

# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

**Mr Smith**

**How long have you been teaching?**

I have been teaching for eight and a half years.

**What do you think your baby's first word is going to be?**

Hopefully paradoxical...or just dadda!

**What is your favourite game to play with 5/6 Orange?**

Throw, throw, burrito

**What grades have you taught before year 5 and 6?**

I started with PE and then Science, then Year 4, then Year 3, they Kindy and Prep and then Year 6!

**By Emme Campbell & Aria Riley**

**Can you guess Mr Smith's baby's name?**  
**HINT!** It is a spice!



**Mr Marais**

**How long have you been teaching?**

I have been teaching for 16 years

**What was your first class that you taught?**

It was a 6/7 Class

**Why did you decide to become a sports teacher?**

I really enjoy playing sport and I love teaching kids about how to be healthy and strong and I love all the lessons you can learn through sport like resilience, perseverance, teamwork and leadership

**What was Tally like when you came here?**

When I started here the school was much, much smaller

**What was your inspiration for teaching?**

My main inspiration for teaching was seeing all of the benefits for being healthy and active.

**What is your favourite sport?**

As a PE teacher I love all sports but one of my favourites would have to be Rugby League.

**By Paige Hvass & Flora Sreder**

## ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

ANZAC Day is held annually on **25 April** and is a National Day of Remembrance in Australia and New Zealand commemorating all who served and died in war, conflict, and peacekeeping operations.

On the 24th of April Tallebudgera State School held their annual assembly in honour of those who served. It was a beautiful ceremony, and everyone was responsible and respectful.

Each class made a beautiful wreath and chose two people to lay it down at the assembly. It was a great honour for all the people who did it and they did it perfectly. The assembly was a success.



Then, on ANZAC Day, the leaders drove to Winders Park to perform the mid-morning march. Despite the threat of rain the leaders continued on, wanting to give back to the people who served.

In conclusion, ANZAC Day was a beautiful and a successful commemoration of those who served.

**By Hannah Lane**

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# The Tally Telegraph

2026, Term Two Edition

## WHAT'S TRENDING!

**By Araylia Mobilia**

**Find out about the latest fads and trends at Tally!**

I asked a few students across the year levels in term 2, 2026 at Tally, what they thought to be the biggest trends right now. They all said similar things...

**The top three are...**

**In third place**, Frank Green! Frank Greens are cute, customizable drink bottles! You can get them in, different colours, and sizes. Some of the main factors of why it is so popular are because you can get your name or initials engraved into the side of your bottle.



**In second place**, jelly cats! Jelly cats are a toy for all ages whether you are in Year 6 or in Prep, they are the best when you snuggle up on the couch and watch a movie. There are so many different colours, shapes, and sizes, such as bunnies, bears, dragons, and more.



And in **first place** the biggest trend and overall favourite is, drum roll please....

**Needoh!**



All the kids I asked said Needohs were the 'No. 1' trend right now. They are a common squishy that some kids use in class or at home. There are 11 different colour combinations, not including the colour changing options. Some Needohs are even set to different personalities, so no matter who you are, there is a Needoh for you.

## Meet our 2026 Preppies!

**By Lily Beckett, Henry Hemphill & Paige Hvass**

We interviewed a few Preps from each Prep class and asked them questions involving their favourite things about their school year so far. These were some of their responses. The most popular things that the Preps love to do are art, learning and playing with their friends. They also mentioned that they love their teachers very much.

**What is your favourite thing about Prep so far?**

Heidi (Prep Red) - "I love playing with my friend and my Prep buddies."

Owen (Prep Purple) - "I like playing sport and writing stories."

Sidney (Prep Blue) - "I like learning new things."

Elijah said that his favourite thing about Prep was learning.

Harlow said that her favourite thing about Prep was drawing.

Sylvie said that her favourite thing to learn was how to move like animals.

Safia said that her favourite thing to do in art was making princesses.

Charlie said his favourite thing to do in art was drawing the birds.

Spencer said his favourite thing to learn was how to read.

Gus said his favourite thing about Prep was playing with his new friends.

Bennet said his favourite thing to learn was letters.

Aimee said that her year has been good. Her teacher is Mrs Williamson, and her friends are Jonie and Hudson.

Hudson said that his year has been good. His teacher is Mrs Williamson and his friend is Harvey.

**Thank you to all the Prep teachers and Prep students for sharing their favourite things about Prep. Have a fun year!**



Where did  
chocolate come  
from?

# FACT OR

## HISTORY OF CHOCOLATE

### A really sweet read!

By Emme Cambell – Resident Historian

Long before the Europeans began the era of the chocolate bar, and the factories of Willy Wonka, the Mysterious Mayans and the Arcane Aztecs, found something that would change the world forever...

If you ever ask anyone what they know about chocolate, I can assure you, they will only say how delicious it is. These people don't understand the real beauty of chocolate. Today, I will show you how absolutely amazing chocolate actually is. Now, let's go up to Mars and through the Milky Way with chocolate.

#### THE EVOLUTION OF CHOCOLATE

Centuries before the first chocolate bar had evolved, the Mayans and Aztecs found an interesting discovery. Little did they know, this discovery would have a big impact on the world in the future. They had found the very first cocoa bean. They mixed and grounded it into a savoury beverage. It was extremely different to the sweet confection we know today. It was only available in a drink, as the first chocolate bar had not been invented yet. It was decidedly savoury, and unusually healthy. It provided a goodness that could only be collected while drinking chocolate.

Fast forwarding to the 18th century, where the birth of the chocolate bar finally takes place. Although primarily consumed as a drink, chocolate was also used in deserts and other sweet confections such as chocolate puddings and chocolate creams. But certain innovations in the 18th and 19th century would change the luxury sweet into the everyday confection we know today. Machines were constructed to grind the beans, saving chocolate makers from a ton of work.

In 1828 a Dutch chemist found a way to turn chocolate into a powder, which makes it easier to mix with water, and easier to digest. It was now able to be mass produced and finally more accessible.

In the mid-19th century, the amazing chocolate company Fry & Son developed chocolate into a smooth cream which was then poured into a mold and carefully set. This was a major milestone in the world. They had just created the first chocolate bar, designed for eating rather than drinking.

#### CHOCOLATE TODAY.

Chocolate now soars higher than any other eatables in the world. It brings joy to adults and children alike, with its colourful wrappers, creamy texture, and varieties of flavour. As you can see by this text, chocolate has an interesting history, from a savoury beverage in the 16th century, to a creamy chocolate bar in the 21st century. Today, we explored a particularly sweet story with chocolate, the world's best confection.



By Eli Topperwein

## JOKE CORNER

Why was Cinderella so bad at soccer?

She kept running away with the ball!

Why did the poo break up with the fart?

It was tired of all the hot air!

Knock Knock  
Who's there?

Tofe

Tofe Who?

Tofu? Yes Please!

# FICTION

## THE CHOCOLATE FAMILY

By Lena Splatt



Illustration by Eli Topperwein

The early morning sun shone through the bedroom window causing the kids to jump out of their beds. "What should we do today?" asked Chloe. Chloe and her brother Luke had been doing loads of things at home over the summer holidays, because their Mum was sick and their dad was a dentist who worked full time.

The two kids ran outside laughing as the wind blew their hair into their eyes. They ran to the creation that they had left drying in the sun yesterday. They stood there frowning. "It looks like dry mud, but it smells kind of good" exclaimed Luke. "Yeah" nodded Chloe. They stood there thinking for a while. "Maybe we should add some real food, I think there might be some things from breakfast on the table" Chloe said excitedly.

She hurried up the stairs to the house and so not to wake her mum up, she tiptoed into the kitchen. To her delight the sugar and milk were left out on the table. "I got them!" She yelled out to her brother as she stepped out the door. She ran back downstairs and they poured the milk and sugar into the pot and stirred it up. Their eyes widened as a delicious, sweet smell filled the air. They put the spoon up to their mouths in a trance when it was broken by "Lunch!" said Mum.

They ran inside, pot in their hands, absentmindedly putting it on the kitchen bench before sitting down at the table. For the rest of the day the kids ran around outside exploring the forest that lay in their backyard. When the sun had set and the stars were out of their hiding spot, the kids fell into bed, exhausted from a long day, completely forgetting what lay on the bench.

The next morning the siblings jumped out of bed to get ready when a familiar smell drifted into their room. They looked at each other with alarm, before racing to the kitchen. They got there just in time to see their Mum lifting the spoon up to her mouth. "NO MUM STOP!" But it was too late. "Mmm, I didn't know the neighbours brought some thing over", exclaimed the kids Mum. "They didn't, we made that!"

Their Mum rushed over to the sink to wash it out of her mouth before sending the kids to gather the ingredients to make sure she wasn't poisoned. Chloe and Luke went to their back yard where they had gathered most of the ingredients. "I remember most of them you go left to look and I will go right!" Luke exclaimed.

They met back at the house each with a handful of things. They laid them out on the bench for their Mum to see. The next few days were kind of a blur; their Mum googled all the ingredients to make sure they were edible and the kids were kept busy by playing and helping their Mum. Their Mum revealed all the ingredients were edible, she asked them to recreate it. A few hours later they had set the first pot in the fridge and were making a new one out of what the kids had collected a couple days earlier. Over the next few days, the kids and their Mum sat at the kitchen bench using trial and error to get all the right amounts.

The next day just after the sun had risen the kids jumped out of bed to check on the pots they left sitting in the fridge overnight. As they opened the cover their eyes widened with shock. "MUM it's gone hard!" They yelled. "Maybe it will still taste good," said their Mum but even she sounded like she was questioning herself.

So, they took it out of the fridge put it on the chopping board and started to cut it. "Wow it's really hard to cut" exclaimed the kids Mum. They all lifted a piece up to their mouths to taste.

"It actually tastes really good" Chloe and Luke said. "And its edible too, I think we could sell this!" their Mum said in excitement.

The whole family took a risk and quit their jobs to open a new business. They named their new product after their family name, Chocolate.

So that is how the sweet treat that you know and love made it into stores around the world, created just by one family, the Chocolates.