

TALBINGO PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome

It is great to see all the students and staff back at school for another great year of learning. In particular, we welcome Anson, Claire and Mia to Kindergarten. Anson and Mia attended our transition program last year, so are already familiar with most school routines and Claire is also settling in well, having moved to Talbingo during the holidays.

This year Mrs Levey will be at school every day. Mrs Pullen will be teaching on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday of the even weeks. Mrs Dean will teach on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the odd weeks and at other times as needed. Mrs Germantse will be in the office each Monday and alternate Fridays (odd weeks). Mrs Knox will be in the office each Thursday. Mrs Zimmer will be assisting Mrs Levey in the classroom on Fridays in the even weeks.

Swimming Lessons

Don't forget our swimming lessons start next week. Parents are to arrive at school to collect their children at 11.30am to drive to the Tumut Swimming Pool. The lessons will take place between 12.30 and 2.30pm, with lunch being taken between lessons.

Music Lessons

Last year our P&C confirmed that they would be contributing half of the costs for our music program this year. All students will be learning the keyboard with parents only required to pay half the cost of the lessons due to the generosity of the P&C. Lessons will commence on Monday, 1st February and invoices for Term 1 lessons will be issued shortly. Parents will be invoiced \$52.50 per student per term.

Uniform Order

If you would like to order any uniform items (summer or winter) please return the attached order form to the office by Friday, 12th February 2016. Payment with the order is preferred, however, if you would like to order but will have difficulty in meeting this deadline please see Mrs Levey or Mrs Germantse as soon as possible. The school does keep a small stock on hand – please check with Mrs Germantse or Mrs Levey if you need something urgently. Some secondhand items also available.



Our new Kindergarten students, Claire, Anson and Mia enjoyed some Maths activities on their first morning at school.

Diary Dates

Week 2 – Beginning Monday, 1st February	
Tuesday	Swimming Lessons
Thursday	Swimming Lessons
Week 3 – Beginning Monday, 8th February	
Tuesday	Swimming Lessons
Wednesday	Swimming Lessons
Thursday	Swimming Lessons
Friday	Small Schools Swimming Carnival, Tumbarumba
Week 4 – Beginning Monday, 15th February	
Thursday	Principal's Conference
Friday	Principal's Conference

New Bell Times

The school timetable has changed this year. The bell will still ring at 9.00am to start the school day, and at 3.00pm to finish the school day, however, there are some slight changes to the school's daily routine.

9.00am	Morning Bell – Lessons commence
10.00am	Morning Recess
10.15am	Fitness
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Assembly/Jobs
2.15pm	Afternoon Nibbles (fruit break)
2.30pm	Lessons
3.00pm	Afternoon Bell – lessons conclude

Attendance

Although lessons commence at 9.00am students are able to arrive at school any time from 8.30am. Please note that there is no supervision for students prior to 8.30am.

There is a strong link between attendance and academic success: every day counts towards your child's learning. Attending school each day also promotes better peer group relationships. Parents are required to provide a written explanation for all student absences.

Generally the coming to school, and going home, routines of our students are well known to staff. Please remember that if you have arranged for your child to go home with someone else, you need to notify the school in writing – or by phone if circumstances have changed during the day. If the office is unattended, teaching staff will have the school mobile phone in the classroom.

Afternoon Nibbles

As recess and lunch are now earlier students will have a short break in the afternoon to have a fruit snack. This snack needs to be something healthy that can be eaten quickly and easily: suitable items include fruit, carrot and celery sticks and cheese for example.

