

# TONGALA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# School Update October 16

Well, the first two weeks of Term 4 have flown past, with so much happening and fantastic learning taking place in all classrooms. This is always a busy Term, and 2026 is going to be no different, so please make sure you are keeping up to date with the Key dates.

## Grade 5/6 Camp

On Monday, our Grade 5/6 students, along with Mrs Pridham, Mrs Holyman, Darin Ohlsen and myself will be heading to Melbourne Camp on Monday for our three-day camp. The students will be visiting lots of places in Melbourne, including the MCG, Eureka Skydeck, O'Brien's Ice House for ice skating and Queen Vic Market, as well as travelling around on public transport. A fantastic experience for our students and they will no doubt make lifelong memories.

## Beersheba Day

Next Friday is our annual Beersheba service. This year our Grade 2-6 students will be in attendance, with many of our students involved in the service. The service starts with a parade at 1.30pm, followed by the official service. There will be some changes to lunch times on this day for those students attending.

## 2027 Transition

Our 2027 Foundation students have now had their first two visits, and we really love having them here each Friday morning. It was so pleasing to see them arriving with happy faces and really enjoying their time here. Thank you to Ms Hendriks, who is making this experience for our students such a rewarding and enjoyable time.

## Lawn Bowls success

Our Lawn Bowls team competed in the Regional Lawn Bowls tournament at the Moama Bowling Club on Wednesday. Again, our students represented the school extremely well and showed great skill and sportsmanship throughout. Tongala 1 went through the day undefeated and in a tense final, beat St Mary's Echuca 8-6, qualifying for the State Finals on November 11th in Deer Park. We wish them all the best, and thank Barry Cuttris and Pete, Bernie and Geoff Tinning for their guidance and coaching.

## 2027 Organisation

We are busily starting to organise what 2027 is going to look like and need to know if your family is intending on not being at Tongala PS from next year. This will allow us to cater appropriately and assist in class organisation. To support our students in their transition to 2027, the school has organised two Step Up sessions, prior to the statewide transition day on Tuesday, December 8. The start of the 2027 school year looks like the following:
27th January – Staff Return and office open.
28th January – Staff Professional Learning Day 1
29th January – Staff Professional Learning Day 2
1st February – All Students return.



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