Ballina Cup Day
Mrs Latta spoke with Ballina Council on Friday 29th August. Approval for the Ballina Cup Day holiday (12pm-6pm) is yet to be approved by the minister. They hope to have an answer by the end of next week. We will plan for the holiday taking place and ask that you indicate your intention for this day on the attached note. We will keep you informed about the half day holiday. Please note we require ONE NOTE PER CHILD and if a non-parent is collecting your child, they must be over 18. Please return these notes to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Lake Ainsworth Camp
Progress payment may be made at any time towards the total amount of $165.

Footy Colours Day
The SRC will again be co-ordinating our participation in Footy Colours Day. Footy colours day aims to raise awareness of and funds for the Fight Cancer Foundation who utilise the money to support children and teenagers battling cancer. For a gold coin donation we will be wearing our favourite team jersey, on Friday, 5th September 2014. So no matter what code you support wear your jersey and donate.

Milo Cricket
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are participating in Milo Cricket on the 10th September. Please return all notes and the $5 to school as soon as possible. Payment is due by this Friday. Please see your classroom teacher or print from the school website if another note is required.

Concert Assembly
Don’t forget to mark your diary for the 18th September and come and join our Concert Assembly starting at 2pm.

Year 1H was a crowd favourite at the assembly held in Term 2 with their Teddy Bears Picnic presentation.
Equity Loading FOEI
Thank you to everyone who has updated their parent information. Extra forms have been provided today to the families we are yet to receive information from. Please read the information carefully, complete the forms and return them to the office before the end of term. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Interrelate
Year 4 will be participating in a one off workshop on ‘Where did I come from?’ on Monday 8th September. Year 5 will be participating in two sessions on ‘Minding me’ - Thursday 4th September and Monday 8th September. Year 6 will be participating in three sessions on ‘Moving into the teenage years’ on Thursday 4th September, Monday 8th September and Thursday 11th September.

Good Luck Harvey
We wish Harvey good luck as he participates in the State Golf Tournament next week. We look forward to hearing about his games.

This weeks song
This weeks song is ‘Kalimba’ by Mr Scruff and Ninja Tuna. It was chosen by Saoirse and Kayley because it is a really great song that makes them feel happy and they wanted to make everyone else feel happy to start the day.

Scripture
The school scripture policy is attached to this newsletter. Updated policies are being added to our school website. Please note if your child attends non-scripture, you can provide a workbook for them to use, a book to read or a book for them to draw in. Teachers are not permitted to teach lessons at this time.

Regional Athletics
Congratulations to Leon who competed in the 13 year old 100m race at the regional athletics carnival. Leon came 4th and missed out on competing in Sydney by less than a second.

Mrs Hambly
Due to a illness Mrs Hambly will be on leave this week. Mrs Hambly has taken Long Service Leave for Weeks 9 & 10. Mr Brett Layzell will be on Mrs Hambly’s class from this Thursday until Mrs Hambly's return on week one next term.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The PRC has closed for another year. This year we had 77 of our students complete the Challenge - which is around half of our students. Well done to you all! Certificates are usually made available to schools in early December, they will be distributed to students who completed the PRC once they arrive.

Library books
Thank you to everyone who has had a look for library books, paid a replacement cost for lost books or spoken to Ms Talbot about errors on the reminder notices. This has been a huge help in organising and updating the library records. Notices have been sent out again this week to keep working on the task of updating records. Please see or email (kristie.talbot@det.nsw.edu.au) Ms Talbot if errors remain. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Awards this week
Year K
Beau & Chloe
Year 1H
Summer & Jazmine
Year 1/2K
Kirra & Tilly
Year 2/3S
Fergus & Jacob
Year 4/5S
Beth & Zac
Year 5/6T
Belle & Jackson

ICARE Awards
Oscar
Charlotte

ICARE Medallions
Charlotte

P&C Vacant Positions
Currently we have two positions the P&C would like to fill.
1) Roll of Secretary: this role entails sorting incoming mail to relevant committees, take minutes at the P&C meetings then distribute.
2) Uniform Shop: Back up to Kath Murphy in the Uniform shop. This would be approximately one hour a week to assist with selling uniforms (no training needed). Please leave your name and number at the office if interested.

A big Thank You
The P&C would also like to recognise Sam Miller for her help over the years whether it be in the uniform shop, Country Fair, sports or special events. Sam you have given a lot of time and energy to our school which we all appreciate and we wish you and your family all the best for the future.

Best Regards,
Sara Remfrey
P&C President
We need your help!

Saturday 1 November

Name _______________________________________________
Phone________________________________________________
Email_________________________________________________

I would like to coordinate ____________________________ stall.
I can help on the ______________ stall.
from ___________to _____________o’clock
I can donate____________________________________________
I would like to help by __________________________________

Canteen helpers

Canteens are open every Friday and there are many more helpers needed if this is going to continue. Please let us know of a Friday that you would be willing to help us out.

Name ___________________________________________
Phone___________________________________________
Email____________________________________________
Date that I can help out________________________

Year 1H parent phone contacts

Donna Jaszewski is the 1H classroom parent. Donna is Fynn’s mum and would love to have a contact list so she can organise events and news via a phone tree or email list. If you are happy for Donna and other parents of 1H to have your contact details please return this slip to the office and it will be passed onto Donna.

Name ___________________________________________
Phone___________________________________________
Email____________________________________________

Second hand items for the Country Fair

It’s time to clean out the cupboards ...we need goodies to sell at the fair like, kitchenware, linen, ornaments, vases, pots, small furniture, tools, garden supplies, toys, board games, books, DVD’s, CD’s computer games... the list is really quiet endless...if you think it would sell at a garage sale then it will sell at the Fair! Please just no electrical appliances. These second hand stalls are always a winner with the crowd and result in a 100% profit. Please drop items off at the office so that they can start to be sorted and priced.
Special religious education (SRE) is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion by authorised representatives of that persuasion.

At Teven-Tintenbar Public School two courses are offered: Non-denominational and Ba’Hai.

This policy outlines:
1. The right of parents/caregivers under the Act to take this action
2. The responsibility of the school to provide information about courses if requested
3. Appropriate supervision or alternative studies

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS RIGHTS

In accordance with Section 33 of the Education Act, no child is required to receive any general religious education or special religious education if the parents/caregivers object. Objections should be made in writing to the principal of the school.

Section 26 of the Act provides for students to be exempt from attending classes at the request of parents/caregivers who conscientiously object on religious grounds to a particular part of a course of study.

Throughout the child’s schooling, parents/caregivers have the right to enrol their child in, or object to any form of SRE at any time, without being required to state any reason. Notification of any changes to enrolment in SRE or changes in persuasion should be given to the school in writing. This should be done through personal contact at the school office.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEVEN-TINTENBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

1. SRE is an integral part of school activities, taking place in school hours and under the jurisdiction of the school. Currently, lessons take place for half an hour on Tuesday afternoons.
2. TTPS supports SRE by ensuring that no formal lessons or scheduled school activities occur during time set aside for SRE. Such activities may create conflict of choice for some parents and for some students attending SRE.
3. At enrolment, our school records a specific religion or “No religion” on the enrolment record. Parents/caregivers will then be advised the nature of SRE at the school, including the religious persuasions providing SRE and the arrangements which will be made for those students whose parents/caregivers indicate that they are not to attend SRE.
4. Parents/caregivers will be advised annually of the organisation of SRE classes. This advice will inform the parents/caregivers of the religious persuasions that will be providing SRE for particular year groups.
5. Parents will be advised of any changed organisation and the availability of any new SRE class.
6. Only those persons authorised by approved religious persuasions may be involved in the provision of SRE.
7. The principal retains an overall supervision responsibility for the conduct of SRE. Class teachers are not required to attend SRE classes, but may, with the agreement of the SRE teacher, assist or remain in the classroom.
8. The school reserves the right to intervene in cases where it is necessary to maintain good order and conduct when an unreasonable disruption occurs to the school. The principal will pursue such matters with the relevant approved SRE providers and, if necessary, with officers of the Department of Education and Training.
9. The school is not responsible for and will not disseminate details of lesson content for SRE, but may indicate the name and method of contacting the approved provider or their local representative.
10. Student information is confidential and teachers of SRE will be provided with only the names of the students in their class and any special information, such as disability or special need, which might affect the behaviour or performance of particular students.

APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION OR ALTERNATIVE STUDIES

- In times set aside for SRE, students not attending will be separated from SRE classes.
- TTPS will provide appropriate care and supervision at school for students not attending SRE. This will involve students in other activities such as reading and private study. Work is to be provided by students or parents. This can take the form of books to read, drawing books, extra workbooks provided by parents. No work will be organised by class teachers and students will not have access to computers/internet during SRE lessons.
- These activities will neither compete with SRE nor be alternative lessons in the subjects within the curriculum or other areas, such as, ethics (except for approved ethics classes), values, civics or general religious education.
- Non-scripture will not be an opportunity for students to socialise. This contravenes the school’s support of SRE, noted in point 2 above.