



Tulloona Public School

Newsletter

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School Motto

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.'

Dear Parents

I am writing this component of the newsletter listening to the sound of rain falling. What a lovely sound it is. It seems to have been so long since we all heard that lovely sound. I hope you have all enjoyed the rain and you received enough to make a difference. We can all just hope now that we receive more in the coming weeks. The girls were certainly excited when it started to rain, we all enjoyed the smell and the sound it made in our classroom. It seemed to give additional motivation to our learning, or perhaps the rain dance that was performed by all students (and teacher) assisted. We have had a great fortnight of learning. The girls seem to be enjoying every new fact that they are learning. I love that the girls are so happy and motivated to learn. I hope you enjoy the next fortnight as we will then be heading into the middle section of the term. Once again the term seems to be flying past.

Regards

Felicity Quinlan

Tharawonga AGM

Just a reminder that the AGM is scheduled for this Wednesday 26th, February, beginning at 10am. The meeting will be held at Yallaroi Hall.

P and C Meeting.

Thankyou parents for attending our AGM it is great to see that you all support the P and C Committee of our school. As the bus is the central focus for our committee I anticipate that we will not have another meeting until we hear back about our bus funding submission. It is expected that we will hear either Monday or Tuesday of next week. Keep wishing and praying for a positive outcome.

Congratulations Mrs Faulkner

Our school community would like to congratulate Rhianna and Tyson for the safe arrival of Alice Jamie. She was born On Wednesday 11th February at 11pm. It is wonderful to see Mrs Faulkner sharing the beautiful photos of her newest granddaughter. Congratulations Faulkner Family. We can't wait to meet her in person.

Visit from Barwon Network Acting Director

Ms Rebecca Langdon will be at our school next Friday the 28th February from 9:30am. Rebecca was appointed to this position at the start of this year.

Monday Scripture 2:30-3:00pm

Mrs Avenell will be teaching scripture on a Monday afternoon from 2:30pm until 3:00pm.

Curriculum

Maths

This fortnight we have focused on place value the children have worked with MAB blocks to display numbers on the Thousands, Hundreds, Tens and Ones charts. They are all aware of the simple rules when using a place value chart. They have found these key rules to be quite fun particularly when they go back to their desks and apply the rules into their books. The girls have also focused on their addition facts. They have examined Count On One Facts, Count on Two Facts, Double Facts and Near Double Facts. The girls are aware of how the understanding of these concepts using simple numbers can very easily extend to larger numbers. We will continue to count in 2's, 5's, 10's, 100's and 1000's. With all counting patterns the girls are required to start at any given number and continue the pattern forwards and backwards.

English

This fortnight we have completed so many activities that it is hard to pick the most exciting to tell you all about. The girls were probably most excited about the beginning of their **Autobiography**. The girls investigated the correct structure to write a Description. The correct structure is: Title, Introduction, Characteristics and Evaluation. The girls have begun their description about themselves. They have found writing about themselves and describing their physical characteristics to be quite interesting. They should all be proud of the descriptive words and the overall length of their descriptions. Well Done!

The girls have revised their sound knowledge. They have created a poster for each blend and digraph. We have discussed and grouped the sounds in to the groups of long sounds or short sounds, voiced or unvoiced, used at the beginning, middle or end of a word. With each sound the girls are expected to add words that use each sound to the posters. They seem to be finding numerous words for each sound which is great to see. They are finding word in their writing that can be added to each poster which is ideal. To add extra words to their posters they seem to enjoy quizzing me often to think of words using each sounds. If they begin to quiz you a dictionary is a great help.

Integrated

The girls have continued learning about the Science concepts within the 'Me, Myself and I and a Little Bit About Us' unit. The girls have explored the different environments of bushland, rainforest, alpine region, desert and ocean. They have explored the different types of plants and animals that survive in these different environments. They then examined how different characteristics of the animals and plants enhance their survival. The next component of the unit explores how the weather and seasons change the environment and how the plants and animals change to survive these natural cyclical events.

In Art last week we did our Expressionist Self Portraits We used fluro pastels. The girls now have each portrait displayed in the classroom. Today the girls will complete an artistic task using thier hands and feet to create a garden scene.

As part of our 'Active Lifestyles' unit we have created circuit fitness activities and created an obstacle coarse using a combination of sporting equipment and everyday classroom items.

In Music and Drama we have begun to practice our Assembly Item that we will be performing at the Friday Assembly on the 7th March.