

# Tulloona Public School

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**“In our hands lies the future of this land. If we work together, doing our best for the common good, there is no limit to what we can achieve.”**



## School Newsletter

Term 3, 2012 – Week 7



Dear Parents,

Another week of this term seems to have rolled around. This week is the week to celebrate and recognise all things that our Teacher Aides do in our schools. We are very blessed to have Mrs Faulkner in our school. The children are in a unique situation to be able to work individually with such an experienced and skilled Teacher Aide. Thank you Mrs Faulkner for all that you do in our school. I hope you have had a great fortnight and we look forward to the excursion next week.

Regards  
Felicity

### UPCOMING EVENTS – Term 3

#### Week 8- Teacher Aide Week

Monday 3rd September -

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September –

Wednesday 5th September –

Thursday 6th September-

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Teacher Aide Morning Tea

#### Week 9-

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September –

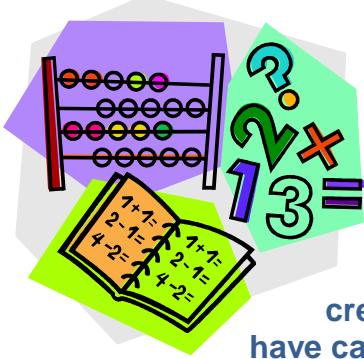
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September -

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Depart on Excursion

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September- Excursion Day Two

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Excursion Day Three

## Classroom Curriculum



### Mathematics

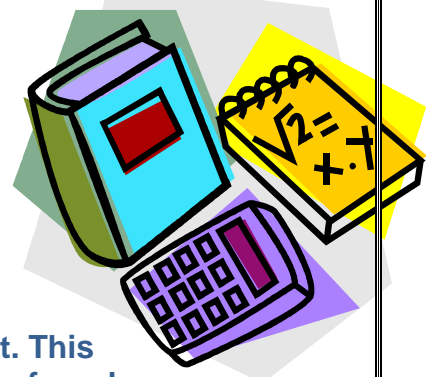
Our maths lessons have been very busy and productive. The children now have a strong understanding about Perimeter and Area. We have calculated the

Perimeter of many shapes that we have created around our classroom. The children

have calculated the area of their own hands and feet. This had the children wishing they had small hands and feet, as they found counting the squares a long task.

We have also worked on our understanding of Fractions. We have concentrated on the half and quarter. This is a very difficult task for all children to grasp. Both girls have demonstrated their understanding which is very pleasing.

The girls continue to work hard on their algorithms, they are both confident to add and subtract with larger numbers. In Kindergarten, we work on our Count-On-One, Count-on-Two, Doubles and Ten Friends or Rainbow Facts. Once these facts can be quickly recalled we then move into Near Doubles and we rely on the understanding of all of these facts to increase the size of the numbers to create more complex algorithms. It is important to revise these facts often to ensure that they are remembered. The detailed understanding of addition and subtraction is required to understand multiplication and division.



### English

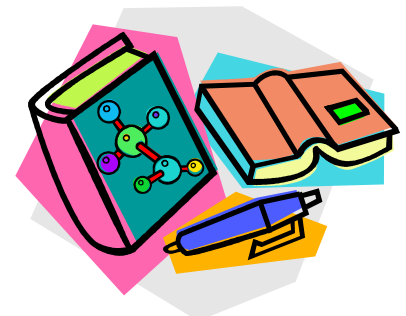
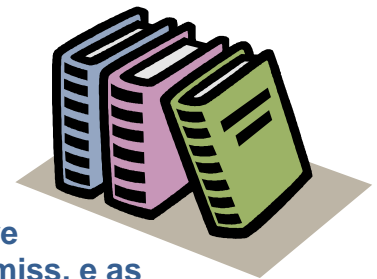
In English lessons we have started on the many blends, digraphs and diphthongs of the English language. The students are aware of how many sounds the letters make and why the English language is the hardest language to learn. So far, on our never ending list we have completed Y as in teddy, Y as is my, ll as in hill, ss as in miss, e as

in me and ck as in neck. The students are extremely quick to think of words that use the particular sound of the day which is wonderful.

The children have shown a huge improvement in their approach to handwriting. They both try to form their letters correctly and neatly which is great to see.

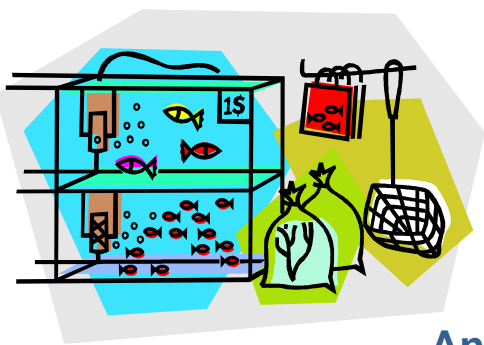
The girls have worked very hard this term to learn about the types of words we use in our sentences. They are able to recall are what common nouns, proper nouns, collective nouns, pronouns, verbs and adjectives. Today they are starting

on the group of words called adverbs.



# Puppy Visit

On Tuesday, we had a visit from 'Tucker' a red cattle pup who is 5 weeks old. The girls thought he was a wonderful student. He had a fun time running and playing in our classroom, so too did the girls! The girls thought he was exceptional at learning about Perimeter. Seeing how much fun the girls had with a puppy at school we have decided next term that we will have a visit each week for the day from another dog called 'Muffin'.



## The Aquarium/Fish Tank

Another projects for next term is our aquarium. It is our plan to have pet fish in a tropical aquarium. The students will be completely involved in the planning, purchasing, establishment and maintenance of this project.



## Coles Vouchers and Woolworths Stickers



Thankyou to everyone that has collected the coupons and stickers for our school. We have received many coupons and stickers from past students and community members which is wonderful. We have collected and counted 4685 Coles coupons and 60 Woolworths



sheets. We are still deciding what we will purchase for the school. We will keep you informed. Thank-you! Thank-you!

## Scripture

During scripture this term the children are learning about the poor in other countries. Mrs Avenell has involved our school in the 'Operation Christmas Child' - a project of Samaritan Purse Australia which involves sending Christmas -wrapped filled shoeboxes to overseas children in need. We are asking the children to contribute in some way. They have decided to give our box to a 2-4 year old girl. We are asking that they bring something in for the box that could be used to assist in hygiene or something that could be played with. We will be collecting items until the last Wednesday of Term 3. If you would like more information please ring the school and I can forward the official brochure about the program.



### Possible items

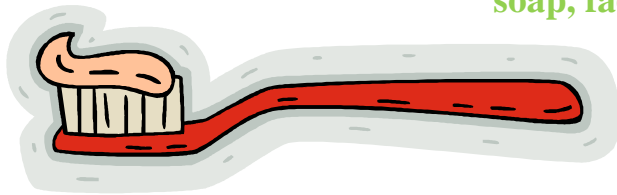
Something to Love- teddy, doll soft toy

Something For school: exercise book, pencils, crayons

Something to wear: Shirt, socks, hat, shoes

Something to play with: Tennis ball, small games, yo-yo

Something for Hygiene: toothbrush, hair clips, comb, soap, face washer.



Something

Special:

sunglasses, necklaces, bangles, stickers, craft kits.



Please don't include food lollies or anything that may break or leak and would not be allowed to be posted internationally.

## Fresh for Kids

**Tulloona School has entered the competition to consume the most fruit and vegetables for the state wide Fruit and Vegetable month. It has a great website for parents and children [www.freshforkids.com](http://www.freshforkids.com).**