Principal’s Message

NAPLAN testing will be taking place this week (Tues, Wed, Thurs.) for students in Years 3 and 5. To assist your child to do the best they can we encourage you to ensure they get at least 8 hours sleep the night before the tests and eat breakfast. This should not be a stressful time for your child.

The “Totally Proud and Strong” project will be beginning this Wednesday for Years 5 and 6 students. The girls will be cooking and the boys will start planning their wooden pencil cases. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to participate in hands on activities. This project will run fortnightly for the remainder of this term.

Well done to the 15 students who competed in the Inverell Zone Cross Country at Ashford last Thursday. All students represented the school with pride and were extremely well behaved. Special mention must go to Brittnee Jerrard, who was successful in gaining selection into the Zone team. She will compete at Coolah later in the term.

On a sad note we will say farewell to Mrs. Aimee Gaias at the end of this week. From next week Mrs Gaias will be teaching a Year 2 class at Inverell Public School. We thank her for all the time and effort she has given Tingha Public School over the last 7 years. We wish her all the best and know that she will be missed. At this stage we are unsure who will replace Mrs Gaias on the K/1 class.

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. This term’s PBL focus is Pride. We will be looking for students who: keep their areas clean, wear their uniform, always do their best, stand tall and make eye contact and praise themselves and others.

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

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.
Did you know absences for reasons such as

* Shopping
* Sleeping in
* Working around the house
* Minding younger siblings and other children
* Your birthday
* Hair cuts
* Running late

Will be not be accepted as an explained absence.

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.

Totally Proud & Strong
As part of the Totally Proud and Strong project Medicare Local will provide the school with fruit and vegetable boxes to be sold at a subsided price. These boxes will be available each fortnight on a Wednesday whilst the project is operational. Boxes will cost $5 each. These will be available from the front office this week. Boxes will be limited in quantity so the first people to pay will receive the boxes.

Library
Parents we would appreciate it if you could check your child/ren’s rooms for library books belonging to the school. We have numerous books still outstanding from Term 1. If books are not returned, it may be necessary to send home a bill for the books to be replaced.

AECG
Aboriginal Education Consultative Group meeting is planned for next Friday, 22nd May at 10.30 at the Lands Council. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend. A flyer is attached.

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
This term our transition program will run from 9.30am til 1.30pm. Please ensure your child has fruit, a packed lunch and something for recess as well as a water bottle. Please ensure your child also has a sun safe hat for playtime as the school has a “No Hat, No Play” policy.
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.

School Zone Parking
Please find attached to the newsletter some rules regarding parking in school zones.
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.

Price Increase: Due to a price rise with our supplier, we have to regrettably put up the price of the Dino Nuggets from $1.50 to $1.80, Chicken Crackles from $1.80 to $2.00 and Cheese Sticks from 70c to 80c.
We now also have muffins for sale for 80c each

Money in canteen book: Parents if your child has money in the canteen book for food, and you wish your child to take the money a signed note from you stating this is required. As we are of the understanding that the money is for students to purchase their lunch and recess.

P & C Meeting
The next P & C Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th May 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.

Opportunity Class applications for 2016
Tingha Public School have information regarding students who are in Year 4 and are high achievers to apply for placement in an opportunity class in 2016 for a 2 year period. If you would like to know more please call into the school.

Scripture
Dear God, thank you for my wonderful school. I will wear my uniform each and every day with pride. Help me to represent my school and fellow students by shining brightly in my speech, actions and attitudes.
Success is making the best possible use of what you have been given.
1 Tim.4:15. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.
In Jesus name. Amen.
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 is on Tuesday 11.30am, in the school hall during the lunch break. Year 3,4,5 and 6 students interested in playing the tambourine please join us.

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 -

Lachlan Landow who turns 11 on 11/5
Shaun Roberts who turns 6 on 20/5
Alex Spicer who turns 9 on 24/5
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.

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.