What's happening at Our school

Principals Report

This Wednesday students will participate in a service at the Sport and Recreation Club to commemorate Remembrance Day. This is a very significant day on the national calendar as well as at the school level. This is a time when we reflect on our country's history and respect the sacrifices others made to give us the life we have today.

Next Friday (20th November) the students will be holding a Grandparents Day concert. This will follow a picnic lunch in the playground which all families and community members are invited to attend. This is a highlight on the school calendar and we look forward to celebrating the wonderful contribution grandparents make in our students' lives.

Our school will once again participate in the street march for the “Tingha Tin Festival” on Saturday 21st November. It would be great to see as many students as possible support this wonderful community event.

This is the time in the year when we start to reflect on this year's achievements. To support this reflective process I am asking for your feedback on areas of school operation and student achievement. Please find attached a parent survey for you completion. The feedback you provide assists the school to make informed decisions on strengths and areas for further development to support future school planning for improved student learning. I would really appreciate your support in this process.

Melinda Partridge
Principal

Award Winners

Congratulations to all the following students for receiving awards last fortnight.

PBL
Amanda Crawford  Merit
Kyra Detmers  Savannah Roberts
Brenden Clouten  Izarah Roberts
Amelia Roberts  Crystal Clouten
Jackson Spicer  Dennis Jerrard
Jakelle Binge

Student of the Week
Amanda Crawford

PBL Bear Infants  PBL Bear Primary
Hannah Detmers  Malachi Blacklock

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mon 9/11 - Learn to swim program
Wed 11/11- Remembrance Day commemorations
Mon 16/11 - Learn to swim program
Tue 17/11 - Primary football clinic
Thur 19/11 - Year 6-7 Full day high school transition (MHS/IHS)
Mon 23/11 - Learn to swim program
Fri 20 & Sat 21/11 - Tingha Tin Festival
Wed 2/12 - P&C Meeting
Mon 7/12 - Year 6 Farewell
Wed 9/12 - Year 5 Captain speeches for 2016
Mon 14/12 - Celebration Assembly
Tue 15/12 - Rewards Day
Spotlight on K/1

Last Thursday K/1 held a pirate day. Leading up to this day K/1 made pirate maps and learnt lots about pirates and even memorised the poem 'If I was a Pirate'. A great day was had by both students and teachers.

*If I was a Pirate*

If I was a pirate  
I’d welcome you aboard  
I’d show you my pirate hat  
And my shiny metal sword

We’d find the buried treasure  
And using a rusty spade  
We’d quickly dig it up  
And carry it to the shade

We’d sail off in our ship  
And find a distant land  
That’s always very sunny  
And covered in lots of sand

We’d open up the box  
To see what we had won  
A million shining coins  
As golden as the sun

Then we’d sit out on the beach  
And look out at eh sea  
Because if I was a pirate  
I’d be happy as can be.
Science in the Bush

On Friday 6th November 2015 the Year 5/6 students travelled to Armidale to the University of New England for a science day. It was a huge event and there were many other schools from across the region. The students had a wonderful day exploring the University and doing different science activities. The first activity was surveying, where the students learned how to measure distances and locate coordinates. Next they went to the Biology department and learned about the human body and how to measure their heart rates and muscle strength. After lunch the students had to conduct different experiments in the chemistry lab where they made fireworks, slime, hot and cold packs, disappearing rainbows and used liquid nitrogen to freeze flowers. The final session for the day was a science show where a professor entertained the audience with amazing experiments. All students had a fantastic day and were wonderful representatives of Tingha Public School.
Grandparents Day
Tingha Public School will be holding ‘Grandparents Day’ on Friday 20th November. The afternoon will begin with a picnic starting at 1:15pm until 2.00pm followed by a concert in the hall. We hope to see all our Grandparents for an enjoyable afternoon.

Remembrance Day
The school will commemorate Remembrance Day on Wednesday by attending a service at the Sport and Recreation club at 10.45am. All parents and community members are also invited to attend.

Tingha Tin Festival
This year the Tingha Tin Festival will take place on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st November. This year all events will held at the Tingha Sport & Rec Club. The parade will start down the street and work its way up to the Sport & Rec Club. Tingha School had once again been asked to march in the parade. We hope to have as many students as possible take part and show how Totally Proud & Strong they are of their school. Students are asked to be in full summer uniform.

High School Transition
On Thursday 19th November all Year 6 students will participate in a full high school transition day at Inverell High and Macintyre High. Students will be travelling in on the high school buses and returning home the same way. Teachers will be awaiting their arrival at the high schools. This is a great opportunity for our students to ready themselves for high school.

Year 6 Farewell
This year the Year 6 farewell will be held on Monday 7th December at the Tingha Sport & Rec Club. Invitations will be going out shortly for the Year 6 parents/carers. As customary Year 5 parents are asked to help by supplying a salad and helping in the kitchen on the night. This is always a great night for our Year 6 students.

Canteen News
It has become a regular occurrence for students to want to take change left from lunch orders home. If you wish your child to do this please send a note with your child stating this otherwise the money will be kept in the canteen for later use.

P & C News
If you require uniforms for your child please call and see Alison in the Office on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays only. We have shirts, jumpers and jackets available at school. Skorts are made to order. Please note due to an increase in cost from our supplier we have had to put the price of our logo uniforms up by $3 an item. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

P & C Meeting - The next P & C meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd December at 2pm in the staff room. All parents and caregivers welcome.
Who is responsible for student attendance?

In New South Wales, ‘compulsory school-age’ means that all children from six years of age are legally required to be enrolled at and attending school or to be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10, and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

* Full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship)
* Full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
* A combination of both of the above.

Parents or carers are responsible for making sure that their children comply with these legal requirements. Schools support parents by monitoring student attendance and helping to address attendance issues when they emerge.

Bible Puzzles

I will be handing out Bible puzzles on Mondays. Lucky dips will be available on Wednesdays, please hand your puzzles to Jill Lute.

Jill Lute, School Chaplain.

Tingha Playgroup

The Tingha Playgroup is held in the old Health Post Building, Guyra Road, Tingha.

Please note sessions now start at 10.00am and finish at 1.30pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

Playgroup is open to all families who have children 0 – 4 years.

Please call the school if you need to be picked up. Everyone welcome so please drop in and have a chat.

Ella Munro

Playgroup Co-ordinator

Happy Birthday!

Birthday wishes go to -

Talerah Munro who turned 11 on 4/11
Jarvis Bright who turned 8 on 7/11

Hope you both had a great Birthday!