



TALLIMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL

"A LITTLE SCHOOL ACHIEVING BIG THINGS!"

Monday 2nd February, 2015
WEEK 1 TERM 1

Welcome for 2015 IMPORTANT DATES

Week 2

Tue 3 Feb Deb at P6 Principal's Meeting
Welcome Alix Grinter
Kate Quade Teacher in Charge (TIC)
Wed 4 Feb Library
Thurs 5 Feb First Middle School 2015
Kate Quade attending with students
Fri 6 Feb Swimming Carnival

Week 3

Wed 11 Feb Library
Thurs 12 Feb Middle School
School Planning Training Griffith Deb
& Kate to attend
Welcome Alix Grinter
Friday 13 Mar Life Education Van visit
Family BBQ 5.30pm at the Hall

CORRESPONDENCE

Local Walking Permission note
Permission to Publish Permission note
School Swimming Carnival Permission note
Swimming for Sport Permission note
Middle School Permission Note for Year 5 & 6
Road Safe Ready Flyer

Principal's Message

What a wonderful start to the new term it was last week to meet so many eager and happy children. I would like to thank all of the children and staff for making me feel so welcome and in helping me find my way around.

I do apologise as this is a rather large newsletter with so many items I need to communicate with you. The newsletter is our main form of communication to parents and carers and is sent home weekly with the eldest child in the family. There is a notice board of events at the front of the school for anyone wishing to view. If parents have any concerns regarding their child's progress, they are welcome to contact the school to make an appointment with the classroom teacher.

I will be attending a P6 Principals network meeting this Tuesday. We welcome Miss Alix Grinter who will be working with the Primary class. Mrs Kate Quade will be the teacher in charge should you have any queries. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Brad Russell. Mr Russell has recently been appointed as the Director, Public Schools NSW, Griffith Network, taking over from Mrs Lilian Dowell.

The staff and students of Tallimba Public School were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Nicholas Elton, Mrs Kate Quade's father. Our thoughts are with Kate, Martin, Sam and Georgie during this time. We also send our sincere condolences to the Petrie family on the passing of Mrs Esther Petrie's Grandmother. Our thoughts are with Esther, Steve, Isabella, Oliver, Abigail and Isla during this time.

A person who never made a mistake
never tried anything new.
Albert Einstein

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Congratulations

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2015

School Captain: Kate Kitto
Talmore Captain: Darcy Inwood
Buralyang Captain: Luke Thompson



Welcome NEW KINDERS & Mrs Morden



Assembly

A small assembly, run by the School Captain and assisted by Year 6 students will be held twice a term, once in Week 5 and Week 10. Parents and community members are invited to attend these assemblies to help celebrate the achievements the students have been making during the term.

Absenteeism Notes

Written notes are required by law for an absence or to leave school grounds (visit to doctors, dentist, family reasons). Please ensure the school is notified in a timely manner regarding any absence, emails are accepted.

Medication at School

The only medication to be administered at school is to be prescribed by a doctor. If it is necessary for a pupil to receive prescribed medication during the day, parents/caregivers must clearly label the medication with the child's name, the dosage and time to be taken. All medication **must** be taken to front office at the beginning of the school day, where it will be safely stored and administered. This should be sent in original packaging with the doctor's instructions.

Middle School

Students in Year 5 and Year 6 begin the Middle School Program this Thursday 5th February at West Wyalong High School. This is an excellent opportunity for students to make a smooth and successful transition into High School and is a highly regarded program for our district. Please carefully read the letter attached to this week's Newsletter. Mrs Kate Quade will be accompanying the children on their first visit. Kate will meet the students as they arrive at the high school off their buses.

Swimming Carnival

The Tallimba Public School Swimming Carnival will be held next Friday 7th February 2014. The teachers will meet students at the pool at 9.15am ready for the first race at 9.30am. The day will begin with the 100m Open Championship followed by age races, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, individual medley and relays. Parents are more than welcome to join us at the pool and assist with the running of the carnival.

Best Start

Best Start assessment will begin next Wednesday 4th February for our Kindergarten students. Parents will be contacted by Mrs. Kate Quade with further details.

No Hat No Play

A reminder that Tallimba Public School supports a "no hat no play" in the sun policy. Children are requested to wear a broad brimmed hat in the playground. Children who do not have a hat will be supervised in the COLA. Hats may be purchased from the P&C uniform supplies or via the front office at a cost of \$8.50.

School Lunches

During this hot weather all students are encouraged to keep their school lunch in the refrigerator in the staffroom. This keeps food cool and safe from birds. All children are supervised during fruit break and first lunch, however we encourage all children to be responsible for their lunch boxes and eating their own lunch. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Library Borrowing

This term library borrowing will be on Wednesday afternoons. Each child is asked to bring a bag to protect school books and return them each Monday. Thank you.

Art Smocks/Clothing

We are looking for donations of old shirts or t-shirts that could be used as paint smocks. Also any size 4-10 children's clothing that your child may have grown out of such as t-shirts, shorts, tracksuit pants etc that could be stored at school in case of an emergency.

Music

Music lessons with Denise Krause will start tomorrow, Tuesday 3rd February at 12.30pm in the Creative and Practical Arts room. If you would like your child to have piano lessons please contact Denise on 69757636 to arrange a time.

Family BBQ

Tallimba Public School Staff and P & C will be hosting a Meet and Greet BBQ at the Tallimba Community Hall 5.30pm Friday 13th February 2015. Please bring a salad or desert to share.

Newsletter Adds

West Wyalong Junior Netball Disco

Friday 6th February

S & C Club

\$4 entry

Junior Superhero Themed disco (all ages up to year 6)

5pm – 7pm

Prizes for best dressed & Glow sticks for 50c

Senior Disco (Year 7 – 12)

7.30pm – 9.30pm

Lots of Local Store vouchers up for grabs

Backpacks and large bags must be left with a supervisor

Department News

2015 homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

Find out more <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips>

Doing well in class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one>

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school>

Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/smart-foods-to-boost-learning>



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Local Walking Excursions

Every year children are expected to attend a number of walking excursions from the school, these include but are not limited to, 'Clean Up Australia Day', Cross Country Carnivals, functions at the Community Hall where the children may leave school grounds supervised by staff or a responsible community member. It is a legal requirement that we have written permission from a Parent or Legal Guardian for each student to do so. This permission note covers all such excursions for the school year 2015. Please complete and return the attached note to school as soon as possible.

Kind regards
Deb Morden
Principal

Local Walking Excursions

I give permission for my child/children _____ to attend local walking excursions, supervised by staff or a responsible community member for the school year 2015.

Signed _____

Dated __ / __ / __ .



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Permission Letter for Publication of Students' work or Photographs on Websites, School Newsletters, School DVD's and Newspapers.

I am writing to request your permission for photographs of your child/ren to be taken during school activities. If photographs are taken, this would be for the purpose of educating students, promoting the school, promoting public education or recognising their achievements. I am also seeking your permission for the school to publish photographs and/or samples of your child's work.

If you give your permission, the school may publish photographs of your child and/or samples of work done by your child in a variety of ways. The publications could include, but are not limited to, school newsletters (online and in hard copy), Department of Education and Training Internet or Intranet websites, school annual magazines and local newspapers. If published, third parties would be able to view the photographs and work samples.

If you sign the attached form it means that you agree to the following;

1. The school is able to publish photographs and images of your child and samples of your child's work as many times as it requires in the ways mentioned above.
2. Your child's photograph may be reproduced either in colour or in black and white.
3. The school will not use your child's photograph or samples of your child's work for any purpose other than for the recognition and education of students, or for the general promotion of public education and the school.

This consent, if signed, will remain effective until such a time as you advise the school otherwise.

Kind Regards

Deb Morden

Principal

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Parent/Carer _____

Signed _____

Dated __/__/__.



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School Swimming Carnival

All children, Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in the Tallimba Public School swimming carnival at West Wyalong swimming pool on Friday 6th February from 9.30am until 2:30pm.

Travel to and from the West Wyalong Swimming Pool will be by private transport. Anyone who is unable to transport their children, please contact the school and further arrangements can be made. As all staff will be involved in this activity there will be no supervision at school so all children must travel to the pool where non participants will be supervised.

Students will need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, sunhat, and a t-shirt as well as a plastic shopping bag for wet clothing. Please apply sunscreen to your children before they leave home. Sunscreen will be available to reapply throughout the day. Each child needs to bring their own water bottle, recess and lunch. If you wish, children can purchase their lunch from the canteen which will be in operation throughout the day. Please order at the beginning of the day if ordering from the canteen.

At the conclusion of lunch there will be a presentation. The first competitor from each event aged 8 years or older and competently swimming 50 metres or more will qualify for Lower Lachlan District Swimming Carnival to be held on Wednesday 18th February 2015 at Lake Cargelligo.

Children are encouraged to show their support for their house – either Talmore (RED) or Buralyang (BLUE) by dressing in house colours.

The cost of entry to the swimming pool is \$2 per Tallimba Public School student. Parents and family members are more than welcome to attend for the duration of the day and assist staff with the running of the carnival. If your child wishes to remain at the pool after the swimming carnival they must be under your direct supervision.

Kind Regards
Deb Morden
(Principal)

Swimming Carnival

I give permission for my child (ren).....
to attend the West Wyalong Swimming Pool on Friday 6th February, 2015 to participate in the Tallimba Public School Swimming Carnival. I understand that the cost of this activity is \$2 per Tallimba student and that I will be transporting my child/ren to and from the West Wyalong Swimming Pool.

Signed..... Date.....



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Swimming For Sport Permission Note

Your child will be participating in Term 1 swimming activities for sport beginning Friday 20th February 2015 and continuing until Friday 6th March 2015.

The children will depart from school by bus for West Wyalong Swimming Pool after eating lunch at 12:30pm and return to school at 2.55 pm. in time to catch school buses home.

At the pool the children will be supervised by Mrs. Morden, Mrs Quade, Mrs Westaway, and Mrs Sutton. Mrs Westaway is Austswim accredited. As all staff will be involved in this activity there will be no supervision at school, so all children must travel to the pool where non swimmers will be supervised.

Students will need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, sunhat and a t-shirt as well as a plastic shopping bag for wet clothing. School bags can remain at school. Please apply sunscreen to your children before they leave home, however, it will be reapplied before swimming. Please do not allow your children to wear their swimsuits to school under their uniforms.

The cost of entry to the swimming pool is \$2 per person per week. This fee has been heavily subsidised from school funds and by the P&C. Entry for school groups includes the use of the slide. If your child wishes to remain at the pool after swimming lessons they must be under your supervision. Please notify the school if you will be collecting your child/ren from the swimming pool.

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Swimming Permission Note

I give permission for my child (ren).....
to travel by bus from Tallimba Public School to West Wyalong Swimming Pool Friday 20th February 2015, Friday 27th February 2015 and Friday 6th March 2015, after lunch during Term 1, 2015. I understand that the cost of this activity is \$2 per person per week.

Signed

Date:.....



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Middle School

The state and nationally recognised Middle School program is operating from West Wyalong High School. This program has been designed to offer your child a range of educational, social and intellectual benefits that would not ordinarily be available to children in small schools such as Tallimba Public School.

Expert tuition by trained teachers in specialist rooms for subjects such as music, art, P.E. design and technology (food, wood, metal) agriculture and science is part of the program. Participation in larger classes with children the same age as your child provides social development with peers that your child may attend High School with in the near future and which is not available in our small school.

The children are significantly exposed to a much larger school environment allowing them to acclimatize to ordering and using a canteen, a greater exposure to a variety of teachers, the layout of the High School and the general organisation such as returning permission notes, rollcall and playground etiquette.

Incorporated in the Middle School for Tallimba children is a literacy and numeracy enrichment program with English and Mathematics teachers and supported by Tallimba staff every Thursday morning.

This program is provided at nil cost to you and your child. As a consequence of this program your child may have to leave home each Thursday a little earlier than other days and arrive home a little later as they travel the regular High School bus services.

The Middle School program for Tallimba Public School will begin Thursday 5th February, 2015. If you would like any further information about this program please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind Regards
Deb Morden
Principal

Middle School

I give permission for my child..... to participate in the Middle School program for 2015.

Signed..... Date.....