

- 22/6/18: Life Education Van visit
- Thursday 28th June: Winter Festival

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

Term 2 ends on Friday 29th June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Monday 11th June

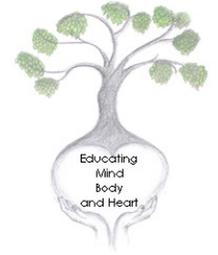
PUPIL FREE REPORT DAY: Friday 22nd June

Warm wishes to all,

Sue

Term 2 Week 1

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new term. I hope you all enjoyed time with your children during the student break. This memo is to share information with you, about the coming term. Thank you for taking the time to read this through.

STAFFING:

To begin with, a warm welcome to Cathy Bower, who has joined our teaching staff as Class 1-3 teacher.

We are also very fortunate in welcoming Kirsten McKenzie to Tallowood, each Thursday this term. Kirsten will be teaching music (Ukulele and singing) in class 4-6, and Indonesian in Kinder to Class 3.

Wayne remains with us and is setting up an exciting aquaponics project in the school, linking with his Science classes across the grades, from 1-6.

This term, Bonnie will be taking the 1-3 class on Fridays.

KINDER:

Emma is unable to return after the break, due to her personal circumstances.

Cher Moses is taking the Kinder class until I have finalized the employment of our new, permanent Kinder teacher. This should only take 2 to 3 weeks. We are glad that Cher is available to take the Kinder at this time, and in this unexpected situation.

FOOD AT SCHOOL:

Thank you all for supporting your child in respecting our healthy food practices at school. The main components are no sugars at all (this includes commercial yogurts), no packaged processed foods, no nuts or nut butters. The only sugar allowed is in the form of fresh fruit only. *Flavored and seasoned corn chips and biscuits are creeping in.* Please remind your child that these things are not to be brought to school. We will remain consistent in monitoring this from our end and send these things home. Kind thanks for this.

EARTH EDUCATION: DEVELOPING MORE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AT SCHOOL

Recently, class 4-6 studied a Unit of work into which I built components of studying Sustainability. Here, we looked at things that we can do to reduce to amount of waste we generate. This is an urgent priority for the whole planet, and I am asking for your continued support in making this practice alive and real for our students.

Firstly, paper is an issue. We have bought a shredder and would like to know if someone can ***take the shredded paper home, each week to use as mulch?***

All students are being encouraged to eliminate foil and cling wrap from their lunch boxes and put their food in re-usable containers instead. Thank you for supporting your child in becoming more aware of the critical nature of our increasing, throw away rubbish habits here in Australia and across the globe.

BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT (BGA)

The school is on the final leg of the robust and time-consuming

application process, for BGA funding. Our application is due at the end of this week. We are applying for funding to complete the following projects:

- A stand-alone Principal's Office and IT room, next to the tank stand area, outside of Class 4-6.
- Extension of the current Library to accommodate a Book-Keeper's Office and Reception area.
- The extension of the school Hall to accommodate increased enrolments
- A major electricity up-grade.

INCURSIONS AND EXCURSIONS:

We have several interesting and important Incursions in our schedule, for this term.

- **Police Safety Visit, Monday 14th May.**
This visit will be tailored to each year level, with the older children having a session with Steve on cyberbullying and internet safety.
We warmly invite class 4-6 parents to join in this session with Steve, at 1.40pm.
In a rapidly changing cyber world, this will help to educate us as adults, about the dangers of internet use that children face daily, and the measures we need to take to protect our children as they navigate and partake in a virtual world.
Please let me know if you wish to attend this session.

Other Incursions this term include:

- 15/5/18 **Fire Services visit**
- 29/5/18 **Ability sports** with Robbie and Jason (providing whole school education and games that are inclusive of all people with varying abilities and disabilities).
- 7/6/18: **Year 4-6: Science Day**
Excursion at Casuarina Steiner School in Coffs Harbour.