20th March, 2013

Simply the Best

It’s official! Something that I think that most of us already knew: Tuggerah Public School has the best primary school canteen in the state.
At yesterday’s Canteen Expo and Awards Ceremony in Sydney, Mel was named runner-up as NSW’s best canteen co-ordinator after the manager of the canteen at Grafton High School. I’m sure that you will all join with me in congratulating Mel on this achievement.

Never one to rest on her laurels, Mel has introduced an additive-free section to her menu this year and from Term 2 will be giving families the opportunity to submit lunch orders online. We are very lucky to have such an enthusiastic and proactive person running our canteen.

Grandparents’ Day Change

This year, the government has gazetted an official Grandparents’ Week in October so, instead of holding our Grandparents’ Day in first term as we usually do, we have decided to fall in line with the official dates and hold Grandparents’ Day on Tuesday, October 29th. Please make a note of this date and let any grandparents who may be interested in attending know about it.

Role Modelling is a Powerful Thing

Please don’t underestimate the influence that your actions have on your children.
Of ongoing concern to me is the number of adults who, after having parked on the other side of the Pacific Highway (opposite the florist), walk children across Fowler Road and the highway rather than using the official supervised crossing. Yes, it is a bit further to walk if you use the crossing but, by using the crossing, you are giving your child a strong road safety message which will influence their choices in the future when you are not with them to hold their hands.

We are not in a position to police this but, if you do park on that side of the road, we request that you set a good road safety example for your children.

Kiss and Drop – not Kiss and Stop

Another request: If you drop your children off at the Kiss and Drop Zone in Fowler Road in the mornings, please help your children out of the car and move off as promptly as possible with safety. There has been a growing number of occasions in recent weeks when cars have stopped while people engage in conversation etc, causing holdups for others wanting to use the zone.

Your co-operation in keeping a smooth flow of traffic in the mornings will be appreciated.

Valuable Information for You

Please make note of the information in this newsletter about what is sure to be a very interesting morning on 9th April. Specialists in a number of fields which can have an affect on children’s learning will be at the school to share their knowledge with you.
High-tech Kinders

At last week’s meeting, the P&C agreed to pay for the purchase of 20 iPads for use in our Kindergarten classes. To start with, each Kinder class will have 5 iPads for use in group work. There is a huge variety of high-interest phonics and maths activities that are available to use with this technology. The iPads will not be replacing any part of formal lessons but will be a great additional resource to complement the work being done in class. Thank you P&C.

Evan Campbell
Principal

COMING EVENTS

Friday 22nd March  School Photos
Wednesday 27th March  Start Smart Banking Lessons
                     Easter Raffle Draw
                     Scholastic Book Club payment due
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 and Last day of Term 1

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students.

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Next week’s assembly will be the Easter Hat Parade
STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2013

Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle. Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay.

Donation Drive holiday draw - win a family holiday worth $4,000
Envelopes have been given to students today. Just write your name, address, telephone number and school on the envelope, insert a donation of $2.00 or more, seal the envelope and return to your child’s teacher by Monday 13th May to be in the draw to win. All donations are tax deductible (receipts will be provided).

Thank you for your support.
Erin Bellwood - Stewart House Coordinator

PBL News

Welcome to PBL News for this week.
Congratulations to the Great Mates from Week 8:
Monday - Clayton D (1M)
Tuesday - No Winner
Wednesday - Danielle E (5TK)
Thursday - Charlotte H (2W)
Friday - No Winner

Last week the mystery teacher was looking for Straight Lines. Congratulations to our winners, 3/4L. This week the assembly focus is: Leaving Assembly Sensibly. Remember, the mystery teacher is always watching!

Melinda Sheargold (PBL committee member)

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS

There are many Emergency forms still outstanding. Please send these forms in immediately as we need to update our records. If you have lost your form you can pick one up from the School Office. Thank you.
1M is learning to write ‘Super Sentences’ using Adjectives!

On my **happiest** day I woke up and got out of my **comfy** bed. - Luke

One **spooky scary** bear lived in a **gooey** cave. - Layla

One **beautiful sunny** day I wore a dress with **white** stripes, pearls and a **pink** butterfly. - Shelby

The **shiny little** birds went over the **pleasant** clouds. - Ben

The **scary huge** tiger was chasing a **beautiful** bird and the tiger tripped over a **sharp** rock, so the bird was free. - Aiden

On a **lovely** Sunday I went to feed the **brown** kangaroos with my nan and pop. - Whitney

On a **happy lovely** day I got a **special** award. Brandan

On a **beautiful sunny** day I went with my aunty to buy a **wedding** dress. It had **pretty** pearls and a **shiny beautiful** belt. - Cianna

On a **special** Wednesday I went to my **best** friend’s house to play with his **marvellous** Skylanders. - Ryan

One day there was a **hungry big green** crocodile and he ate lots of **gigantic** fish. - Kyle.

One day there was a **nice hungry** crocodile. He was **clever** and he swam fast. - Riley M

One **bright perfect** day I woke up in my **comfy** bed. - Riley S

My **beautiful** birthday at **lovely** McDonalds was **fantastic**. I ate **six** nuggets. - Emma

My **happy** day at the **big** park was fun. I went on the **big** slide. - Yash

I saw a **blue** and **black** school with a **red** roof. It had **ten** kids and lots of **exciting** games. - Aeddon

One **spooky scary** bear lived in a **gooey** cave. - Telisha

One **beautiful sunny** day I went to the Westfield shops to buy a **sparkly white** dress with pearls. - Aaliyah

On the weekend I wore a **golden** top with a **long** bow tie. - Hanie

On a **fun** weekend I went to a **gorgeous** wedding at **beautiful** Bali. - Jay-Be

At my brother’s **awesome** birthday I hurt my toe on a **sharp** rock. - Brennan

**Absent:** Clayton and Joshua
**CANTEEN**

Just a reminder that the Special Easter Order form needs to be in to the canteen with money preferably attached to a lunch bag as soon as possible with the last date being Tuesday morning. Unfortunately no late orders can be taken after this date for ordering purposes. Any dietary requirements please see me.

We are in desperate need for more help on a Friday even if you can lend a hand for an hour or 2 would be greatly appreciated. The times most in need are between 10.30am and 1.30pm. Please contact me at school or send a note if you can help out at all.

Thanks, Mel

**Canteen Roster for Thursday 21st March to Wednesday 27th March, 2013**

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**A Morning with a Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Autism Practitioner, Assistant Principal and School Counsellor...**

You are invited to come along and hear from these professionals and parents who use these services. You will hear ways to assist:

- Behaviour
- Speaking clearly
- Understanding instructions
- Writing skills and writing fatigue
- Coordination
- Concentration

Please let the office know if you are interested in attending.

**Date:** 9th April 2013

**Time:** 9am – 11am (cuppa tea/coffee provided)

**Where:** The Hall

Diane Kirby (School Counsellor)

Allison Pattison (Assistant Principal)
FUNDRAISING NEWS

Easter Egg Raffle:

LAST WEEK - LAST CHANCE!!

ALL TICKETS (sold/unsold), MONEY AND DONATED EGGS MUST be returned THIS FRIDAY 22\textsuperscript{nd} March. Each child who donates an egg will be given a free ticket in the raffle so please return to the class teacher. The price per ticket is $1.00. The raffle will be drawn on the Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} March and remember the more eggs donated the more prizes there will be to win!!

Entertainment Books:

Entertainment books are coming back and are now on pre-sale. If you wish to purchase a book before they go out to all families in Term 2, you can get your book by sending in your payment by filling in the attached form or paying online, www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/34716

Purchasing your book during this pre sale period means that you will have your book before the School holidays and can start taking advantage of the great deals. You will also get additional bonus vouchers that can also be used straight away.

Next Term:

Heads Up, Save the Dates

Mother’s Day Stall
Mother’s Day Movie Night
Entertainment Books

Wednesday 8\textsuperscript{th} May - Helpers needed.
Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} or 10\textsuperscript{th} May - TBA
TBA

Thank you, Fundraising Team.

School Banking

Please ensure money is placed securely in the yellow wallet which has Velcro. We are not liable for lost money which can fall out of splits in the plastic wallets. If the yellow wallet gets a hole in it, we will replace it. If your child is sending in a lot of coins it is best if you can place it in a small zip lock bag before placing it in the yellow wallet.

There are still some rewards left over from last year which can be claimed using 10 silver tokens or 1 gold token. We have 10 pen pods and one book light available. If you have enough tokens please write a note and place it in the yellow wallet to be sent in on banking day.

Remember, siblings are welcome to bank with the school but are unable to claim rewards (please write sibling on the inside of the bank book).

For rewards to be received before the end of term your child needs to place their order in no later than Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} March.

Rewards that are currently available are:

- Dollarmite character money boxes (Pru, Pat the dog, Cred, Spen and Addy)
- Wallet
- Hand ball
- Knuckles game

Lots of children are near the end of their first deposit book, we will give your child a new one when needed, please keep the previous book at home.

School banking day is every Monday and everyone is welcome to join.

SAVING - A GREAT HABIT TO GET INTO!

Belinda & Renae
School Banking Coordinators