

KINDERGARTEN:

I am so pleased that my personal situation has allowed me to be in a position to step in and teach the lovely Kinder children for the rest of this term. It is great to be back with the Tallowood team. Elise has set up a program that meets the children's needs so well and I look forward to continuing with this. I will have a PT meeting on Tuesday 20th February , at 3.15pm. Child care is available. Please RSVP to office as soon as possible regarding you attendance.

Until then, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make a time to speak with me if you need to.

Warm Regards to all,

Emma

DATES TO REMEMBER:

EASTER: 30 March through to 2nd April

TERM ONE ENDS ON FRIDAY 6TH APRIL

TERM 2 BEGINS MONDAY 30TH APRIL

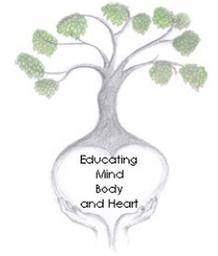
NEXT WORKING BEE IS ON SATURDAY 28TH APRIL

PUPIL FREE REPORT WRITING DAYS:

15TH JUNE AND 30TH NOVEMBER.

Term 1 Week 2 2018

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to the 2018 school year. Thank you to those of you who attended our Welcome Assembly last Tuesday. The year has had a bumpy and challenging start for some of us in our school community and for the school itself.

My recent letter to Kindergarten and Class 1-3 parents announced that Karen is not returning to Tallowood. Fortune has smiled upon us with Emma being available to teach our Kinder class, while Elise moves into the Class 1-3. Thank you for your support as we navigate these changes and a warm welcome back to our teaching staff, and to Emma for Term 1.

Persevere we will, with confidence, assured that 'it will all come out in the wash', (to quote my dear Mum)! Thank you for the lovely messages of condolence following my mother's sudden death. I appreciate your warmth and support and your kind thoughts at this difficult time.

Thank you also for your wonderful efforts at our Working Bee, to prepare the school for Term 1. Due to our high standards, our rural setting and our mudbrick buildings, our school is high maintenance. The mud brick creates a lot of dust and we aim to work to the highest WHS standards for a healthy environment.

Your support is key in accomplishing this.

SWIMMING and SURFING:

Please ensure that all swimming /surfing contributions are paid in full, this week. Thank you!

Swimming began today for K-3 students and Surfing also started today for students in class 4-6. As stated above, payment is due immediately for swimming and the parent contribution for bus hire for surfing. **Please pay all fees online or at your branch, as we are aiming for a cashless office.** Thank-you for making this a priority and for understanding that these payments are essential for our tight budget.

COMMUNICATION:

Please do not hesitate to contact the office to make a time to speak with either myself, or your child's teacher, about any concerns or questions that may arise for you. We welcome and value your prompt and considered communication and feedback. Thank-you for this.

CLASS 4-6

This term we have welcomed Talullah into class 5 and her parents Neesha and Brenda. Talullah has settled in to the class seamlessly and we are very pleased to have her in our class.

We have begun the year with high enthusiasm and readiness for learning, pitched to a newly raised work ethic! The Norse Myths are enthralling and ever so exciting. These stories are lively, dynamic and really appealing to the children, with their strong, bold imagery and the many fascinating characters who inhabit the 9 realms that are depicted in these Myths. They provide excellent inspiration for me to create engaging lesson material. The children can relate to the follies, foolhardiness and foibles as well as the daring pursuits of the various characters.

Moral dilemmas abound and provide great opportunities for robust discussion with the children about the moral choices we make in our own lives. The children's own feelings and imaginations are stirred and stimulated, discussed and examined .

The material also offers many excellent opportunities for creative, modeled recount writing and independent recount writing for the older students.

During the next two weeks I will be absent on several days , due to returning to QLD to finalise my mum's affairs. Between Wayne and Elise and Emma, the children will be well catered for.

Our Class 4-6 meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd February at 3.15. I look forward to seeing you there.

Warm Wishes,

Sue

CLASS 1-2-3

Our first Main Lesson for Term 1 will see the class exploring some of the early Creation Myths, from many different cultures including those from Ancient Israel. A wide variety of lively poems, songs and dances will be learned. These stories will be a spring board to creating lessons that will further students' skill in sentence construction, grammar and spelling and provide lots of opportunities for the further development of rich, oral language/vocabulary acquisition.

I look forward to settling into Class 1-3 with this lovely group of children and am delighted to be taking responsibility for providing them with a secure and consistent learning environment.

Warm Regards,

Elise