Community Room. Please stay away from the construction site during this time.					
Our target this year		Attendance last week		Attendance this year	
 90%		89%		91%	

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# 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,

In the news this week there has been a lot of talk about the value of homework and the pressures that some families feel in completing tasks throughout the week. It is certainly an interesting debate and one that I would like us as a school community to also have. In Week 2 next term (I will provide a day and time closer to the date) I will invite parents to attend a parent forum to discuss homework. I hope many parents will take the opportunity to be involved and together, we as a school community can review our current homework policy to more closely reflect the needs of our current school community.

### Bimbi Preschool

On Monday we were notified that Bimbi Preschool will be involved in the Assessment and Rating process next Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. This is a great opportunity for our school to showcase what a fabulous preschool Bimbi is. There have been many staff members supporting Sally and Jessica as they get ready for next week. We wish Sally and the team all the best for next week.

### Canteen Renovation

Finally, after many years of waiting, the school canteen renovation begins next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The first job will be the demolition of the inside of the canteen and the removal of all existing benches, cupboards and flooring. The timeframe for the renovation will be five weeks with the expected completion date 24<sup>th</sup> April (Term 2 Week 1). During this time, the canteen will temporarily be set up inside the staffroom and food will be served outside the staffroom. A limited menu will be available during this time but as always, Kelly will ensure the food on offer is delicious. To ensure all staff, students and parents remain safe, a cage will be set up around the canteen to allow the tradesman to work without disruption. We ask all school members to stay away from the construction zone during this time so as not to interfere with the builders. We look forward to the finished canteen. We will provide pictures along the way to keep everyone updated on progress.

### School Plan

Staff have continued working on refining our new school plan which will be finalised to appear on our school website at the start of next term. The way school plans are now devised is a completely new approach and I know the learning for the staff has been very challenging and we have had to display a lot of perseverance during this time. Thank you to the many parents, students and community members who have provided feedback via surveys, conversations and focus groups. The staff look forward to implementing the new school plan and the many learning benefits it will bring to all members of the Tolland PS community.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Jones and his wife Catherine who have a new baby daughter, born last night. We wish them all the best during this exciting time. Also congratulations to both Mrs O'Kane and Mrs Holder who are both pregnant and will be taking maternity leave in Term 3.

Have a great week.

Matthew Gray

### Principal

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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



# Kids Speak



It means being good  
-Dante W



Harmony Day is about friendship  
- Connor G

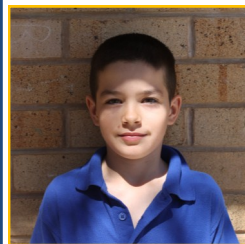


Being happy with someone else  
-Fatema A



Playing with my friends  
- Sophie S

What does  
Harmony  
Day mean  
to you?



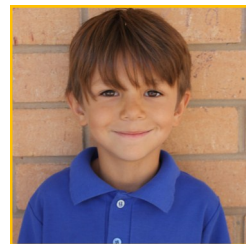
It is about being nice to everyone  
- Terrel M



All people being nice to and caring for each other  
- Tiara M



Being together and being happy  
- Stephanie H



Meeting other people and being nice and flying kites  
- Jaycee G

## Day With a Scientist

On Monday 7 students from years 3-6 attended a 'Day with a Scientist' at Ashmont Public School.

The students had a magnificent day and performed a range of experiments.

Here are some comments from students that attended.

*On Monday seven students went to Ashmont Public School and we learnt about lightning. We watched a lightning show and we received an electric shock. We worked together and learnt how to attract lightning. We made some new friends from other schools. We also got to make green slime and take it home.*

- Amog B

*My favourite part of the day was when people got shocked with an electric bulb that was attached to a plastic cup. We made some concrete and green slime. I was also excited because my cousins go to Ashmont Public and I got to see them.*

- Ebony G

*I had a great day on Monday, doing all the experiments was so much fun, my favourite was when we made the slime. The scientist created a lightning strike by using a machine and a metal rod, the lightning appeared in the middle, it made a really loud bang, it scared us all!*

- Charlotte G



## 1/2E Author Study

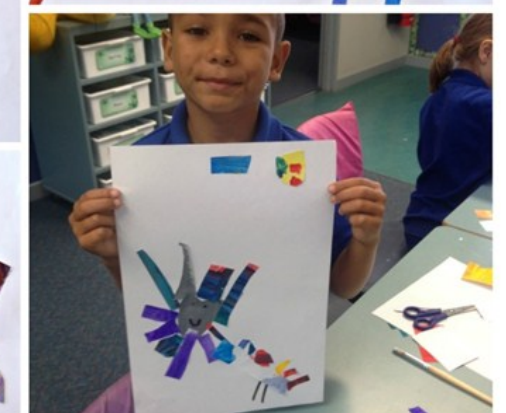
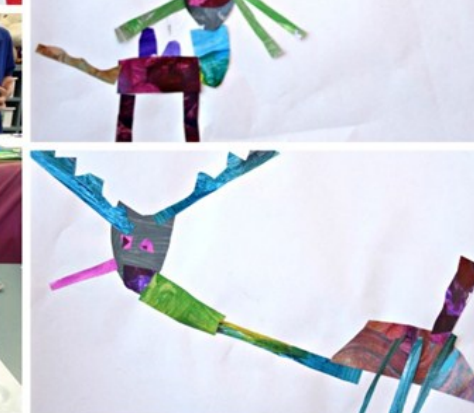
This term, 1/2E are enjoying a variety of texts by Eric Carle.

We have been reading and listening to stories, making connections

and writing about our ideas.

Our favourite story was 'The Mixed Up Chameleon' about a chameleon who wished he was like many other animals. In the end, he realised he was much happier just being himself.

The children in 1/2E did a wonderful job creating a collage of their own mixed up chameleon.



### P&C Information

P&C are requesting all students bring in an Easter Egg to support the Easter Raffle which will be drawn at the Hat Parade. There will be a plastic tub at morning assembly every day from next week for students to place eggs into.

The school will be open to public voting on Sunday 28th March. The P&C are asking for helpers to run a BBQ and raffle on the day.

Please email Erika Hood on [TollandPSCanteen@hotmail.com](mailto:TollandPSCanteen@hotmail.com) if you are able to help.

### Easter Hat Parade— Thursday 2nd April 2015

Thursday of Week 10 our Easter Hat Parade will be held at 12.30 under the Primary Cola.

Start making your Easter hats now!!



### Harmony Day Information – Friday 20th March 2015

**Reminder to wear  
Orange mufti to school  
for Harmony Day**

