



Calendar

December

Friday 1 December	Assembly - Kinder item 10am in the hall
	Charity Day 1pm-3pm
Friday 8 December	Presentation Day 9.45am in the hall - all welcome
Tuesday 12 December	Year 6 Farewell Christmas Scripture Service 11.15am - all welcome
Wednesday 13 Dec	P&C meeting 7pm at Calala Inn
Thursday 14 December	Class parties
Friday 15 December	Nemingha's Got Talent End of Term 4

2018

January

Monday 29 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30 January	Start of Term 1 for Years 1-6
30 and 31 January	Kinder Best Start assessments

February

Thursday 1 February	Start of Term 1 for Kindergarten students
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The Clothing Pool will be open tomorrow (Friday) from 9am-10am prior to the morning assembly

Uniform arrangements

Students are to wear **full uniforms** on Presentation Day, including black shoes.

Children are to wear their **sports uniforms** to school on Thursday, 7 December, to give parents an opportunity to ensure that uniforms are clean and ready for Presentation Day.

Sports uniforms are to be worn on Thursday, 14 December, when class parties and excursions will be held.

Friday 15 December (the last day of term) will be a **mufti day**, when students can wear party clothes.



Creativity on display

Everyone had a great time at the P&C's 5th Gingerbread House Night on Friday.

Twenty-three beautifully decorated houses left the school hall. We even had lots of lollies left over that have been donated to a Charity Day stall.



Why, why, why ...

Christopher Jackson, Principal

Last week I was talking about our focus for this term “Making the right choices”, and I started with the strategy of making a pros and cons list to help with the decision. Another strategy is analysing outcomes.

Working through a big decision can give us a kind of tunnel vision, where we get so focused on the immediate consequences of the decision at hand that we don't think about the eventual outcomes we expect or desire.

When making a choice, then, it pays to take some time to consider the outcome you expect. Consider each option and ask the following questions:

- What is the probable outcome of this choice?
- What outcomes are highly unlikely?
- What are the likely outcomes of not choosing this one?
- What would be the outcome of doing the exact opposite?

Thinking in terms of long-term outcomes – and broadening your thinking to include negative outcomes – can help you find clarity and direction while facing your big decision.

The other strategy I am going to talk about today is called the **Five Whys** technique invented by Sakichi Toyoda, the founder of Toyota. When something goes wrong, you ask “why?” five times. By asking why something failed, over and over, you eventually get to the root cause.

Why did your car stop? Because it ran out of petrol. *Why did it run out of petrol?* Because I didn't buy any petrol on my way to work. *Why didn't you buy any petrol this morning?*

Because I didn't have any money. *Why didn't you have any money?* Because I spent it buying shoes! *Why do you buy so many shoes?* **Because I LOVE shoes!**

See? Your car broke down because you have a fixation with shoes!

Although developed as a problem-solving technique, the **Five Whys** can also help you determine whether a choice you're considering is in line with your core values. For instance:

Why should I take this job? It pays well and offers me a chance to grow. *Why is that important?* Because I want to build a career and not just have a string of meaningless jobs. *Why?* Because I want my life to have meaning. *Why?* So I can be happy. *Why?* Because that's what's important in life.

Notice that you sometimes have to change how you ask “why” to keep the questions focused inward rather than outward to irrelevant external factors. It wouldn't do any good to ask “Why does this job pay well and offer me a chance to grow” since the important thing is that it does, not why it does.

Using the **Five Whys** is one way to determine which is the right choice to make. There are others which I will talk about next week.

‘Jingle all the way’

This week we saw Year 4 take over the kitchen.

The boys were quite the chefs, with lots of volunteers to stuff the roast chicken. The girls kept us entertained in the kitchen with their beautiful singing.

Year 4 took it upon themselves to decorate their tables with Christmas themed napkins and place settings. There was no grinch this week!



Opportunity to improve communication skills

THE Australian Speech Communication Association (ASCA) is an organisation which promotes and helps the development of oral communication and listening skills in educational, professional and social spheres.

Our school is looking at providing opportunities for children to participate in this program if there are enough children interested. At present we have four names.

Most of the program's requirements would be undertaken at home, with optional tutorial sessions with teachers at school during lunch breaks.

We plan to hold a workshop with one of the tutors from ASCA early next year with follow-up sessions during lunchtimes with staff.

There will be a cost, which will cover examination fees as all examiners come from Sydney.

Grade	Cost	Details
Junior Preliminary	\$45	5 mins Talk about a book, answer questions, recite poem
Junior Introductory	\$50	8 mins Tell a story, answer questions, recite poem, read a part of a story
Junior 1	\$55	10 mins Show an item, answer questions, recite poem, sight read a book
Junior 2	\$55	12 mins Recount story, answer questions, recite poem, sight read a book
Junior 3	\$60	15 mins Presentation, answer questions, recite poem, sight read a book
Junior 4	\$65	20 mins Project presentation, answer questions, recite poem, sight read a book

Each grade is based on Year levels starting with Kindergarten/Year 1 completing Junior Preliminary to Year 5-6 Junior 4, however this is not restrictive.

Please keep an eye out in the Newslink early 2018 for our workshop date.

For further information check out the ASCA website <http://asca-speech.org/>.

School Banking



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Our last day of banking for this year will be next Monday, 4 December.

Thank you to all the students who banked with us this year. Our numbers keep growing.

If you have received a reward selection form over the past few weeks, please fill it in and hand in to the canteen on Monday. We will organise for the prizes to be ready to hand out early next year.

A huge thank you to Jo, Michelle, Nikki, Karlie, and Dominique, who have volunteered their time on Tuesday mornings throughout the year. We couldn't continue the program without you.



We hope that you all have a happy and safe break, and we look forward to banking with you again next year.

What's cooking in the Canteen



There are only four more canteen days for 2017. As a result we will be limiting the purchase of any more stock. Hopefully we can provide the children with their lunch as ordered but we may start running out of some flavours of icy poles, drinks, etc.

The Chill J's are very popular at the moment. As of Monday this week we have a Groovy Grape flavour. They are available for \$2 each.

Reminder: The canteen will be closed on Friday 8 December – Presentation Day.

Thank you

Renaë Mumford, Canteen Manager
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The following notes have been sent home this week:

Students expressing an interest in music

Arrangements for private music tuition. Information required as soon as possible.

Years 1, 2, 5 and 6

End-of-year class parties on Thursday 14 December.

Permission note and money by Friday morning, 8 December



**NORTHWEST TENNIS ACADEMY
PRE CHRISTMAS CAMP**

Get that last-minute Christmas shopping done while the kids enjoy time with us at the Northwest Tennis Academy Christmas Camp. We will be running a camp for 4 days to entertain the kids who are looking for something to do. Heaps of fun to be had with coaching, games and lots more. All details posted to the right.



CAMP DATES
18/12/17 – 21/12/17

TIME
9am – 12pm DAILY

**COST - \$85 week
or
\$25 a day**

**Presentation &
party on last day**

**Christmas gift for
all kids on last day**

**NORTHWEST TENNIS
ACADEMY**

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**TAMWORTH CITY
SWIMMING CLUB**

2018 SWIM CAMP

Advance your child's swimming ability at an accelerated rate these school holidays by booking into the 2018 Sharks Swim Camp. The intensive program provides sessions for students to attend daily 30 minute lessons.

- Swimming sessions available for pre-school to school aged children across all levels
- Quickly improve children's confidence in and around water
- Children will be put into groups of similar ability (capped at 10 swimmers per group)
- With lessons fresh from the day before, swimming skills are reinforced over the course of the Camp
- Ideal for students wanting to progress to the next level

When: Week 1 Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th January 2018 (4 sessions)
Week 2 Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th January 2018 (4 sessions)

Where: Tamworth Olympic Pool, Kable Avenue Tamworth

Sessions: 9:00-9:30am, 9:40-10:10am, 10:00-10:50am, 11:00-11:30am

Cost: \$75.00 per week for 4 sessions

Contact Nicolas Monet (Head Coach TCSC) on 0438 805 957 or email coach@tcsc.org.au to arrange an assessment. Swimming assessments are conducted 4pm-5pm every Tuesday.

**Carols
under the Gums**

Sunday 17th December

Loomberah's Old Sports Ground

"Glenwood"

2033 Duri - Dungowan Rd. Loomberah

Cricket & Water Games

Music over dinner

(provided by the children of the community)

Meal

bring a cold meat, or salad or a sweet to share and your own drinks.

Cutlery and plates supplied.

BRING a chair, torch, glow bands and an item for the hamper to be given to a needy family.

Ask your neighbour and friend to join us at this celebration and the arrival of the Three Wise Men.

The night commences at 5pm and concludes on dark, 8.15pm

ENQUIRIES: KEVIN & JANELLE TONGUE: 0428 421 206

**'TIS
THE
SEASON
TO BE JOLLY
AT THE
PIALLAMORE
COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS PARTY
AT 6.30 ON 2 DEC 17**

**AT
PIALLAMORE
RECREATION
RESERVE**

Santa visiting at 7.30pm with Xmas Lollies

BBQ Sausages and Bring a plate to share

Come and enjoy with Friends, Family & Neighbours

Bring your own picnic set, chair & drinks

MERRY CHRISTMAS!