6th March, 2013

Earn and Learn Resources Arrive

Last week we received all the resources that we were able to order through the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion held last year. So much time had elapsed between the end of the promotion and the arrival of the goods that we had forgotten how much we had been able to order but once the truck was unloaded and the boxes opened, it all came back to us.

Thanks to your shopping prowess we now have a multitude of new resources including a Bee-Bot Robot Set, a multi-cultural music kit, a set of microphones, trundle wheels, scales and lots of other maths resources. We also have items to support our Aboriginal Education programs and much, much more.

We also collected tokens in the Coles promotion that was running at the same time. In the spirit of our school motto, “Help Each Other”, these were collected for Hopetown, a small school near Wyong which caters for students with special needs. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Tuggerah community and pleased to receive a huge amount of sports and games equipment through the promotion.

Bus Safety

Over the past two weeks, all students have participated in bus safety lessons provided by the Red Bus company. These lessons are of value to everyone, regardless of whether they are regular bus users as they covered some general aspects of road safety as well as things specific to travelling on the bus.

If your children use the school bus, please have a talk with them about the safety lesson to reinforce the messages about bus safety and behaviour expectations when travelling on the bus.

Wyong High School Information Evening

Parents of students in Year 6 are advised that Wyong High School is holding an Information Night next Tuesday. Further details are in this newsletter and a separate note will be sent home. If you have a child in Year 5 and like to plan ahead, you may also be interested in attending.
Mystery to be Revealed

Why do some classes have 20 students and others 30? Why are there composite classes? How do they choose which kids go in which class?

All these questions and more will be answered at next Monday night’s P&C meeting. At the meeting, I will spend a few minutes explaining how we create classes each year and why we have composite classes in some grades. When I presented this information a couple of years ago, the parents who were there found it very interesting and enlightening.

Please come along if you can. There will not be a test at the end.

Evan Campbell
Principal

COMING EVENTS

Friday 8th March  Welcome to TPS Disco - 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Monday 11th March  P & C Meeting - 7.00pm
Tuesday 12th March  Wyong High School Year 7 Parent Information Night for 2014
Thursday 14th March  Selective High School Test
Friday 22nd March  School Photos
Wednesday 27th March  Start Smart Banking Lessons

Thursday 28th March  Easter Hat Parade - K-2
Friday 29th March  Good Friday Holiday
Monday 1st April  Easter Monday Holiday
Wednesday 3rd April  Cake Stall
Thursday 4th April  Girrakool Excursion - Year 4
Thursday 11th April  Girrakool Excursion - Year 3
Friday 12th April  Anzac Service

Last day of Term 1

HELP REQUIRED!!!

The Senior Dance Group is busily preparing its routine to be performed at the Central Coast Dance Festival in Term 2. We are able to choreograph and plan rehearsals etc, however our sewing skills are, let’s say, somewhat lacking or non-existent in some cases! We are seeking a team of volunteers who are willing to assist the sewing of costumes. All materials will be provided. The more volunteers we have, the easier the job will be on everyone. If you or someone you know is able to assist, please contact Miss Williams at school on 4352116.

Thank you

Brielle Williams, Janine Turner, Erin Bellwood and Melinda Sheargold.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>Name 1</th>
<th>Name 2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>KBlue</td>
<td>Suryadutt &amp; Georgia</td>
<td>Jack &amp; Blaize</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KYellow</td>
<td>Kristyn &amp; Tyler</td>
<td>K/1P Noah &amp; Brody</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1M</td>
<td>Whitney &amp; Ryan</td>
<td>1S Dylan &amp; Ella</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Lachlan &amp; Scarlett</td>
<td>2W Mason &amp; Macayla</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2J</td>
<td>Hudson</td>
<td>2D Blake &amp; Annalisse</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3M</td>
<td>Jessica</td>
<td>3P Charlee &amp; Nathan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4L</td>
<td>Annabella &amp; Ben</td>
<td>4A Tom &amp; Bianka</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4H</td>
<td>Danni &amp; Samantha</td>
<td>5TK Mary Jean &amp; Emily</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5W</td>
<td>Patrick &amp; Vanessa</td>
<td>6D Chelsea &amp; Natalia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6T</td>
<td>Grace</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

K - 2 KLA AWARDS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>Name 1</th>
<th>Name 2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>KBlue</td>
<td>Hunter</td>
<td>KRed Duncan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KYellow</td>
<td>Amelia</td>
<td>K/1P Cody</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1M</td>
<td>Riley</td>
<td>1S Sophie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Cooper</td>
<td>2W Jacob</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2J</td>
<td>Ella</td>
<td>2D Marcus</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Next week’s assembly will be run by 1S.

CENTRAL COAST DANCE FESTIVAL 2013

Thank you to all those students who auditioned for this year’s Senior Dance Group and Boys’ Dance Crew. We are very fortunate at Tuggerah P.S to have such a large amount of talent from students that participate in dance outside of school and others who have a natural talent.

This however, makes our job of finding approximately 20-25 students to make up each dance group extremely difficult. We have 5 school teachers during the auditioning process, who look at a variety of areas in order to make our judgement as objective as possible.

The areas we look at are:
- ability to learn complex choreography
- facial expressions
- coordination skills
- power and sharpness in specific movements, and
- overall stage presence.

Congratulations to those students who were successful. As we know the hard work now begins in trying to impress the Central Coast Dance Festival Committee (CCDF).

Unfortunately there will be students who will be disappointed however, they must realise that they have tried their best. Well done to everyone who auditioned this year. We look forward to another exciting year of dance.

Mrs Turner, Miss Williams, Mrs Bellwood, Miss Sheargold and Mr Tsakissiris
**SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Congratulations to Latu of Kindy Blue whose School Contribution envelope was drawn from the barrel on Friday. Latu has won a free lunch at the canteen. Draws will take place each week until 8th March. The response to the School Contributions has been very pleasing. If you haven’t yet sent yours in, please do so by the 8th March.

**CANTEEN**

Just a reminder that the Tuggerah Public School Disco is this Friday 5.00pm – 8.00pm looking forward to a fun night. If you told me you could help out please come and see me on the night and we’ll slot you in on helping with either serving or cooking on the BBQ hopefully for a short period so everyone can enjoy the evening. Looking forward to a fun night!

Thanks, Mel

*Canteen Roster for Thursday 7th March to Wednesday 13th March, 2013*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Thursday 07/03/13</th>
<th>Friday 08/03/13</th>
<th>Monday 11/03/13</th>
<th>Tuesday 12/03/13</th>
<th>Wednesday 13/03/13</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mel Laver</td>
<td>Mel Laver</td>
<td>Mel Laver</td>
<td>Mel Laver</td>
<td>Mel Laver</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Toni Smith</td>
<td>Janine Ross</td>
<td>Di Forstpointner</td>
<td>Karen Hamilton</td>
<td>Cassey Parker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anna Erickson</td>
<td>Cassey Parker</td>
<td>Sam McClure</td>
<td>Hanna Mulder</td>
<td>Toni Smith</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tina Macri</td>
<td>Bonnie Cooper</td>
<td>Robyn Sutcliffe</td>
<td>Heather Stewart</td>
<td>Sharon Jacobs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joyce Cook</td>
<td>Annette Daly</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Kylie Russo</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**CHESS**

Thank you to all those who expressed interest in the on-line chess course. From the numbers it seems that the cost will be $15.00 per family. Please send this to me in the Library in a school envelope. I will send a group subscription on your behalf.

The closing date for your payment will be Friday 15th March. If you wish to join in after that date you will need to contact the company yourself and pay $39.00 approximately.

Margaret O’Neill

**LIBRARY**

It has been very pleasing to welcome an enthusiastic group of Kindergarten children to borrow in the library. From this week they will be able to borrow two books. These can be borrowed for up to two weeks but can also be changed any day at lunchtime.

A request now for parents - could you please supervise babies, pets etc so that our books remain in good condition - no scribbles, tears, liquids etc. Any damages need to be paid for if they are not able to be repaired.

Margaret O’Neill
Easter Egg Raffle

If anyone has any baskets, Easter themed gift bags or cellophane to donate for the raffle, please leave them with the office. Again this year, we are asking for families to donate Easter Eggs for the Easter Raffle. Each child who donates an egg will be given a free ticket in the raffle.

ALL TICKETS (sold or unsold) AND MONIES TO BE RETURNED BY 22ND MARCH.
The price per ticket is $1.00. The raffle will be drawn on the Wednesday 27th March and remember the more eggs donated the more prizes there will be to win!!

Footy Tipping:

ENTRY FEE - $20 PER PERSON. $10 from the entry fee will be the fundraising component - The remaining $10 will be prize money. Entry fee is to be paid in one lump sum. The fee is to be paid in cash only and sent to school in an envelope. Please include your name & your footy tips name (if different) and also your child’s name and class.
The competition runs from 7th MARCH. Money is due in by 28TH MARCH.
All rules and prize money information can be found on the competition page. How to Join:
1. Go to oztips - au.oztips.yahoo.com
2. Select register button on the homepage and set up a logon if you don’t already have one.
3. Once you have successfully registered a username & password, click “join a comp” button. You will be asked for an oztips competition number and password.

Competition Number – 290035 ~ Password -tuggps ~ Name of the competition is TPS

Any problems or questions please contact Jenny (0403027477)

Prize Pool:

As most of you are aware we have a themed A-thon and vary of raffles throughout the year. We depend on community businesses donations to make these events a success. These donations range from retail vouchers, fuel vouchers, zoo & park passes, car care products and lots more.

If we all could ask our employers or anyone of interest for a kind donation it would be highly appreciative. If you require further information such as a formal letter of request than please email Kylie on Fundraising.tps@gmail.com. If you do receive a kind donation please place it in a clearly marked envelope ‘fundraising prize pool’ and leave it with the ladies at the office. Please remember we cannot accept cash, all prizes need to be in a form of a product or a voucher.

In advance, thank you for your assistance.

Thank you, Fundraising Team.
Uniform Shop

I hope everyone is now all settled into the new school year, the initial rush of uniform purchases has finally slowed down. Thank you to everyone who was stuck in long lines waiting, we got through as fast as we could and appreciated everyone’s patience.

A big reminder to all, please make sure you label everything, our biggest seller is of course hats! It’s an easy thing to lose but please make sure that your child has their own hat and perhaps even check for any additional ones buried at the bottom of their bags...no one knows where all these hats go but they seem to disappear somewhere into the abyss!

We know it is sometimes quite difficult getting into the uniform shop for many reasons, please feel free to email through an order and send the payment in with your child. They can drop it off to the office and we can then deliver the order to your child’s classroom. Alternatively you can fill out an order form and send it in with the money.

We are still looking for some new volunteers, it’s only half an hour a week, and we would love someone for Tuesdays afternoons if possible. We may end up having to close on some Tuesday afternoons due to work commitments of the volunteers, we are really hoping to avoid this. It is easy work and a great way to get involved and help the school!

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to place an order via email, please email uniformshop.tps@gmail.com.

Sandra Smith & Megan Speziale

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS:
Tuesday: 8:30-8:55am & 2:20-2:45pm
Thursday: 8:30-8:55am & 2:20-2:45pm

YEAR 7 2014 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parents of Year 6 students are invited to attend Wyong High School parent Information Evening.

When: Tuesday 12th March, 2013
Where: Wyong High School Hall
Time: 6.30pm

This information workshop will allow you to talk to a number of key members of the school community involved in the transition of students entering Year 7. We look forward to seeing you there.
3/4L MATHS GROUPS