



Tulloona Public School

Newsletter

Term 3 , Week 6, 2017

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Date	Event
Wednesday Thursday 30 th 31 st August	LMBR Training for Deb Faulkner in Moree
Tuesday 5 th September	LMBR training for Felicity Quinlan in Moree Tulloona Ladies Meeting in Library
Thursday 7 th September	School Plan and Strategic Direction Meeting @ 1:30pm
Friday 8 th September	LMBR Training for Deb Faulkner in Moree
Friday 8 th September	MCIntyre Young Writers Entries Due
Monday 11 th September	LMBR Training for Deb Faulkner in Moree
Tuesday 12 th September	Boomi Science Excursion
Thursday 14 th September	Croppa Creek Eco Picnic Excursion
Tuesday Wednesday 19 th 20 th September	LMBR Training for Deb Faulkner in Moree
Friday 22 nd September	Assembly- Grandparents Day History Unit Showcase 10am

Notes/Reminders

Please ensure student absences are reported to the office on the day of absence.

From the Principal's Desk.....

Dear Parents,

We have now reached Week 6 of Term 3. The end of this term is coming very quickly. The students have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum. All staff have been very busy learning to use new programs, procedures and completing many training courses. The school is updating all health and safety procedures to ensure the school is compliant with all the new procedures.

The end of this year will see the end of the 2015-2017 School Plan, therefore all schools are collaborating within their communities to create their new School Vision for 2018-2020. From this collaboration the aim is to devise the strategic directions for our school. A meeting will be held on Thursday 7th September at 1:30pm to collaborate with all members of the school community to devise our 2018-2020 School Plan Vision and Strategic Directions.

Kind Regards

Felicity Quinlan

Staff Training and Development:

In the previous weeks staff have completed the new Health and Safety induction course, e-emergency care modules, anaphylaxis e-training and updates about child protection and child safety. On the pupil free day at the beginning of this term all staff completed their First Aid Certificate through St John's Ambulance.

NAPLAN Online:

Felicity received confirmation that all satellite schools will complete their NAPLAN tests with pencil and paper in 2018.

In 2018, non-satellite schools will complete the Year 3,5,7 and 9 tests online. It is expected that all Year 3 children type their extended written responses online using the secure website. This national shift highlights the advancements of education and the use of technology. It emphasises the importance of computer literacy skills for children.

LMBR:

Both Debbie and Felicity have attended the required LMBR training so far this term. Both participants have embraced the enormity of the 'new system' and are working hard to apply these new skills and procedures in the learning environment. This new system will become 'Live' on the 16th October 2017 for all schools in our region.

2017 School Life

Athletics:

Declyn will participate in the Regional Athletics Carnival in Tamworth on the 1st of September. He is competing in the 100m event. Good Luck Declyn!

McIntyre Young Writers Friday 8th September

All children have been working hard to plan, draft, edit and publish their narratives for the McIntyre Young Writers Competition. If you would like your child to complete additional entries please bring the published text and rough drafts of the text to the school before the 8th September.

Boomi Science Excursion Tuesday 12th September

All children will travel to Boomi on the bus to attend the Science Event. Children will complete experiments and observations about a variety of scientific topics. Permission note will go home closer to the day.

Croppa Creek Eco Picnic Thursday 14th September

All children will travel to Croppa Creek to attend the Environmental Information Sessions. The children will participate in an environmentally friendly Picnic. They will learn about the Reduce Reuse Recycle initiatives to conserve our natural resources. Permission note will go home closer to the day.

Mathematics: Money

This week the focus of mathematics is money. All children are enjoying learning about the concepts of money. All students are required to name and identify the coins and notes in the Australian currency. The next step is to identify the value of each coin. They are then required to count small and large collections of money. This skill involves counting in many different number patterns. The last concept to learn is the calculation of change when purchasing items.

To help your child's understanding of money could you please:

- 1 provide opportunities for purchasing items with real money
- 2 organise and sort a collection of money (real or toy)
- 3 count collections of money (real or toy) record amounts of each denomination on paper
- 4 calculate pretend change situations If I buy this _____ and I pay with _____. How much change will I receive?

English: Reading each night

Please ensure your child reads each night. Please be vigilant and sign the reading log book. Many studies have recorded the colossal impact that reading each night to someone has on overall literacy skills. If you would like help, strategies, tricks to make this process easier at home please see Mrs Quinlan.

Science

The children have learnt about the Earth and how it changes. We have focused on the short changes that we can observe on Earth for example sunrise, sunset, moon phase, position of the sun, cloud types, seasons and how plants and animals adapt in changing conditions. If you are ever using weather information please include your child in a discussion. They are all keen to learn about precipitation and experience it firsthand but at this point in time we are continuing to observe a cloudless sky. The children have become familiar with the moon phases and how the shape changes throughout the cycle. If you can hop onto any website that gives local weather information and discuss these it will have great benefit.

History

Thankyou to all parents who assisted their child to complete their family history books. Many children were very quick to interview their significant person and record their responses. This term we have explored in detail the changes that have occurred overtime with how humans travel, communicate and recreate. They have found the items that have changed over time fascinating. At the end of this term we are planning a History focused assembly. We are asking

all members of the school community to come to a shared morning tea and bring with them something/item from the past. We will then discuss each item: When it was used?, Why it was used?, Where it was used?, Who was it used by? and What has it been replaced with in today's society? The more items we can bring the better our learning will be. It will be a day to share stories and experiences from the past and a day to highlight the differences of life in the past to our children.