Kitchen Garden Project

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have the pleasure of participating in our new Kitchen Garden Program this year. This program involves learning about growing and caring vegetables and cooking healthy meals on a fortnightly basis. Year 3 will take part this term. They have already participated in an excursion to Best Tree Tenders nursery. We thank Danny Middleton for being so welcoming and helpful. Our students really enjoyed their visit where they were able to collect eggs, view and pick vegetables from their garden and sow seeds to be planted in our veggie garden. Last week the students made healthy food wraps with Miss Sinclair for their first cooking lesson.
**Principals Report**

The year has started extremely well with all students settling in to the school routines. The Kindergarten transition program has proved its success once again with our youngest students making the change to “big” school with ease. I have been enjoying the opportunity to visit all the classes, witnessing quality learning experiences and engaged students. We are very lucky at Tingha Public School to have teachers who are committed to providing our students with a high level of education whilst supporting their wellbeing needs.

Melinda Partridge
Principal

**Positive Learning Culture of Success**

This year Tingha Public School will further enhance its positive learning culture of success. To start this journey Ian Mackie and Gary MacLennan are visiting the school today and tomorrow. These two men have extensive knowledge and experience to assist with this process. I would like to invite you to a morning tea with them tomorrow at 10.30am in the Aboriginal Resource Room. They would really like to have a general chat with you. The meeting is not intended to be confrontational.

**PBL**

Positive Behaviour for Learning will continue to be implemented in 2016. This is a whole school system that supports student’s wellbeing and academic achievement. Tingha Public School encourages its students to always be “Totally Proud and Strong in a Safe and Respectful way.

**Transition to Kindergarten**

Transition to Kindergarten for children enrolling in 2017 has again started for Term 1 beginning at 9.30am and finishing at 11.30am. 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.

**Small School’s Swimming Carnival**

Last week Mikayla, Jyekarlah, Andrea, Faith and Antwaione attended the Smalls Schools Swimming Carnival in Warialda. They had a fabulous day out and represented us with pride. Big congratulations to Faith who was named Runner up Senior Girl Champion.

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

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Spotlight on K/1

K/1 have settled in well to their new classroom.
**Attendance**

**The Compulsory years of schooling**

In NSW, all children from six years are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling with the Board of Studies. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 yrs of age, students have the following options. They may also be in:

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

Children are expected to attend all school activities on time. Regular attendance helps your child

- Develop skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- To learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Make and keep friendships

Did you know..

If your child is only missing 2 days per week that equals 80 days per year and over 13 years of schooling that's over 5 years equals to finishing in year 7.

**Canteen News**

Welcome back for 2016. Petta welcomes any new Mums, Dads or Grandparents who would like to lend a hand in the canteen, if only for an hour or 2 to make lunches. If you are interested please call and see Petta in the canteen.

**P & C News**

Parents please note: Due to a price increase from our suppliers we have had to regrettably change our prices to suit. The following prices are now apply:

- Shirts $18.00, Jumpers $23.00 and Jackets $35.00.

**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 -

Thomas Munro who turns 8 on 19/2
Kymarnie Livermore who turns 12 on 20/2
Conrad Daley-Kennedy who turns 8 on 25/2

Hope you all have a great Birthday!