

Toomelah Public School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 3

Tuesday 7 February 2012

Principal: Mr Paul Sortwell

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Welcome back

Yesterday (Monday) was the first day back for all students in Years 1-6. Our kindergarten students start big school tomorrow (Wednesday).

On behalf of the entire school staff, I welcome all students, parents and community as we start a new school year.

New Staff

We welcome the following new staff at Toomelah PS:

- Jocelyn Robinson – Teacher
- Maree Daskey – Teacher
- David Becroft – Teacher.

2012 Classes

We have three classes this year:

- K/1 Red Teachers: Karon Lindner, Erin Littlewood and Jocelyn Robinson.
Support staff: Rene Armstrong and Sue Watt.
- 2/3 Black Teachers: Sharlene Deamer, Jill Englert, Maree Daskey and David Becroft.
Support staff: Melinda Jarrett and Dexter Craigie.
- 4/5/6 Yellow Teachers: Beatrice Torrens, Tracy Pearce and David Becroft.
Support staff: Stephen Edwards and Dorothy Cubby.

Meet Your Child's Teacher

We will be holding a meet the teacher session this Thursday from 2:45pm until 3:15pm. This is a chance for parents to get to know their child's teacher. We hope to see you then to establish a strong relationship – we need your positive support to achieve great things in your child's education.

Macintyre Swimming Carnival

We will be sending a small team to this swimming carnival on Tuesday 21 February at Goondiwindi Town Pool.

School Uniform

All students are expected to wear the school uniform everyday – red polo shirt and black shorts. Appropriate footwear is also part of the uniform. It is not acceptable for students to be at school in bare feet for health and safety reasons. The school uniform can be purchased from the office. Shirts \$10 and shorts \$10.

No Hat No Play

All students have been issued with a hat. We hope these hats will stay at school. Students cannot play in the sun without a hat. Please support this policy as it will protect your child's skin from the sun's harmful rays.

Attendance

Please remember if your child is away from school for any reason they are required by law to bring in a note explaining their absence. Please do this as soon as possible after the absence so that we can update our records.

School starts at 8:30am. Please ensure your children are at school by this time. Arriving at school after 9am means your children are late and this will be recorded on their attendance record.

Kids with good attendance are special! In Term 1, every student with full day attendance of 93% or better (must also have less than 4 partial absences) over the entire term will receive a Nintendo DS game system. The class with the best average attendance will win a Wii game console and games to use all year long.

School Rules

We have four school rules that all students are expected to follow and comply with at school and when representing the school at excursions and sporting events:

1. We do not swear or threaten others.
2. We do not hurt others.
3. We listen to and follow all directions.
4. We look after all property.

Excursions

This year there will be no cost for excursions or sporting activities. Any excursion or sporting activity that includes an overnight stay will cost only \$10 per student. This is to ensure all students can access these wonderful activities. We hope to have 100% participation on all excursions this year!

Football Coach and Football Team Manager – The Help of Parents is Needed!

We are looking for one or two parents to coach and manage our school football team. We know there is a lot of football talent in the community. Please help our boys participate in the outback challenge and Ricky Walford Shield in Walgett. If you would like to volunteer – Please see Mr Sortwell or Aunty Sue.

Parent Helpers Needed!!!!!!

All classes would love to see some parents coming up to the school each day to hear children read books. We will provide all the necessary training. A spare 30 minutes each day is all that we ask for!

Break-ins Over the Holidays

The school sustained many break-ins over the Christmas school holidays. Sadly, the school looks really sad at the moment with windows boarded up and holes in walls. The school holds no cash or any food so we don't know why we are targeted all the time. There will be no Yarn-Ups until the Community Room is repaired. We hope that Yarn-Up can re-start later in the term, if there are no further break-ins.

Break Times for Students

11am	Morning tea starts
11:30am	Morning tea ends
1:10pm	Lunch starts
1:40pm	Lunch ends

WE  **TOOMELAH PS!**
HELP US TEACH OUR KIDS TO BE STRONG & SMART!