Our PBL Focus for this fortnight is Strong, we are strong when we are ready to learn, have a go and keep trying, bounce back when things get too tough and to be honest and kind to our fellow students.

Hogs 4 Homeless

A great day was had by all when Hogs 4 Homeless roared into Tingha on Tuesday. With Brad Fittler, Matt Cooper and Tim Brasher leading the way, along with Paul (Blocker) Roach. Students were put through their paces with drills and a game or two. The motorbikes were a great hit with both students and staff alike.
Principals Report

Hogs for the Homeless visit

Tuesday was a very exciting day when ten big and extremely loud motorbikes rode into the school grounds for the “Hog for the Homeless” visit. The students were given a brief talk about the organisation from ex-NRL stars; Brad Fittler, Matt Cooper and Tim Brasher before taking part in touch football games with the stars. The students really enjoyed this event and were all very pleased to receive their own football. This was a great opportunity for our school as the “Hogs” did not visit any other schools in the Inverell area and we even made the news and the back page of the Inverell Times. A big thank you to Clontarf who assisted with the day and Josh Williams for performing traditional Aboriginal dances for our visitors.

Badge Ceremony

Today saw our Year 6 students receive their leadership badges for 2016. This year will see these students further develop their leadership skills within the school and the community of Tingha. I know the staff looks forward to working with this team this year. A huge thank you to all the parents and community members who came to the badge ceremony today. Your children really appreciate your involvement in their school life.

Personal Power Health Day

Tomorrow Health Wise (formally Medicare Local) will be facilitating a Personal Power Health Day. This day will involve learning about: oral health, anger management, safety, stranger danger, cyber bullying and nutrition. All students will participate in age appropriate sessions delivered by health professionals and the Police Youth Liaison Officer.

Spelling focus

Over the next five weeks staff and students will be focussing on improving every child’s spelling ability. This will occur through the systematic teaching of spelling knowledge and skills. Regularly attending school and engaging in positive behaviours for learning over this five week period will result in a rise in your child’s spelling ability. Reinforcing the importance of spelling, assisting your child to practise and apply their skills and knowledge when at home will also be extremely beneficial to your child’s progress.

Melinda Partridge
Principal

Award Winners

Congratulations to all the following students for receiving awards last fortnight.

PBL
Fergus Hannam
Paul Kirk
Michael Wilks
Maddison Bartman
Kyra Detmers
Mackenzie Bright
Antwaione Jerrard

Merit
Lashayah Naylor
Malika Bolt Jerrard
Leearnah Naylor
Jarvis Bright
Sam Trevithick
Alex Spicer
Jyekalrah Blacklock

Student of the Week

Leearnah Naylor

PBL Bear Infants: David Roberts
PBL Bear Primary: Maddison Bartman

Calendar of Upcoming Events

1/3 - Personal Power “Health” Day - delivered by Health wise
4/3 - Inverell Show visit
11/3 – Zone Winter Trials
24/3 - Harmony Day activities with Gilgai
25/3 - Good Friday
28/3 – Easter Monday

Happy Birthday!

Birthday wishes go to -

Cameron Williams who turns 6 on 4/3

Hope you have a great Birthday!
A busy time in 2/3
Positive Behaviour for Learning will continue to be implemented in 2016. This is a whole school system that supports students' 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.

Inverell Show
Permission notes will be going home today for the Inverell Show on Friday. Please fill in and return the envelope with money before Friday. Please make sure your child has a water bottle with them. If for any reason students are staying at the show and not returning to school, please inform the school as soon as possible so there is no mix up in communication.

Zone Winter Trials
Students who have expressed an interest in competing in the Zone Winter Trials will be sent home with permission notes in the near future. Please sign and return to school as soon as possible.

Attendance
The importance of arriving on time
Arriving at school and class on time:
* Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day.
* Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
* Give students time to greet their friends before class.
* Reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

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.

Bible Puzzles
Jill will be handing out the Bible puzzles for this week on Wednesday.

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.
Everyone welcome so please drop in and have a chat.
Ella Munro
Playgroup Co-ordinator