

The Tahmoor Times

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Term 4 Week 2

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Monday 2 nd November	Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
Tuesday 3 rd November	Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
Friday 6 th November	TASSPA Meeting 8.45am
Tuesday 10 th November	"Tahmoor's Got Talent"
Thursday 12 th November	Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday 19 th November	Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday 26 th November	Front Bench Elections
Tuesday 1 st December	Bronze & Silver Award Day
Tuesday 4 th December	Gold Award Day
Tuesday 8 th December	Presentation Day
Thursday 10 th December	Year 6 Fare-well
Tuesday 15 th December	Kindy, St1 and St2 Party Day
Tuesday 15 th December	Stage Three Party Day Excursion

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Firstly my many thanks to Mrs Gow for most capably acting as relieving Principal in my absences. My thanks also to Mrs Pogson for her constant support and wisdom as well.

Assessment and Reporting is in full swing at present with teachers extremely busy. Report writing is a very time consuming process and my thanks go to my staff during this time proving to balance family and life and the necessary commitment needed during this time writing reports.

At present we have 35 children enrolled for Kindergarten in 2010. From our knowledge we are anticipating 60 children (This is the same as this year). This means that quite a lot of children are not enrolled at Tahmoor yet and will miss Kinder Orientation on the 12th November.

If you know of any families not yet enrolled could you please inform them to contact the school.

Over the next 12 months considerable improvements are going to happen at our school. To name a few:

- Completion of painting to the exterior of the school
- Eight metre extension to the hall
- 10 electronic whiteboards to be installed
- Security fencing around the outside perimeter of the school
- New carpark
- Refurbishment of 14 classrooms and administration block

As you can see our school will certainly be well equipped for the 21st century.

I encourage parents to order any uniforms etc this term to be ready to commence in 2010 with all necessary clothing. A reminder to our Year 6 children that this years Year 6 shirts are to be worn as part of school uniform and they are to be worn with pride.

A timely reminder that our Year 6 Farewell is "SMART" and boys are not to wear jeans and they must wear a collared shirt. They have known about this dress code for a year and in fact this is the same expectation as last year. All the very best to our stage 3 students going to Bathurst. I know I am looking forward to joining you. See you bright and early Monday morning.

Best Wishes
Phil Harris

STAGE 3 NEWS



Welcome back to a very busy Term 4. Students have been working hard to finalise assessments for reports.

BATHURST EXCURSION

Students are very excited and looking forward to our Bathurst excursion. Notes have gone home in regard to the list of requirements and the DO's and DO NOT's. Please ensure you look carefully at this note and ensure your child understands what will be required from them over the two days. Students must be at school by 7am for a 7.30am

departure. You don't want to be chasing us down the freeway!!!

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

THE Year 6 Farewell is on Thursday 10th December. Please be aware that boys need to be in dress pants and shirts must have a collar. **NO JEANS ALLOWED.**

The Stage 3 Party day and Farewell are in the early stages of planning we would like to reinforce that students behaviour must meet our Stage 3 expectations otherwise they will not be joining us on either of these days.

Year 6 Orientation Day is on Thursday 3rd December. All Year 6 students must attend their nominated High School on this day.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your child is currently in Year 5 and will be in Year 7 in 2011, and you are interested in them gaining a position at a Selective High School (Hurlstone Agricultural HS or Elizabeth Macarthur High) and feel they have the academic abilities to do well on the test that they will need to sit, then please contact Miss Allard now for an application package.

Stage 3 Teachers

STAGE 2 NEWS

I have been very proud of Stage 2 since we have returned from holidays. Most of our Stage 2 children have settled back into their class routines and are working well on their tasks. This term all the Stage 2 classes are focussing on a Science Unit about sound making, sound and learning about how sounds travel and how we hear.

As well as settling back into their routines well, I have been very pleased to see that just about all the children are coming to school everyday in their full school uniforms. They look great at assembly each morning. Because the weather can be changeable at this time of the year, it is important that all jumpers and jackets are labelled with the children's names so that we can return any that are lost.

As the culmination of the unit of work on British Colonisation that the boys and girls studied last term, the Stage 2 teachers are in the process of organising an excursion to the Education Centre at Kurnell. Information regarding this excursion should be coming home soon. This will be an interesting and fun day for the children. If your child does not bring home this excursion information and permission note, please contact your child's class teacher. However, children who are not demonstrating acceptable behaviour at school over the next few weeks will not be invited to attend this excursion. For most of our Stage 2 students this will not be a problem.

LOST PROPERTY

As we are currently going through the change from cold weather to warm weather, lots of items of clothing are piling up in lost property. Items of clothing that are labelled with children's names are returned to them, or to their classroom. However, there are still many, many items in lost property. If your child has lost something, please come and check our lost property pile located in the wet area of Miss Allard's and Mrs Gow's classroom. You are welcome to take any of the items that do not have a name on them.

Mrs Gow
Stage 2 Supervisor

Selective High School Packages for 2011

Selective High School Packages for 2011 have arrived. If you are interested in your child sitting this test to gain entry into a Selective High School please see Miss Allard as soon as possible for your package.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS	
KG	Kimberley, Adrian, Blake and Paige
KB	Chloe, Joshua
1M	Lachlan, Caleb
1P	Scott, Caleb
2K	Annalise, Gypsie
2GR	Ellen, Tylah
3/4L	Trevor, Chloe
3/4N	Jacob, Caitlin
3/4Y	Katelyn, Kaine
5/6B	Cheyenne, Katelyn
5/6A	Amell, Jesslyn
5/6G	Chris, Eyan
5/6C	Ashley, Isabel

FROM THE LIBRARY



Our new Library bags are now available; they are black with a gold school print.....as pictured below. We are selling the bags for \$5.00 each. If you wish your child to have a new Library bag please fill in the slip below and enclose the \$5.00 and send to the front office. Bags will also be available from the School Clothing Pool and Canteen.

Scholastic Book Club

Just a reminder that Book Club orders forms and money are due back to the school office no later than Monday 2nd November 2009. Please write your child's name and class on the order form.

Stocktake of our Library resources will commence in Week 5 this term. All Library resources including Home Readers need to be returned - either to the Library or, if it is a Home Reader to the class teacher. There will be no borrowing for children from the Library after Week 3. Reminder notes for overdue books will go home in Week Four.

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I would like to purchase _____ (number) School Emblem Library Bag/s, I have enclosed \$5.00 payment.

Child's Name: _____ Class _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature _____



TAHMOOR'S GOT TALENT **Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th November**

The biggest and the best talent show ever to hit Tahmoor. The talent quest is open to all students K-6. You can say jokes, dance, sing or juggle. You can even put on your own play. There is a maximum of two acts per person. To participate you have to pay 50cents per act. You will be judged and there will be prizes involved. The money that we raise is going to be put towards the Year 6 farewell. Before you start your act you have to check with the teacher if the song is suitable. The talent show will be held in the hall at lunch time on the dates below.

Thanks and Good Luck
Tahmoor's Got Talent Parliament Committee.



DRAMA GROUP

Sarah Schols is back with us this term. She is working with 20 eager students who are eagerly learning lines for their play.

We are on the look out for a really big box to use as a time-machine. If any of our families have recently bought a new fridge or washing machine and still has the delivery box please come and see Miss Gibson we would love your donation.



STRINGS LESSONS 2010

Katie Spicer is really looking forward to running Music Lessons next year. She is volunteering her services requiring participants to only pay for instrument upkeep, eg: a set of strings. Katie was hoping to bring a small concert to Tahmoor this week to let our children have a look at the instruments but unfortunately was unable to. We currently have four interested students wanting to participate in this fantastic opportunity. If any one else in years 3-5 are interested, please fill in the form below for Miss Gibson. Katie needs another 10-15 children to make this program run viably.

Miss Gibson

Strings Lessons 2010 Expression of Interest

Child's Name _____

Grade this Year _____

BOYS BRIGADE

Challenge, Adventure, Fun

Who: Anchors (5-8yrs); Juniors (8-12yrs); Seniors (12-15yrs)
What: We study the Bible, play games and learn skills
When: Wednesday nights 6-30 - 8pm (during term)
Where: Tahmoor Anglican Church (Remembrance Dr)
Cost: \$25 per term
Contact: Wayne 46831997



BLUE LIGHT DISCO

The next Blue Light Disco will be held on Saturday 31st October at Mittagong RSL Club. Special guest will be David Jones Roberts, who plays "Xavier Austin" in Home and Away. Please contact Mittagong RSL for more information.



PICTON SWIM CLUB SUMMER SEASON

Wollondilly Leisure Centre free fun night for learn to swim swimmers Friday 6th November 6pm. Pick up a brochure from the Leisure Centre for more information.



WIRRIMBIRRA SANCTURAY

3105 Remembrance Drive Bargo



FROG DAY

Hop along to Wirrimbirra Sanctuary on Sunday 8th November between 10am and 3pm and learn just about everything you need to know about frogs.

Sunday 8th November 10am -3pm

Please phone 46841112 for more information.

SWIMSAFE CLASSES STARTING SOON

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water. But no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe. Swimsafe classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes. The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well!!! Plus, family discounts make Swimsafe affordable for all the children in the family. Sport and Recreation runs Swimsafe classes in pools all over the state, including somewhere near you.

Swim safe has been going more than 30 years, with more than 15,000 people attending classes each year. Swimsafe instructors are nationally qualified and screened for the suitability work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$57.30 for school aged children and \$43 for preschoolers (Price exclude pool entry fee). For a brochure please contact the school office.

SUMMER AFL

Auskick is a modified game of Australian Football Designed for boys and girls, aged 5-12yrs old

To learn the skills and rules of AFL.

To make new friends. To have fun and be active.

Every Friday from 4.30 - 5.30pm at Bargo Sports Ground.

Cost only \$10 for 8 week clinic.

(2009 registered players from winter comp - FREE)

Rego via phone: 46818095 ah Starts Term 4 never too late!!

LEARNING DIFFICULTIES PARENT HELPLINE

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Membership provides:

- A quarterly Newsletter
- Fortnightly "Member Updates" of current news/articles
- A discount on LDC resources
- A discounted entry to LDC seminars
- A parent voice to media
- Active contributions to consultations/inquires
- A voice on government committees



CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 2 nd November	D Neal
Tuesday 3 rd November	K Sapienza
Wednesday 4 th November	K Savidge
Thursday 5 th November	E Sheather
Friday 6 th November	L Muscat
Monday 9 th November	D Neal
Tuesday 10 th November	
Wednesday 11 th November	R Taylor
Thursday 12 th November	Z Collis
Friday 13 th November	D Launder