Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Tolga State school 2016 year.

First important message is that our classes for 2016 have been set at this time of writing and our teachers and students are now able to settle.

We welcome 5 new teaching staff – Ms Monique Schwartz (Yr 5/6), Mrs Juanita Fisher (Yr 4A), Mrs Rebecca Nielsen joins our support staff with Mr Allan Fraser and Ms Belinda Johnston is the Deputy Principal.

Parents is it most important that as children come to school that all children should initially start in the undercover area. This means even if you bring them to school it is important to accompany them to the undercover area to wait until 8.30 am when the teachers will generally open their classrooms for access. Teachers will then come to the undercover area to let the supervisors know that the classroom is open. If you have made an appointment with a teacher to occur before 8.30am then you are welcome to wait at the classroom. If you need to send your child to school before this time, unless on the bus, then a conversation with the Principal or Deputy Principal should occur so that we can outline to you and your child where they should be until teachers are at school and people are on duty in the morning.

Children should not be playing on school playgrounds nor using school sports equipment before school or bring their own from home. Belongings from home can be broken or lost and are unable to be replaced.

Teachers will be conducting parent/teacher class meetings in the next couple of weeks. Teachers will inform you through letters as dates are set.

The P&C achieved air-conditioning in 5 classrooms over the holidays and the students and teachers are certainly enjoying the cool air. As well I am sure everybody has noticed the new roofed area in the front of the school. We will be gaining some new seating and also erecting new outdoor notice boards which have been stored at school – The new pathway through an internal garden has been finished and the next part will be to plant some new vegetation – hopefully this will be completed by the Easter break.

The other terrific news is the school is now sewered and the grounds have been rectified which has given the children some extra space to play during lunch breaks.

I know that you are all aware of the advertising of the “one punch can kill” – at school we are very aware of this concept and will be taking steps to inform parents of such incidences and depending on the degree of seriousness of what has occurred, consequences can range from detention to suspension. With your help we can make these incidences cease! This year is also the time that we will be reviewing the Responsible Behaviour Plan – as we become ready to do this review we will be asking parents to be involved in the process.

The first P&C meeting is next Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the community room of the Resources Centre. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the second Monday in March.

I hope everybody has had a good start to the school year.

Regards,
Kayleen Wright

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Dear Parents,

The Dental Van is currently at Tolga for a period of time.

Our service has recently changed its delivery method and we no longer distribute Medical History forms via the school classrooms. Parent’s MUST also attend ALL primary school appointments with us no longer able collect the children from class for a check-up/treatment.

Please call the central booking centre on 1300300850 or 0407599670 for Tolga SS if you would like a check-up for your children.

New eligibility now allows the service to treat all children from the ages of 0 to 18 years. Any child is eligible. Health Care Card, Pensions cards no longer required and the children don’t have to be attending a school.

We are also able to process the $1000 CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEME as this helps to improve our local Oral Health Service. This is all bulk billed so there is no money exchanged.

Please call us today.

Thanks

The Dental team.

HEAD LICE

It has been reported in more than one class that head lice has been detected. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could check your children’s heads.

A Head Lice information sheet can be picked up from the schools office if needed.