Principal's Message
Well done to all the girls who successfully performed at “Taste of Macintyre” on Friday night. You represented Tingha Public School with pride. Last Wednesday the school participated in Harmony Day activities at Gilgai Public School. The students were split into groups of varying ages with a mixture of Tingha and Gilgai students and were required to complete a number of fun activities. The behaviour of the students was fantastic and from their stories everyone had a very enjoyable time. All Year 5 and 6 students will participate in an excursion to Inverell tomorrow to visit the community gardens in town. This is the start of a ”Totally Proud and Strong” project that will be occurring fortnightly during Term 2. This project will involve engaging and interactive learning activities supported by New England Medicare Local, a dietician, two registered nurses and Aboriginal Health workers. I wish to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome this term. I hope all students and parents have a wonderful Easter and an enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing the students return on Tuesday 21st April.

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 week 10 our focus will be Persistence “keep trying”. 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.

Regular school attendance is important for your child to reach their full potential.
Did you know that if your child misses 10 minutes a day of school that equals 50 minutes per week and over 13 years of schooling that’s nearly half a year. Missing a day a fortnight equates to 1.5 years of schooling over your child’s education. Absences need to be explained within 7 days your child being away from school after which the absence is unjustified.
Justified absences may include too sick to be at school / infectious illness, being required to attend an exceptional family circumstance eg a funeral or having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment.

**A Taste Of Macintyre**

Congratulations to Jill, Melody, Amelia, Andrea, Holly, Faith and Talerah who performed wonderfully at the Taste of Macintyre on Friday night. You were Totally Proud and Strong.

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**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.

**Tell Them From Me**

Last Thursday students in years 5 & 6 were given notes for a student survey. This is a Department survey and is confidential. If you **do not** want your child to participate in this online survey please sign and return the form to school by tomorrow. If no note is received all students will be participating in the survey on Wednesday and Thursday.

**Totally Proud & Strong**

Last week all students in years 5 & 6 were given a note regarding an excursion tomorrow to the Inverell Community Garden, BEST Tree Tenders Nursery and Linking together. We would appreciate if those students who have not already brought back their permission envelope could do so tomorrow, otherwise they will be unable to attend. Students will need to be in full school uniform and bring a packed lunch, recess and a water bottle.
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
Help is needed for the canteen each morning as it has been pretty busy. If you can help out for the 2 hours of a morning to prepare the lunches it would be greatly appreciated.

Sauce Satchets
The P & C have decided to trial the sauce satchets in the canteen at a cost of 15c. The P & C feel that this is a more hygienic method for sauce to be distributed.

P & C Meeting
The next P & C Meeting will be on this Wednesday 22nd April 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
Don't forget the Easter Disco is on this afternoon from 4 - 5.30pm in the hall. Students are NOT permitted at school before 4pm. Please be prompt to pick up your child/ren at 5.30pm.
The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2nd April. If you still have tickets that have been sold please return them by Thursday.

Scripture
Lord Jesus - I pray for the strength to dream big, the perseverance to try again. Your comfort when I don't succeed and your graciousness when I do. In Jesus name. Amen.
Each day is a new opportunity to start with a clean slate. Go forward with courage and faith.
Psalm 73:26 “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”
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.
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.

Happy Birthday!
Birthday wishes go to -

Aaron Connors who turns 8 on 31/3
William Parker who turns 6 on 4/4
Jackson Spicer who turns 10 on 15/4
Hope you all have great Birthdays!

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.
Inverell & District Soccer 2015 Season Registrations

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.

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.

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.

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