

TALBINGO PUBLIC SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school for what is already shaping up to be another busy and exciting year at Talbingo Public. I hope all our families have had a happy holiday period.

A very warm welcome to our new Kindergarten students: Jade, Trinity, Quaid and Hugh. The children are settling in well with our older students taking them under their wing to ensure a happy transition to "big school".

Already students have participated in an inter school activity, travelling to Tumbarumba for the Small School's Swimming Carnival. Thank you to all parents who came along to support our students and assisted with transport.

We have minimal changes to existing staff this year but I welcome Mrs Stacey on a more regular basis this term to assist in the implementation of a special literacy program. She will be assisted by Learning Support Officers, Mrs Rohloff and Mrs Zimmer.

Over the holidays our staffroom kitchen has been renovated, and with electrical work soon to be completed, we expect the kitchen to be operational next week. Mrs Pullen and the students are very excited about having such an improved facility for their cooking lessons which will start next week.

All existing cabinets have been replaced with new and more extensive units providing greater storage and improved bench space. Additional power points have been installed and we are thrilled to have been able to include an oven and hotplates.

Furthermore to maximise teaching and learning we have added a mobile island bench, custom-made at a height suitable for school students to work at.

LUNCH ORDERS

During Term 1 we will be providing students with the opportunity to order their lunch from the local supermarket fortnightly on Fridays.

Our first lunch order day will be Friday, 18th February.

Lunch order forms will be handed out to students with the newsletter on Thursday.

A list of items available has been included with this newsletter for your information.

P&C NEWS

All parents are encouraged to become involved in our P&C Association which meets regularly on a Monday afternoon after school.

Meetings are short and informal and provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions and learn more about what is happening in our school and in education generally.

Next meeting: Monday, 14th February 2011 at 3.10pm.

DIARY DATES

Week 3 – Beginning Monday, 7th February

Monday	Lexia Training, Rosewood - Mrs Levey
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Week 4 – Beginning Monday 14th February

Monday	P&C Meeting, 3.10pm
Thursday	Maroon Day - Flood Appeal
Thursday/Friday	Principal's Conference - Mrs Levey

Week 6 – Beginning Monday 28th February

Monday	Swimming Lessons commence
Friday	"Clean-Up Australia" Day

Week 7 – Beginning Monday, 7th March

Monday	Swimming Lessons continue
Friday	Swimming Lessons - last day

Week 9 – Beginning Monday, 21st March

Wednesday/Thursday	Brungle Camp
Friday	Athletics Carnival, Tumbarumba

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It is a well-known fact that regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential.

When students are absent from school they miss valuable learning time which can result in gaps in their knowledge.

They also miss out on the shared experiences with their peers that are vital to their personal development and confidence.

Under the law, parents are required to ensure that their child/ren attends school on **all** school days. Parents must provide an explanation to the school for all absences within 7 days.

The Principal has the authority to grant sick leave, where a satisfactory explanation has been provided, or an exemption from school attendance (for other reasons) upon request from the parent.

Where student attendance rates are unsatisfactory the Principal may need to make a report to the Home School Liaison Officer to help resolve the issue.

If you have any questions about school attendance or your responsibilities as a parent in this area, please contact Mrs Levey.

MAROON DAY – Thursday, 17th February

The school council is holding a multi-day to raise money to donate to the Queensland Flood Appeal

Students are encouraged to wear something maroon and are asked to make a gold coin donation.

SMALL SCHOOL'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

In spite of the heavy rain overnight on Wednesday, our students headed off to Tumbarumba early Thursday to compete in the Annual Small School's Swimming Carnival.

The weather cleared and the hot and humid conditions were an added incentive to enter as many events as possible.

Mrs Levey was very proud of the enthusiastic way our students entered into the spirit of the carnival by going in as many events as physically possible throughout the day – no doubt all slept well that night!

There were some very impressive individual results and Talbingo Public School came 3rd overall, which is a great effort for our little school.

Special congratulations to our new Kindergarten children for their efforts on what was, after all, only their third day of school. Many thanks again to parents who came along and helped with supervision and support for our team.



Kindergarten 2011

Our new kindergarten students are settling well. This week they have been learning their numbers from 1 to 5 and practising how to write them.

