6th February, 2013

We're Back

Welcome to the 2013 school year. I’d like to extend an especially warm welcome to the families who are new to Tuggerah Public School this year. As usual, Mel, our Canteen Coordinator extraordinaire, is organising a ‘Welcome Disco’ for the evening of February 22nd so we hope to see lots of families come along and socialise. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

Communication is the Key

Regular communication between school and home and vice versa is essential for successful school life. While we communicate to you in many different ways, this newsletter is the main method for us to get essential information to you.

The Newsletter is sent home every Wednesday with the eldest child from each family and contains important details of activities and events that will affect your children. Please make a point of reading the Newsletter thoroughly each week and noting any dates and instructions that are relevant to your family. You would be amazed how many phone calls our busy office staff take asking questions that have already been answered in the last newsletter.

The newsletter is also posted on our website each Wednesday for easy access.

School Organisation

This year, we once again have 19 classes. Our 73 Kindergarten students have had a smooth start to their ‘big school’ life (although I don’t think they quite realise that they have 13 years of this ahead of them).

We welcome two new teachers to our staff: Mrs Shay Mallie-Maharta on Kinder Yellow and Mrs Megan Bayly working with our ESL students for one day per week.

Parent Information Evenings will start next week. Please come along to meet your children’s teachers and find out what they have in store for their students this year.

P&C Annual General Meeting

The P&C AGM will be held in the Staff Room from 7.00pm next Monday night. It will be followed by a general meeting. Coming to P&C meetings is a great way to find out about some of the aspects of the running of our school and is an ideal forum to bring up any concerns or suggestions that you may have. Please feel welcome to come along if you can.

Evan Campbell
Principal
COMING EVENTS

Monday 11th February  Early Stage 1 Parent Information Evening - 6.00pm
P & C Annual General Meeting - 7.00pm
Tuesday 12th February  Whole School Assembly - 1.45pm
Stage 2 Parent Information Evening - 6.00pm
Wednesday 13th February  Stage 1 Parent Information Evening - 6.00pm
Monday 18th February  Stage 3 Parent Information Evening - 6.00pm
Friday 22nd February  Welcome to TPS Disco - 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 28th February  TPS Swimming Carnival - Mingara
Tuesday 5th March  Zone Swimming Carnival - Mingara

OFFICE HOURS AND PROCEDURES

The school office hours are 8.30am to 3.15pm Monday to Friday.

Money days for payment of contributions and excursions etc are on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays only. All monies are to go to the class teacher to be marked off. Please keep fundraising, canteen and uniform shop money separate to all other payments as these are processed by various different people. Children should bring home a set of payment envelopes today. Please keep them in a safe place.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Parents/Carers are invited to attend a Parent Information Evening at the school on the dates listed above. During the evening parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet with your child’s classroom teacher and learn about the various academic programs, extra-curricular programs, excursions and major events taking place for students in 2013. We look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible on these evenings.

REMEMBER

Please remind your children to bring their school hats to school each day. Children without hats will be restricted to playing in the COLA.

Please also make sure that their names are on all items, including hats, jumpers, lunch boxes etc, so they can be returned to students when lost.

AWARDS FOR 2012
MAJOR AWARDS

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OUTGOING SCHOOL LEADERS

CAPTAINS - Jordan & Curtis
VICE CAPTAINS - Zoe & Mitchell
MINISTERS - Jordan, Monique, Piper, Shaun, Thomas and Bayley.

INCOMING SCHOOL LEADERS

CAPTAINS - Madison & Sam
VICE CAPTAINS - Rachel & Nathaniel
MINISTERS - Chloe, Isabell, Natalia, Lochie, Brock and Jacques.

Registration Days

Sat 2nd Feb – Ourimbah RSL 10am-2pm  
(Existing and new players only)
Sat 9th Feb – Ourimbah RSL 10am-2pm  
(All players)
Sun 17th Feb – CRL EXPO MINGARA  
Time TBA (All Players)
Cost $120 – Includes: Shorts, Socks, Polo Shirt & Insurance
For more Info - Call Robert: 0420 634 353
Ages 6-16. New & Old Players welcome
Go The Mighty Magpies!
## TUGGERAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
### TERM 1 - 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**SPORTS DAYS FOR STUDENTS - 2013**

**Kindy, Years 1 and 2 - Friday**

**Years 3 and 4 - Wednesday**

**Years 5 and 6 - Thursday**
Welcome back for another great year in the canteen and a huge welcome to our new children, kindys and their families. Here’s a rundown on our canteen and how it operates.

We are open every day 8.30am - 2pm but as Kindys will finish early at 2.30pm for the next 4 weeks we will stay open as it is usually hot and many parents have to stay and wait for siblings and it also gives your children good practice in coming up to the canteen without the rest of the school there.

Recess and lunch orders can be written on your own lunch bags or you can send an order in on an envelope with an extra 10 cents for one of our lunch bags. Please remember to write your child’s name and class on the bag/envelope.

At recess all food and drinks are available off the menu to order/buy except iceblocks and slushies as there is not enough time to enjoy them. If ordering iceblocks, slushies, milkshakes, hot chocolates and noodle cups, these items will be highlighted by canteen staff in bright texta for your child to bring their bag back to collect from the canteen. The teachers, buddys and canteen staff will remind Kinder children and help guide them. All classes have designated helpers to pick up their class lunch boxes each day and teachers hand out the lunch orders and send children up to the canteen once they have finished their lunch to collect any highlighted items. If you aren’t sure of anything and if there are any special dietary needs please feel free to come and see me or ring me. There is a Term 1 Menu in today’s newsletter and it is also on the school website and I always have spare ones in the canteen as well. Jelly sticks are no longer allowed to be sold in school canteens so will not be available anymore. Due to demand there is now an additive free menu included on our school menu. Please keep your eye out each week in the newsletter for updates and special themed days etc.

If anyone would like to help out in the canteen we would love to have your help as we get really busy and love serving the kids quicker, offering lots of yummy, healthy home cooked food. We need help Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please see me if you are interested even for a couple of hours once a week/month or term. Believe it or not, it is really fun, you get to have a free lunch, unlimited tea and coffee and see your child playing and they get very excited to see you too, especially when they get a free iceblock!!

After receiving great feedback for on-line ordering I am in the process of finding out more about it and will keep you posted.

An important date to remember is the annual WELCOME TO TUGGERAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISCO which will be held in the school hall on Friday 22nd February 5pm - 8pm. See more in this newsletter.

Looking forward to another busy year serving your children.

Mel Laver

Canteen Roster for Thursday 7th February to Wednesday 13th February, 2013

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Welcome to Tuggerah Public School Disco

Where: Tuggerah Public School Hall
When: Friday 22nd February
Time: 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Who: All TPS families and relatives are welcome.

Parents must be present to supervise their children.
Entry Fee: $2 per child over 5yrs
Canteen will be open for drinks, iceblock and snack foods. Don’t forget there will be a BBQ & lots more!! Should be a fun family night!!

Please return this slip back to the canteen indicating approximately how many people will be attending the Disco for catering purposes.

TPS DISCO
Family Name: ____________________________

Number Attending: ______________________

I can help out on the night. YES NO

Other Attractions
😊 Face painting
😊 Snow cones
😊 Jumping Castle
😊 BBQ
😊 Glow Products
😊 Laughing clowns
😊 Rides
😊 And more!!!
**SCHOOL BANKING**

Tuggerah Public School participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program. It's a great way to teach your child how to save while also helping the school raise money.

For every account opened the school receives $5.00 commission and 5% of the total weekly deposits. Since starting in Term 4 2010, the school has received just over $1930 in commission. There is no minimum deposit amount and each time a child makes a deposit they receive a special Dollarmite token which they can redeem for exclusive Dollarmites reward items. Commonwealth Bank accounts can be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. Just take in identification for yourself and your child (e.g. birth certificate, driver's license, medicare card). Your child will receive a deposit book and moneybox on the spot, it's that easy.

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank, you have the option to open the account online. Go to [www.commbank.com.au](http://www.commbank.com.au), select personal then Youth & Students for more information about applying or about the program.

Information packs have been given to Kindergarten and year 1 today, if years 2-6 didn't receive one today they will get it next Wednesday, we are awaiting delivery of more stock. Please take 2 minutes to have a look at the information and check out the new great rewards being offered to the students this year.

Deposit books are to be given to the class teacher Monday morning.

Thank you.
Belinda & Renae - School Banking Co-ordinators

**CHESS - Expressions of Interest**

We have received the following flyer with an opportunity for student who are interested in learning chess. You are able to go to the website to try a sample lesson and decide if your child is keen to participate.

It will be a home and spare time activity and not for during class time.

The cost will depend on the number of children who sign up, so you are asked to check the website and then return the form below by 22nd February. If enough children are interested, I will let you know the cost.

Regards Margaret O'Neill

**CHESS - Expressions of Interest**

My child _______________________________ from class __________is interested in joining the Chessling's Online Learning Portal though our school account. I understand the cost for a year is between $10.00 and $15.00.

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Signed - Parent/Guardian
MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:
(CONDITIONS APPLY) LIMITED OFFER

- FREE uniform
- FREE one month training
- Student Insurance
- TKD Instructional DVD

TUGGERAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 3:15 - 4:15pm

7TH DAN MASTER INSTRUCTOR
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