27th February, 2013

Community Support

At last week’s primary assembly, we were presented with 30 mini-microscopes for our science programs as part of a Rotary initiative. The cost of these microscopes was covered by Glen and Kylie Harrison at Tuggerah Realty. We are very grateful to Tuggerah Realty, whose ongoing support for our school over many years has been very generous. Tuggerah Public School is indeed fortunate to enjoy as much support from the community as we do.

Can Your Child Swim?

Last year we changed the organisational arrangements for our swimming carnival so that only students who could swim a minimum of 50 metres could participate. This was done so that we could fit the whole program into the day and choose a team to represent the school at the Zone Swimming Carnival. The new arrangements worked quite well which is why we are organising the carnival that way again this year. We have also added a policy of students nominating for events before the carnival just to streamline things a bit further. We are not just targeting the ‘elite’ swimmers - in fact, we would be very pleased if every student attended, but it is pointless for children to go to the carnival if they cannot complete a race and will just spend the day in the stands. An alternative program is offered for those children at school.

As of this morning, 130 of the 250 students in Years 3 to 6 had indicated that they were attending the carnival. What I find disturbing is that, of those who are not going to the carnival, a very significant proportion said that it was because they could not swim the required 50 metres. If your child is one of those who can’t swim a minimum of 50 metres, I strongly recommend that you consider swimming lessons. Last year 284 people drowned in Australia and, of those, 78 were younger than 24. These statistics are quite alarming.

We are doing what we can to help by offering a very cost-effective intensive two-week swimming program for K-2 children later in the year and, this year, including swimming lessons as a part of the Year3-6 Term 3 Out of School Sport Program. This is our contribution to supporting water safety but it does not replace the responsibility that parents have to ensure that their children can swim adequately to save themselves.

Next year we would like to see all children 8 years and over nominate for the swimming carnival because they can confidently swim 50 metres.
Not Nits Again!

According to the media, the humid weather has been ideal for the proliferation of those pesky varmints, head lice, and all schools are affected. Unfortunately, we are no exception to this. I urge you to check your children’s hair for nits regularly and to treat them promptly if you come across lice or eggs. Today each family will receive a CD called ‘A Forest Adventure’ which gives valuable information about head lice in a fun, interactive way.

Evan Campbell
Principal

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 28th February       TPS Swimming Carnival - Mingara
Tuesday 5th March           Zone Swimming Carnival - Mingara
Friday 8th March             Welcome to TPS Disco - 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 14th March         Selective High School Test
Friday 22nd March           School Photos
Tuesday 26th March          Easter Hat Parade - K-2
Wednesday 27th March        Start Smart Banking Lessons
Friday 29th March           Good Friday
Monday 1st April            East Monday
Friday 12th April           Last day of Term 1

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students.

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Next week’s assembly will be run by 2J.
2J Maths Groups

3D objects lesson

Circle champion game.

Interactive game on the smartboard.

Finding 3D objects in everyday pictures.

Targeting Maths computer program.

Completing a textbook page.
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 who 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

SPARE UNIFORMS

If anyone has any spare boys’ uniforms that are no longer required, we desperately need sizes 8-10. Please send to school office, thank you.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Congratulations to Lachlan & Jack of classes 2D and Kindy Red whose School Contribution envelope was drawn from the barrel on Friday. Lachlan & Jack have 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

Unfortunately due to the poor weather we had to postpone the Welcome Disco. It will now be on Friday 8th March, hopefully you can all still come, fingers crossed for great weather! Thank you to all those who offered to help out on the night hopefully you can all still help out next Friday. Much appreciation to all our entertainment for being so flexible in the change of date.

Just a reminder when doing lunch orders to put your child’s name and class on the lunch bag and if you require a lunch bag it’s an extra 10 cents.

Thanks, Mel

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

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BUNNINGS TUGGERAH

Cnr Bryant Drive and Wyong Rds, Tuggerah

Easter Family Night
Thursday 21st March 6pm-8pm

Kids Craft, Jumping Castle, Magic Show, Fairy Floss, BBQ, a visit from the Easter Bunny and much more.

Book in store or call 4350 1900.
Bookings are essential
FUNDRAISING NEWS

Easter Egg Raffle

If anyone has any baskets or Easter themed gift bags 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:

We are once again running our NRL tipping competition. As per previous years the comp will run through OZTIPS. Entry is open to everyone. Friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues.

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 footytips name(if different) and also your childs 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 NRL TIPPING

Any problems or questions please contact Jenny (0403027477)
The annual Tuggerah Public School Swimming Carnival is scheduled for Thursday, 28th February. This is one of the highlights of the sporting calendar, with an opportunity for all boys and girls to earn points for their house early in the year. This event is open to all students who turn 8 years old and over this calendar year.

All students attending must be able to swim 50 metres in order to participate.

The Tuggerah Lakes District Carnival will be held on Tuesday 5th March, 2013. Children who qualify for the Tuggerah Lakes Zone Swimming Team shall be notified on Friday 1st March, 2013.

Where: Mingara Pool  
When: Thursday, 28th February, 2013.  
Travel: By bus

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2013

The TPS annual school photograph day will be held on Friday March 22nd. Individual student envelopes from ‘The School Photographer” will be sent home today with the newsletter. The envelopes outline the variety of photographic packages available for purchase in 2013. It is imperative that each child returns their own envelope to their classroom teacher (not the office). Envelopes for family photographs are available for collection from the school office.

A reminder that full summer school uniform (not sports uniform) is to be worn on the day student photographs are taken.

Mr Allen
TUGGERAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

When: Thursday, 28th February, 2013
Where: Mingara Pool
Cost: $10.00
Travel: All children will need to travel to the Swimming Carnival by bus, except those competitors entering the 100m Freestyle. However, if you wish to take your child home earlier from the pool you shall need to sign him/her out at the recording table.

General Information:
Canteen facilities will be available, however these services will be restricted to limited times during the day. It is advised to pack some drinks and light snacks for your child for other times.

Students must be able to swim a minimum of 50m to attend this carnival and every child attending will be expected to participate in at least one 50m race.

Parents and visitors, please indicate on the note below if you are willing to assist as a carnival official on the day.

We shall require time-keeping assistance.

Students not attending the carnival WILL BE expected to attend school where alternative lessons will be provided.

The Tuggerah Lakes District Carnival will be held on Tuesday 5th March, 2013.
Children who qualify for the Tuggerah Lakes District Carnival shall be notified on Friday 1st March.

Thank you.
Rhys McGregor. – Swimming Carnival Co-ordinator.

Please return this note to your classroom teacher no later than Monday 25th February, 2013.

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PERMISSION NOTE – Tuggerah Public School Swimming Carnival

I hereby consent to my child ___________________________ attending the Tuggerah Public School Swimming Carnival at Mingara Pool, travelling by bus, on Thursday, 28th February, 2013 (Week 4).

Please tick one box:

☐ My child is an able swimmer (can swim 50m safely)
☐ My child is a competent swimmer (can swim more than 50m competently)

Name: ________________________________
Signed: ________________________________ Date: __________________

All successful carnivals only work with the help of a great school community. Please note below if you are able to assist on the day as a carnival official. It is not such a hard job!

☐ I am willing to assist as a carnival official where needed on the day.

Name (please print): ________________________________