



Tolga State School

# Newsletter

SAFETY - RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY

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## 2025 CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS



**STUDENT PROCEDURES SEE PAGES 10–12**

### School Calendar

Easter Hat Parade see page 4	04/04
Last day of Term 1 FRIDAY	04/04
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	21/04
First day of Term 2 TUESDAY	22/04
Yr6 TEEC Camp	22/04 to 24/04
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	25/04
ANZAC Day Parade Atherton	25/04
P&C Mother's Day Stall E Block	07/05 to 08/05
'Do it for Dolly' Day Wear Blue & gold coin donation see page 7	09/05
P&C Meeting 6:30pm Tolga Hotel Meeting Room	12/05
School Photos	15/05
TSS Athletics Days	04/06 to 06/06



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### A LITTLE REMINDER!

- ♦ Last Day of School 4th April
- ♦ Term 2 Week 1 school days  
Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday  
23rd, Thursday 24th of April
- ♦ Public Holidays 21st & 25th

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Staff, Students, Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Term 1- done and dusted! I wanted to acknowledge our Prep students for a wonderful start to their schooling and for all the great learning that they have been engaged in and achieved. I am always amazed how much growth occurs during these early parts of students' lives and I want to thank our Prep Teachers for their patience, guidance, love and care as they have settled our new students into school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my wonderful staff for their ongoing commitment and efforts for the students and each other here at Tolga State School. I am sure that I am not alone in wishing them all a well-deserved Easter break.

The first week back next term will be a short week with only 3 days. Our Year 6 students will be attending camp out at Tinaroo. We wish them a wonderful time and hope that they continue to learn and grow into the leaders and seniors of our school. Keep an eye out on Facebook for updates.

This year Tolga State School will once again participate in the community ANZAC parade. This event will be occurring in Atherton on Friday 25th April. We will confirm details as soon as they are released but it would be wonderful to have as many students attend this community event as possible. Last year it was rather hot, so we suggest bringing a water bottle as well as students in full school uniform, including hats. Stay tuned for more information regarding this event.

Lastly, we have welcomed Kylie Bartley to our staff this fortnight. Kylie is an experienced Head of Curriculum and joins our team twice a week. Kylie will work with staff and the leadership team on effective curriculum implementation, alignment of work, consistency of practice and building our capacity to ensure that we are focusing on student outcomes and improved practice. Welcome Kylie, we are excited to have you here.

I wish everyone a very safe and happy Easter holiday. Kids - don't forget to help out with the chores at home, make your beds and feed the pets. See you all back next term.

Yours in Education,

**Belinda Grose**

**Principal**



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Free, non-judgmental, confidential counselling

Phone, Email or WebChat  
1300 30 1300  
8am-10pm

parentline.com.au  
8am-9pm

Kids do better when parents feel supported



## **Prep-2 Easter Hat Parade**



Hats to be  
made at  
home and  
brought to  
school on  
the day.



**9.00am  
Friday 4th  
April**

**NEW!**

Categories for judging:  
Traditional  
Easter Fairytale  
Animal Kingdom



# Kiss and Go Zone



- Our Kiss and Go Zone is located on Main Street just beyond the designated bus zones
- Kiss and Go is only for dropping off your children
- It is not a parking area and your car should not be left unattended
- 2 minutes maximum time limit

## ***SCHOOL NEWS***



**PLEASE BE AWARE OF**

**OUR SCHOOL'S  
BUS ZONES  
AND LEGALLY  
ENFORCABLE ROAD  
SAFETY SIGNAGE**



# SCHOOL NEWS



Every day, young people across Australia experience the pain of bullying. For many, it's a constant emotional battle that impacts every area of their life.

**This is why [Do It For Dolly Day](#) is so important. On May 9, join us and speak up for those who can't.**

When you join us and go BLUE for Do It For Dolly Day, you help spark conversations — and speak up for those who can't — because we know bullying devastates lives, families, and communities.



**When you go BLUE, you're doing more than wearing Dolly Everett's favourite colour -**

You are making a difference for every voice silenced by bullying.

Your support raises awareness and vital funds for Dolly's Dream, helping to prevent other families from experiencing the devastation that bullying causes — and support them if it does.

Let's wave our blue flags, wear our biggest blue hats, and pull on our blue boots. Together we can be a voice for every child, every friend, every family and community.



# Tolga State School **School Photo Day!**

## Thursday 15th May



Order at [www.nqsp.com.au](http://www.nqsp.com.au)  
using shoot key: **WET986H6**

Sibling Photos can be ordered online  
(Please place sibling order by 12pm  
the day before photo day)

[info@nqsp.com.au](mailto:info@nqsp.com.au)

(07) 4035 5388

4/90 Aumuller St, Cairns





# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

At Tolga State School, we're proud to be a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school!

PBL is a research-backed approach that supports positive behaviour throughout our school. It helps improve student outcomes, boosts wellbeing for both staff and students, and reduces behavioural challenges.

We're all about creating a positive, supportive environment where everyone can thrive!

## STUDENT QUERY PATHWAY

What to do if I have a query or concern about my child?



### STEP 1. CONTACT CLASSROOM TEACHER

(A response will be received within 2 working days where possible)

Prep	lkgun0@eq.edu.au	Loren Gundersen
Prep/1	nduff20@eq.edu.au	Neeka Sullivan
Year 1	smorr74@eq.edu.au	Sandra Morris
Yrs 1/2	vbate3@eq.edu.au	Vicki Bates
Year 2	kmpar2@eq.edu.au	Kylie Pardon
Year 2	mhami164@eq.edu.au	Maree Hamilton
Year 3	amcor2@eq.edu.au	Anna Corcoran
Yrs 3/4	tharr446@eq.edu.au	Tania Hammond
Year 4	vcoll11@eq.edu.au	Victoria Collins
Yrs 4/5	gcame30@eq.edu.au	Gabi Cameron
Year 5	kklei41@eq.edu.au	Katrina Klein
Yrs 5/6	mxmol3@eq.edu.au	Mark Molloy
Year 6	jfish34@eq.edu.au	Juanita Fisher

### STEP 2. IF NOT RESOLVED - CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Email the office at [admin@tolgass.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@tolgass.eq.edu.au) and your request will be forwarded to the correct staff member for follow up and resolution.



## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

### What is PBL?

PBL is short for **Positive Behaviour for Learning**.

PBL is a plan for schools to



- be a positive place to learn



- teach students how to behave at school



- tell students when they do the right thing



- help students when they make mistakes



- work together with parents.

### To find out more about PBL

contact your school or [regional office](#).



# SCHOOL PROCEDURES

## STUDENT MEDICATION PROCEDURE

**If your child has a medical condition the school office needs to be made aware immediately, so we can best support your child.**

Students may require medication to manage ongoing health disorders or conditions, short-term illnesses or in a medical emergency. You may be requested by the office to provide documentation (see Table 2) to consent to the administration of medication where necessary, either daily or as needed. The **Administration of medication in schools** procedure has a variety of **authorisation forms** depending on the type of medication to be administered.

All medications, including those purchased over the counter (OTC) without a prescription (e.g. paracetamol or alternative medicines) are drugs or poisons and may cause side effects or adverse reactions. As such, state schools are required to have medical authorisation from a prescribing health practitioner to administer most medication to students. **No medication should be kept in a student's school bag without prior approval.**

**Medication should always be supplied to the school in its original container** with the internal packaging. The only time that medication may not be supplied to the school in its original container is when a pharmacist has used a dose administration aid (DAA).

**Medication is retained in a lockable and designated cabinet.** Authorised and trained staff, delegated by the Principal, will administer medication at the instructed time or in case of an emergency.

*Table 2: Forms for administering medication at school*

Type of medication		Required form completed by parent	Required information completed by health practitioner	Appropriate record form
Routine	Short term	A	-	F
	Long term	A	-	F
As needed	Non-emergency response	A	B	G
	Emergency response	A	B / C / D	G
Diabetes Management	Routine, long term, and may also be: As-needed, non-emergency and potential emergency response	A	D and E	H

# ***SCHOOL PROCEDURES continued...***

Forms	Description
A. Consent to administer medication*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provides information for parent/carer about departmental requirements</li> <li>can be used for one (1) medication only</li> <li>allows parent/carer to consent</li> </ul>
B. Medication order to administer 'as-needed' medication at school*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provides information for parent/carer and prescribing health practitioner about departmental requirements</li> <li>allows prescribing health practitioner to provide the necessary information about administering 'as-needed' medication at school</li> <li>considered to be medical authorisation when signed</li> </ul>
C. Action Plan (for asthma or anaphylaxis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>developed by a prescribing health practitioner</li> <li>provides guidelines to safely manage a student's asthma or anaphylaxis</li> <li>considered to be medical authorisation when signed</li> </ul>
D. Other written instructions from the prescribing health practitioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>considered to be medical authorisation when signed</li> <li>could be a medication order, written letter or email</li> <li>needs to contain the same type of information found on a pharmacy label e.g. name, instructions, contact details</li> </ul>
E. Diabetes management plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>developed by a prescribing health practitioner/diabetes treating team</li> <li>provides guidelines to safely manage a student's diabetes</li> <li>requires additional medical order/written instructions (D) for insulin administration, signed by a prescribing health practitioner to provide medical authorisation</li> </ul>
F. Record of administration of medication at school (routine medication)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>allows staff to record administration of routine medication and to note any medication issues (1 medication per form)</li> <li>allows for recording of up to 2 doses of medication per day</li> <li>can be electronically amended if more doses required per day</li> <li>prompts staff about best practice processes</li> </ul>
G. Record of administration of medication at school ('as-needed' medication)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>allows staff to record any administration of 'as-needed' medication</li> <li>allows emergency services and parent/carer contact to be recorded</li> <li>prompts staff about best practice processes</li> </ul>
H. Record of administration of medication at school (insulin)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>allows staff to record the student's glucose level, carbohydrates, food/drink consumed and the unit of insulin administered.</li> </ul>

# ***SCHOOL PROCEDURES continued...***

## ***STUDENT ABSENCE PROCEDURES***

At Tolga school we expect all students to attend school on all school days. **Every day at school does count.** Parents or guardians of students who are absent must inform the school of their student's absences. Parents/Caregivers will be sent a text message if the student's absence is unexplained.

You can reply to the text message. If a reason for the student's absence is not provided, this is assigned the Absence Reason Code of U – Unexplained and will be recorded on the student's attendance and report card.

### ***If your child is absent from school:-***

- Phone the School Absence Line 4089 5166 and leave a message or
- Advise the absence via QParents or
- Reply to text message when received or
- Phone school office 4089 5111

Note: Parents need to apply for an exemption if their child/ren will be away for more than 10 consecutive school days. This application form is available for collection from the school office and needs to be approved by the Principal.

### ***If your child is leaving school early:***

- Phone the school office 4089 5111 to advise reason and time of collection from the office or
- Send a note with your child to the office with the reason and time of departure

Note: Your child will be present at the office at the prearranged time for collection. Your child must be sighted and signed out before leaving school grounds.

### ***If your child will arrive late to school (after 8:50am):***

- Phone the school office 4089 5111 to advise reason and expected time of arrival

Note: Your child must present to the office prior to going to the classroom to receive a late slip which will be given to the teacher on arrival to class.

Parents to ensure the safety of your children please make certain they understand afterschool pick up arrangements.

**Parent Pick Up is located under A Block on Main Street.**

**Supervised until 3:20pm.**

If existing arrangements do change please ring the school office 4089 5111, before 2:30pm, so the message can be relayed to your child in plenty of time.

Please phone the school office or email [admin@tolgass.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@tolgass.eq.edu.au) any **changes to your contact details**. This includes home address, email address and IMPORTANTLY your contact home phone/work phone and mobile number/s. Also advise any changes for those listed as emergency contacts for your child/ren.



*P&C*

TOLGA STATE SCHOOL P&C

# Easter Raffle

\$2 EACH  
OR  
3 FOR \$5

DRAWN AT THE  
EASTER BONNET  
PARADE  
FRIDAY 4TH OF  
APRIL



TICKETS AVAILABLE  
FROM THE TUCKSHOP  
OR  
TEXT SHEREE ON  
0417637584  
FOR BANK DETAILS IF YOU WOULD LIKE  
TO DIRECT DEPOSIT  
(EFT ALSO AVAILABLE AT TUCKSHOP)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



**Tolga State School P&C**

# Guess How Many Easter Eggs In The Jar!

**Winner  
announced at the  
Easter Bonnet  
Parade  
Friday 4th April**

**See the lovely  
Tuckshop Ladies to  
take your guess**

**.50c per guess**



**Closest  
guess wins  
the jar**



# TUCKSHOP TALK



## TOLGA STATE SCHOOL P&C TUCKSHOP MENU

FIRST (BIG) LUNCH: 11:00AM  
SECOND LUNCH: 1:20PM



TOLGA STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP & P&C

### MONDAY

Croissants \$5.50

### TUESDAY

Sushi, Chicken or Vege \$5.50

### WEDNESDAY

Burgers! Chicken or Beef \$7.00

### THURSDAY

Taco's \$5.50

### FRIDAY

Hot Diggity Dogs! \$6.00

### FRESH FOODS

Salad Bowl	From \$4.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$7.50
WRAPS	\$7.50
-Sweet Chili chicken: tenders, salad & Philly cheese.	
-Caesar: tenders, egg, bacon, lettuce, Caesar dressing.	
SANDWICHES-White Wholemeal	\$3.50
GLUTEN FREE BREAD- \$1.20 extra	
Extras: Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot, Cheese, Corn	\$5.00
Extras: Ham, Salami	\$1.00
Extra: Chicken	\$2.00
Extras: Salad Dressing/Mayo/Sweet Chili	\$4.00
Get your Sandwich TOASTED at no extra charge!	

### DRINKS

Plain Milk 300ml	\$3.00
Bottled Water	\$2.50
Milk Popper (Chocolate, Strawberry)	\$3.00
Juice Popper	\$3.00
Plain Milk 300ml with Flavoured Straw*	\$3.50
Flavoured Milk 300ml (Chocolate or Strawberry)	\$3.50
*Straw flavours to choose from: (when available): Choc Mint, Chocolate, Strawberry, Cookies & Cream, White Chocolate, Caramel, Marshmallow, Vanilla	

### HOT FOOD

Sausage Roll	\$4.50
Beef Lasagne	\$6.00
Meat Pie	\$5.50
Fresh Beef Pasta + Garlic Bread (gluten free available)	\$7.00
Pizza	\$5.00
Sauces (Tomato, BBQ) 40c Spork 10c	

### SNACKS!

Apple Slinky or Boiled Egg	\$1.50
Chocolate Muffin	\$2.00
Frozen Bulla Yoghurt	\$3.50
Frozen Yoghurt Twisted Watermelon	\$3.50
Gingerbread Student	\$3.50
SNACK PACK (Lamington Cheese Crackers & Sultanas)	\$4.00
Donut's	\$4.00

### BIRTHDAY BUCKET

An Ice Block for the Birthday Student's whole class \$15.00  
Please order by 4pm the day prior 😊

ORDERS CAN BE MADE ONLINE VIA THE FLEXISCHOOLS APP OR WEBSITE

(BY 8:30AM FOR SAME DAY ORDERS)  
OR CASH OVER THE COUNTER

MON/TUES/WED/THURS/FRIDAY 8:30AM - 1:30PM



Place lunch orders from your iPhone or iPad! Find us in the App Store.



**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**

KEEP UP TO DATE ON FACEBOOK OR THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

CONTACT US! 07 4089 5111

TOLGASTUCKSHOP@GMAIL.COM

### P&C GENERAL MEETING

ALL WELCOME

6:30pm, Monday, 12th May

Venue: Tolga Hotel Meeting Room



## TOLGA STATE SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS (P&C) ASSOCIATION



### UNIFORM SHOP

Orders can be made Online via the FLEXISCHOOLS App or Website (by 4:00pm for Next Tuckshop Day Pickup) or Cash/efpos over the Tuckshop counter Monday-Friday 8:30am - 1:30pm.

### UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE:

Purple School Shirt (Size 4-18)	\$40.00	Hair Ties (Variety Colours)	\$5.00
Sports Shirt (Tandara Green or Tinaroo Blue) (Size 4-18)	\$40.00	Chair Bags (One Size)	\$12.00
Black Shorts (Size 6-14)	\$28.00	Library Bags (One Size)	\$14.00
Black Skorts (Size 4-12)	\$28.00	Headphone Bags (One Size)	\$10.00
Black & Gold Jacket (Size 4 only)	\$10.00	Old Style Sports Shirts (Size 4-18)	\$10.00
Black Fleece Jumper (Size 6-14)	\$35.00		
Hats (Size M&L)	\$20.00		

**WHAT WE DO** Tolga State School's Parents and Citizens' (P&C) association works in partnership with our school's principal, our student parents and the community to promote the interests of the school, and facilitate its development and further improvement, to achieve the best possible outcomes for students!

We are able to provide feedback and advice on school policies and activities, assist in providing resources to enhance student outcomes and are involved in a variety of school activities including fundraising, school functions, our tuckshop and school uniform decisions, ordering and sales.

**HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED** We LOVE parents of students to be involved with your P&C and help shape the future of our school! Whether it's volunteering in the Tuckshop, fundraising, helping run events or putting forward ideas and suggestions it all helps!

We hold our meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month at 7pm - We look forward to welcoming you!



**CAMP AUSTRALIA 1300 105 343**

# Your OSHC.

Before and After  
School Care



## How to Enrol

Registering with Camp Australia is easy and free, and you can start booking into care as soon as you're set up.



## Save money with the Child Care Subsidy!

For eligible families, CCS could cover up to 90% of your childcare costs depending on your combined annual income!



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