Principal’s Message

Well done to all the students who represented Tingha Public proudly at the Zone winter trials. A big congratulations to Lachlan Landow (11 years rugby league), Melody McLaren and Jykelah Blacklock (girl’s soccer), who were selected to represent Inverell Zone from these trials. These students will participate in further selection trials during the week and we wish them luck for this.

A very successful Leadership Badge Ceremony was held on the 5th March. It was fantastic to see so many parents/ carers and grandparents attend this event and join the school in celebrating this memorable moment for our school leaders. I know the student leaders are really looking forward to fulfilling their roles with pride.

Mrs Cheryl McIlwain and Miss Carlie Sinclair will be teaching 4/5 for the remainder of the term as Ms Jenny Jones is on leave. She will return at the start of next term.

I am updating the school website over the coming weeks. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improvements please contact the school. I will really value your input.

Melinda Partridge.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Tingha Public School has an ongoing commitment to Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). PBL is a school-wide approach to teaching, learning and celebrating behaviour and the effective and consistent management of misbehaviour.

PBL is based on Tingha Public School’s four core values of Strong, Proud, Respectful and Safe.

Every fortnight we have a new focus for PBL. In Term 1 we are focusing on the core value of Strong. In weeks 8 & 9 our focus will be Confidence, “having a go”. Our core values are embedded in our everyday language in the classroom and in the playground.

The PBL focus every fortnight will be discussed with the students at assemblies and lessons will be taught in every classroom.

Attendance

If your child is late to school please bring them in to the Office and sign a late note. If it is not recorded your child will be marked as absent.

After school visits

Please Note: If your child is not going home as normal after school but to another child’s house, we need a signed permission note from you stating this otherwise they must go home as normal. It is our obligation to make sure your child gets home safely.
A message from Symes Bus Service
If your child is not a regular passenger on either of the school buses, but needs to catch the bus to somewhere other than home a note and a fee of $1 per child is required.

Transition to Kindergarten
Transition to Kindergarten for children enrolling in 2016 is on every Tuesday starting at 9.30am and finishing at 11.30am for this term. If you would like your child picked up on the bus, please ring the school. Please pack your child a piece of fruit, lunch, a drink bottle and a hat. Suitable clothing and closed in shoes (no thongs) are to be worn.

If you know of any children that will start school next year and are not already in transition please let us know.
If you need assistance in getting your child to school, please ring on 67 233 437.

Medication
If your child has medication to be taken at school, a letter signed by a parent outlining the dosage and time it is to be given is required by the school.

Canteen
Congratulations to Petta Chedzy on being appointed the Canteen Manager for Tingha Public School. As there are times when the canteen gets pretty busy we are seeking volunteers to help out, even if only for a few hours. Call in and see Petta in the canteen if you wish to help. We hope to have a fortnightly roster in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

P & C Meeting
The next P & C Meeting will be on this Wednesday 18th March at 2pm in the Staff Room. All interested Parents and Carers are welcome to attend. We are always looking for new members and some fresh fundraising ideas.

P & C News
The P & C will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle which will be drawn at the Easter Disco to be held at the end of term. The P & C would appreciate any donations of Easter eggs, bunnies, Easter toys etc for the raffle. Any donations can be dropped into the canteen. Tickets will be handed out this week.

Scripture
Lord Jesus - I know there will be times when I make mistakes. Be there with me and grant me the courage and the confidence to have a go and keep trying. In Jesus name Amen.
Obstacles are those things you see when you take your eyes off the goals.
Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
Jill Lute, S.R.E. teacher

Bible Puzzles
Please hand in completed Bible puzzles by Wednesday to Jill Lute, prizes to be won. Puzzles are attached to the newsletter.

Timbrel Team
Timbrel practice will be in the hall on Tuesdays at lunchtime.
**Dance Practice**

Dance practice will be in the hall on Wednesdays at lunchtime.
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

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**Happy Birthday!**

Birthday wishes go to -

David Landsborough who turned 9 on 14/3
We hope you had a great day!

Brock Trewithick who turns 8 on 19/3
Melody-Lee McLaren who turns 10 on 21/3
Dominic Harper who turns 12 on 27/3
Hope you all have great Birthdays!

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**Eleven Years of Taste of Macintyre!**

This year we celebrate 11 years of our annual fundraiser. It is a community event that showcases local talent from schools across Inverell. It is an excellent opportunity to see what wonderful talent our local schools have nurtured in their students.

Performances vary from dance and gymnastics to musical items including bands, solo artists and whole school collaborations. This year it is hoped that musical items will include singers, and bands from the local schools and community. Owing to past issues with running two performance venues, this year will see more performances centred on the hall, featuring dance and hopefully gymnastics.

Taste of Macintyre also offers a large variety of ‘tastes’ from around the world. You can enjoy outdoor dining while soaking in the sounds from the entertainment. This year, the food on offer will include BBQ, sushi, hot dogs, Italian, nachos, spuds, Indian, lamb and gravy rolls, hamburgers, pizza, pavlova, cheesecake and slices. What a great way to end the week, with fabulous food and quality entertainment.

There is no entry charge and meal tickets can be purchased on the night for $5 per serve or five serves for $20. For an extra cost, there will be fairy floss, face painting, hair spraying, and a photo booth. For the little ones, at no cost, there will be a jumping castle.

Taste of Macintyre will be held on Friday 27 March at Macintyre High School with the entertainment commencing at 6.00pm. This is a fantastic family night out!

So, put the date in your diary, and come join us for a great night of fine food and great entertainment.
PLEASE NOTE!
If you have changed your phone number (home or mobile) or your address could you please let the school know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This is required in case of an emergency with your child at school.

School Uniform
The P & C have school shirts, skorts, jumpers and jackets for sale.
Shirts $15.00; Skorts $40.00;
Jumpers $20.00; Jackets $32.00
Please call in at the office to purchase these on Mondays or Fridays only.
These items MUST be paid for at the time of purchase.

ATTENDANCE
If your child is absent or going to be absent, please ring the school on 67 233 437.
If your child is going to be absent for a week or longer please contact the school.

Please check the calendar on our website to keep up-to-date with upcoming events at school
Registrations are now open for the 2015 Junior Soccer Season. Registration and payment is to be made through myfootballclub.com.au before Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April, 2015. No late registrations will be accepted after this date. Age Group divisions are 5-6 $90 7-8 $90 9-10 $100 11-12 $100 and Youth 13-18 $110. An information morning is going to be held on Saturday 14\textsuperscript{th} March at the Sporting Complex Soccer Canteen starting at 9.00am. Teams will be advertised in the Inverell Times prior to competition starting on Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May, 2015. For further information please contact inverelldistrictsoccer@gmail.com or Tammy Cabitza 0427 878 730 or Carl White 0427 774 019.

4ever Health and Fitness
Tingha Town Hall every Tuesday 6.30pm. (during school terms).
$10 per person ($5 for students)
All fitness levels, go at your own pace. Fun & Friendly.