Principal’s Message
Thank you to everyone who organised and helped us celebrate NAIDOC Week last week. I certainly enjoyed participating in all the activities, highlighting the Aboriginal culture that is within our school and community.

As we draw to the end of another term I must congratulate the students that have continued to work incredibly hard in class displaying positive behaviours for learning. I must also commend the hard working and diligent staff who genuinely go the extra mile for the students each and every day.

Have a happy and safe holiday. Students return to school on Tuesday 6th October.

Melinda Partridge.

Award Winners
The Award Winners for this fortnight at Tingha Public School are:

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Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Strong
Proud
Respectful
Safe

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) enables the explicit teaching of our values to support positive behaviours. We make good choices and display respectful behaviours at all times.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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Fri 9/10 - Learn to Swim program
Mon 12/10 - Learn to Swim program
Mon 19/10 - Learn to Swim program
Mon 26/10 - Learn to swim program
Spotlight on 2/3

On Friday 21st August, Year 2/3 had a Clay Day. Mrs Louise Walburn from Ross Hill Public School spent the day with us to help make clay Elephants. We will be decorating them in Term 4 as Bollywood Elephants. With a little bit of help from some Year 5/6 students we even got some made for those who were away.

Mrs Walburn showing 2/3 what to do next.

Jakyah making her baby elephant.

A herd of elephants in 2/3.

We can’t wait to see the elephants when they are decorated!!
Thank you to all who attended our NAIDOC week celebrations. The NAIDOC ceremony was wonderful, and the entertainment was amazing. A big thank you to Bob Blair of Glen Innes who delighted us with this portrayal of an Emu and Goanna. To all who helped at Sutherland Waters (Old Bottom) excursion, thank you for making it an enjoyable day.
**Drumbeat**

Drumbeat is a program run by Inverell Family Youth Support Scheme which is a part of Pathfinders. This program is to help children with coping mechanisms they can use in any situation. Jacinta Marsh has been teaching our students through the use of drums.

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**Child Protection**

A Child Protection Unit will be taught in all classrooms next term. If you have any objections to your child taking part please phone the school on 67 233 437.

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**Learn to Swim**

The Learn to Swim program will again take place in Term 4. This will take place over 10 weeks every Monday except for the first week where it will be held on Friday 9th October. Notes were sent home last week with a payment and permission envelope attached. Please send in this envelope with the money as soon as possible. You may pay the whole amount upfront or pay weekly, but please note if your child does not pay for a lesson they will be unable to swim that day.

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**Rob Aitken - General Assistant**

Mr Rob Aitken has resigned from his position as General Assistant at Tingha Public School. Mr Aitken has been devoted and committed to Tingha Public School for 7 years as the General Assistant. He has assisted in the classrooms as an aide and has been a great contributor to Tingha Public School in many ways. He will be missed. School staffing is currently working to fill his position permanently for the start of next term.

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**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. Please also note that if your child is signed out for any reason but returns to school they also need to be signed back in at the Office.
Sick Students
Lately it has become increasingly difficult to get hold of parents when children are sick or injured. It would be appreciated if you can ensure that the school has a recent contact number on which you can be contacted at any time during the day.

Library
Library is on this week. We still have a few outstanding books that we would love to be returned. If your child has books at home they have borrowed from the library please send them in as soon as possible.

Woolworth’s Earn & Learn
Thank you to all who have sent in stickers for the Earn & Learn program. We are in the middle of tallying up the stickers to send away to be able to receive numerous classroom resources.

Transition to Kindergarten
This term our transition program will run from 9.30am until 2.45pm. 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. Term 4 transition will run for a full day on Tuesday and half a day on Friday.

Head Lice
It has been brought to our attention that head lice are again in our school. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

General Permission Notes
Last newsletter we sent home another general permission note to those students who have not already brought one in. This is to give permission for students to have photos taken and be placed in the newsletter or on the website. We can only use photos of students who have been granted permission. (This is a Department of Education policy.) If you would like your child to appear in the Newsletter or on our web page please call in and sign a permission note.

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. This is a Department of Education policy.

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.

P & C News
If you require any school uniforms please see Alison in the office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday only.
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.

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. We are of the understanding that the money in the book is for students to purchase their lunch and recess.

Scripture
Dear Lord - I need to remember that time is precious, please keep me from wasting my time on ineffective, silly things. Steer me in the right direction to prioritize and organize my time, so that I will be on time. Help me please to get organized and start moving in the direction of my goals.

Obstacles are those things you see when you take your eyes off the goals.

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
I will be handing out Bible Puzzles on Tuesdays. Lucky dips will be available on Wednesdays, please hand your completed 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 -
Ethan Harris who turns 10 on 23/9
Tamarah Jamieson who turns 12 on 24/9
Mathew Fenton who turns 6 on 28/9
Tanara Campbell who turns 11 on 28/9

Hope you all have great Birthdays!

P & C Fundraising Committee
If your interested in assisting the P & C with fundraising please contact Zoe on 0432 215 323.
The P & C is keen to fundraise with your support.
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.

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 your child becoming ill or an emergency with your child at school.

KCL Child Care Services
Now offering Vacation Care during School Holiday periods
Starting Monday 21st September 2015
Offering care Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm
For more information please contact the KCL office

On 6721 1811
Or email info@kcl.com.au