

Term 1 Week 4 2010

Wednesday 24 th February	Razorback Swimming
Friday 26 th February	Razorback Swimming
Tuesday 2 nd March	Zone Rugby League Trials Parliament Induction
Wednesday 3 rd March	1G Assembly Item
Sunday 7 th March	Thirlmere Steam Festival
Wednesday 10 th March	Book Fair - Library
Thursday 11 th March	Oz Opera - The Sound Garden Book Fair - Library
Friday 12 th March	Zone Boys/Girls Hockey Trials
Monday 15 th March	Young Leaders Conference Sydney
Tuesday 16 th March	SSW Swimming
Thursday 18 th March	Selective High School Testing
Friday 19 th March	Cricket Gala Day - Tahmoor Oval
Friday 19 th March	Zone Girls Touch Trials
Tuesday 23 rd March	Zone Rugby Union Trials
Thursday 25 th March	School Photos
Friday 26 th March	Zone Netball Trials
Thursday 25 th March	School Photos
Friday 26 th March	Boys/Girls Softball Trials
Wednesday 31 st March	Cross Country
Thursday 1 st April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Friday 2 nd April	GOOD FRIDAY

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

My thanks to the parents who attended last nights "Meet The Teacher". I can only stress that by attending these nights you are supporting your child's teacher and your child's education.

Teachers will be sending home "Class Information Sheets" and Stage Expectation information today. Invoices text books (Years 1-6) will be posted home today if not already collected at yesterdays meeting. We ask for the payment for the Text Books to be paid as soon as possible so staff can commence using them. Please remember to keep receipts for tax purposes.

Congratulations to 5/6B on an excellent item at yesterdays assembly - Well done!

I am still waiting to hear from staffing in regards to our new teacher on 2Gold. In the meantime Mrs Jody Marden has commenced on this class.

It appears that work with the Building Education Revolution (BER) program will also commence on the new carpark and hall within the next few weeks. I am waiting to confirm a commencement date on the refurbishment of the first of our 6 out of 14 classrooms as well.

Our children remain settled and all classrooms are working well. I ask you to maintain routines at home to ensure homework, Home Reading and Reading Wheels are being completed weekly.

My thanks to Mrs Batros for her thorough organisation of our swimming carnival.

Regards
Phil Harris

STAGE 3 NEWS

Stage 3 News

The weeks seem to be flying by, perhaps because we are already so busy with our learning and responsibilities.

Thank you to those parents who attended our Meet the Teacher meetings on Wednesday afternoon. We appreciated your time and hope that you received some valuable information about the expectations we have of your Stage 3 child and some of the activities that they will be involved in during the year. If you were unable to make the meeting, please feel free to call in for a quick chat or make an appointment if you wish to discuss matters that may take some time.

Since our last newsletter we have attended our swimming carnival. The weather was a little hot, but we all had a great time. Thank you to all those parents who helped out at our carnival with all those little jobs that made the day run so smoothly and a big thank you to Mrs Batros for her excellent organisation of the carnival. Well done to those girls and boys who attended and participated in the activities organised for the day. You met our Stage 3 expectation of participating in all learning activities and not opting out, and you made your teachers proud with your excellent participation and behaviour. Well done also to the newly elected sports house captains and vice captains who all worked hard on the day. Good luck to our senior students who will be representing TPS at upcoming

Razorback Swimming Carnivals and keep training hard. Good luck also to a number of our Stage 3 students who are heading off to try out for district sporting teams over the next few weeks.

Stage 3 classes have been getting ready for the opening of our school parliament with lessons to learn about (for Year 5 students) or revise (for Year 6 students) parliamentary procedures. The front bench will also be meeting this week to vote on portfolio positions and a number of committees from 2009 are eagerly awaiting the opening so that they can start activities that were planned the end of last year ready to go this year. Our Parliament Induction will be held on Tuesday 2nd March at 10am. Parents are most welcome to attend this ceremony.

A reminder to all Stage 3 students that "Oz Opera" permission notes and money, and handwriting text book money needs to be returned to school as soon as possible. We always look forward to the "Oz Opera" performances because they are great fun and a wonderful experience for our students.

Standing up in front of Stage 3 each morning for our quick assembly, it is great to see every single one of our students in school uniform. Thank you boys and girls for the pride you are showing in our school by wearing your uniform every day. You look like a great team.

Meredith Gow
Stage 3 Leader

Bus Lines

Each afternoon approximately a third of our students travel home by bus. We have organised bus lines, the children know the routines very well, and we have very few hiccups in getting our children home safely. Problems usually only occur when the teachers on bus duty are unaware of changes to your child's usual home travel arrangements.

STAGE 2 NEWS

Parent Meetings took place yesterday. Thankyou to all those parents who came and met with class teachers. Notes will come with children for those parents who were unable to come, so that you are aware of routines and structures that are being organised. We look forward to a productive year in Stage 2.

Mrs Sheehan

Stage Supervisor

EARLY STAGE 1 & STAGE 1 NEWS

We had a productive afternoon on Wednesday with many parents visiting classrooms. If you missed these sessions for some reason you can contact your child's class teacher and discuss any routine questions you may have.

Stage 1 teachers greatly appreciate your support. If you are available and happy to help out in the classroom please contact your child's class teacher and I am sure they will be more than happy to provide an activity for you to complete.

Thank you to everyone who is sending in items for the class eg. tissue boxes etc. It is greatly appreciated!

Mrs Pogson
Stage Supervisor

Kindergarten News

Thankyou to all those parents who came to our "Meet The Teacher " afternoon. Kindergarten have now settled into school routines and are getting used to the big playground at lunch and recess.

We have also begun lining up in the mornings. Please ensure your child puts their bag on our silver seats and then moves into the playground to play before school begins.

A reminder too that as of next Monday 22nd February Kinderdarten remain at school for a full day. Pick-up time will be 3.20pm.

P. Gibson, S. Booth

Parliament Induction

Our senior classes will be inducted into Parliament on Tuesday 2nd March at 10am.

Badges will be presented to our front bench members by Mr Alby Schultz, Federal Member for Hume.

Front bench members are asked to bring a plate of food for morning tea.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS	
KB	Dominic Napoli, Kaitlyn Russell
KG	Bradley Scott, Kirsty Dumughn
1MG	Piper Brooker, Jack Murdoch
1LG	Paige Pullen-Whitmore
1M	Eliza Brayson, Emma Matthews
2P	Sam Blackmore, Lachlan Davis
2HW	Caleb Richardson
3/4L	Jake Watt, Alex Livermore
3/4S	Taylor Loveridge, Ethan Brown
3/4SN	Dylan Robertson, Kiara Leet
5/6A	CJ Bonds, Simone Gray
5/6B	Kade Taylor, Cora Baiden
5/6C	Kate Swan, Hannah Matthews
5/6G	Georgia Daniele, Matthew Na'a

TASSPA

There will be a meeting of Tahmoor TASSPA parents the last Friday of every month.

The 1st meeting will be tomorrow the 19th February at 8.30 in the oval office. Everyone welcome.

Oz Opera

Oz Opera are coming! Notes have gone home and the children are really looking forward to the performance. "The Sound Garden" is an opera that has been especially written for school children. Please make sure your child's note and money are returned as soon as possible.

Swimming Carnival Report

We were very fortunate with our weather last week. Thank you to all our parent (and grandparent) helpers. Without you the day could not run.

Congratulations to our champions who were:

Jnr	Campbell Delamere	Kiara Leet
11's	Alex Coleman	Allison Dodd
12/13	Chris Ive	Sarah Deegenars

It was a very close house competition with our winning house being Wollombi. The final points were:

Wollombi 252
Eloura 248
Barduk 243
Anembo 148

No records were broken on the day.

The District Carnivals are at Picton Pool on Wednesday 24th February (freestyle, relays, medley)
Friday 26th February (form strokes)
Notes should have been returned and most children have been training this week.

Bev Batros
Convenor

P&C NEWS

Uniform Shop

Sport uniforms and jackets have been ordered. A note will come home when they arrive at school.

Opening hours will now go back to normal times.

Monday 2.45 - 3.15pm
Wednesday 8.45 - 9.15am
Friday 2.24 - 3.15pm

Fundraising

The fundraising co-ordinator position has now been filled and we would like to welcome Linda Carlson to the P&C Committee.

Upcoming Fundraising events

Bulbs Express
Mary Kay / Makeup
Notes will come home as these events draw nearer.

If there are any dads available for "BBQing" please let a member of the P&C know or leave your phone number at the front office.

Remember, P&C is for everyone and we are mum's and dad's just like you and welcome you all to join us to help the school and our kids.

Dates for your diary: P&C Meetings

10th March

No meeting in April due to school holidays
 12th May
 9th June
 No meeting in July due to school holidays
 11th August
 8th September
 13th October
 10th November

🍌 CANTEEN ROSTER	
Monday 22 nd February	D. Neal
Tuesday 23 rd February	
Wednesday 24 th February	A Commisso
Thursday 25 th February	Z Collis
Friday 26 th February	Volunteer needed
Monday 1 st March	D Neal
Tuesday 2 nd March	
Wednesday 3 rd March	R Enguix
Thursday 4 th March	Volunteer needed
Friday 5 th March	L Muscat

8th December + AGM

Wollondilly Orchestral Strings Program for Combined Schools

FREE lessons violin, viola, cello and double bass.
 'Music is a more powerful instrument than any other in education'...Plato
 "Any child can learn a string instrument"
 For more information,
www.pictonstrings.org
 and click on to Wollondilly Orchestral String Program

HILL TOP SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION DATES 2010

Players all ages from 5yrs to seniors, Male and Female, coaches, Managers and Volunteers also required



All Welcome.

Rego Dates:

Sat 20th February 10am - 2pm opposite General Store Hill Top
 Sat 6th March 10am - 2pm Boronia Park Stanley St Hill Top

Contact: Mark Johnson M: 0418117824 H: 48899042

PICTON MAGPIES CRICKET CLUB

The Picton Magpies Cricket Club is looking to continue to run the "in2 cricket" clinics this year. Junior Boys and girls aged 5 to 9 will be introduced to the skills used in cricket. The clinics will be run on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm at Hume Oval Picton for information, call Matthew on 46810135 or email mdthorpe@bigpond.com



Volunteers are needed for Friday 26th Feb and Thursday 4th March. If anyone can help on either day please see Liz Scott at the Canteen.

A new price list for this term is in this weeks newsletter. Some prices have risen due to rising costs.

Volunteers are needed for this years Canteen Roster. Duties include making up lunch orders and serving the children at lunch time. Each volunteer is rostered on once a month from 9:15 to 12:20. We also need people who could spare an hour in the morning just to make sandwiches once a month, Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated as we rely heavily on volunteers to be able to keep the canteen open everyday. Please fill in the form below and return it to the canteen if you can help out.

Thank you

Day Preferred:

Name:

Childs Name:

Class:

☐ Making Sandwiches Only