

Term 1 Week 8 2010

Thursday 18 th March	Selective High School Testing S.E.S. & Rural Fire Brigade visit
Friday 19 th March	Cricket Gala Day - Tahmoor Oval Zone Girls Touch Trials All Text Book Money, permission notes, Media Notes due.
Tuesday 23 rd March	Zone Rugby Union Trials
Wednesday 24 th March	Grandparents Day & Harmony Day 5/6A & 5/6G at Sydney Swans
Thursday 25 th March	School Photos SSW Cricket Trials
Friday 26 th March	Zone Netball Trials Boys/Girls Softball Trials TASSPA meeting
Wednesday 31 st March	Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 1 st April	Easter Hat Parade LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Friday 2 nd April	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 19 th April	Staff return. School Development day
Tuesday 20 th April	Children return
Tuesday 4 th May	Interrelate

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It's hard to believe that Term 1 is nearly over. It has been an extremely busy term for staff. All classrooms are working well and our commitment to "raising the bar" is achieving very notable improvements. We are expecting so much more of our children and teachers are teaching very explicitly. No doubt your children are using terminology that you may never have heard of.

With this commitment from staff to your children I am also seeking your commitment to ensure that home and school are working together.

It is disappointing to hear that still in Week 8 we are chasing up notes, money, text books etc. Below is a list of information that we require asap.

- Handwriting Texts Years 1-6 \$11-00
- Blue Media Note: This gives the school permission to publish names in the Newsletter, the school website (including photos), access to school internet and even to have names published underneath next weeks school photos.
- Purple Connected Classroom permission note
- Late Oz Opera money
- Library Bag (for book protection and borrowing)

School photos are next **Thursday 25th March**. Each child must return an envelope on or before the day of school photos with correct money included. If no envelope is returned your child will still have a photo taken but if you wish to order a photo a late fee will apply and will be made payable to Master School Photos.

If you require a family photograph envelopes are in the front office. Again, correct money must be in the envelopes and returned to school on or by Thursday.

Children are to wear summer uniform. Please do not send your child in sports uniform. I believe the uniform shop has a supply of polo shirts if you need to purchase one prior to photo day.

Interrelate will be here on Tuesday 4th May. Session 1 is 6pm (target audience Yrs 3 & 4) and Session 2 is 7.15 (target audience Yrs 5 & 6). Cost is \$15 for one session or \$20 for both sessions (payment is per family). I strongly recommend this program as it is vital children know accurate information instead of hearing second hand knowledge!!

Grandparents Day is Wednesday 24th March. Grandparents in Kinder, Year 1 and 2 are invited up to the school to join their grandchildren's class for a Harmony Day Craft activity, (at 10.45), lunch and a Devonshire tea in the school hall. Please reserve the day and we look forward to seeing you.

Our Connected Classroom journey is progressing well. Mrs Pogson and myself had a video conference last Friday. Mrs Ryan and 3/4S have been with Thornton Public School and I know Mr Kuza and IM have been communicating with Rydalmere Public School this week.

A reminder that if you have any concerns with your child's progress in Literacy or Numeracy to contact your child's teacher. Semester 1 Reports go home at the end of Term 2 and Parent Interviews are at this same time.

Regards
Phil Harris
Principal

STAGE 3 NEWS

Stage 3 students continue to be busy.

Last week we enjoyed the Australian Opera's visit to our school for their performance of "The Sound Garden". This week a number of parliament committees began working on initiatives that were passed in parliament at the end of last year. In this week's newsletter there is information about one of these initiatives, an art competition for all students at our school. We hope lots of boys and girls from all the stages enter our competition. A second committee is currently organising a fund raising event to raise money for the recent earthquake victims in both Haiti and Chile. More information about this event will be coming home soon. And a third committee is investigating the possibility of the purchase of a mobile/removable tennis net that could be used across our basketball court. As you can see, our Stage 3 school parliament is a very active and enthusiastic forum for our students.

Thank you to those parents who have taken care of the \$11 payment to cover the cost of your child's handwriting text books. All classes have begun using these texts. If you have not yet met this cost we would appreciate it if you could do so soon so that your child is not missing out!

Thanks also to those parents of our Year 6 students who very quickly completed and returned the first of the high school paperwork. I really appreciated the prompt way you got this paperwork out of the way. If you have not returned this paperwork yet, tomorrow (Friday 19th) is the final day. Please ensure your child returns it tomorrow.

Congratulations to 5/6C on the great job they did with their task to design a children's learning theme park. The students from 5/6A, 5/6B and 5/6G all really enjoyed visiting your display and listening to your wonderful ideas to encourage children to learn about Australian history.

And finally, during the last week of term our school will hold its traditional Easter Hat Parade. We look forward to seeing all our Stage 3 students participating positively in this fun event - so kids, start planning those artistic creations for your heads!

Meredith Gow
Stage 3 Supervisor

We're having an art competition.

The Stage 3 students debated an idea to have an art competition in Parliament and decided to hold a competition. The theme of the art competition is *SCHOOL* and so all entries into the competition need to be something to do with school.

It will cost 20 cents to enter the competition and there are some terrific prizes to be won.

Drawings and paintings need to be done on either A3 or A4 paper and this paper can be obtained from your child's class teacher.

Your art work must be your own work.

Stage 3 children will visit the morning assemblies to remind the children about the competition and collect any entries. When you hand in your entry, please hand in your 20 cents entry fee.

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each of the stages - Kindergarten, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3.

All entries need to be handed in by Monday 29th March.

Winners will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 1st April.

If you have any questions about the art competition, please see Nic in 5/6C, Kaitlyn in 5/6G, Sarah in 5/6C or Bailey in 5/6A.

Good luck with your art work. We look forward to seeing it when you have finished.

Remember it has to be about *SCHOOL*.

EARLY STAGE 1 & STAGE 1 NEWS

Thank you to the parents who have sent in the items teachers have requested and thank you in advance to those of you who have volunteered to help out in the classroom. This kind act

will certainly help with the smooth running of classrooms. Just a reminder that if your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 that a handwriting book will be required. Families are being invoiced for this purpose at a cost of \$11-00 each. This is a significant reduction in cost. Please ensure that you have paid for this text book as soon as possible.

Grandparents Day is scheduled for Wednesday the 24th March. This is a valuable program where children get an opportunity to invite their grandparents to school activities. Also, the Easter Hat Parade is to be held on the Thursday before Easter so please start thinking about hats.

Mrs Pogson
Stage Supervisor
Assistant Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS	
KB	Ayden Jurenovskis, Ashlyn Griffiths
KG	Jye Johnson, Brooke Miggins
1M	Tiarna Davey, Jordan Taylor Kamron Charnley, Elizabeth Keo
2P	Patrica Kelly, Chloe Whiteley
2RM	Daniel Curmi, Scott Rogers
3/4L	Riley Morris, Jacob Cameron
3/4S	Wil Holz, Dakota Pullen-Whitmore
3/4SN	Clive Haselhuhn, Michael Goggins, Gypsy Brooker
5/6A	Tyler Meharg, Braiden Booth
5/6B	Chris Ive, Kane Haylock
5/6C	Sam Nicholson, Caelun Squires
5/6G	Jesslyn Pita, Jason Mitchell

Harmony and Grandparents Day

On Wednesday the 24th March, K-2 classes at Tahmoor Public School are hosting a combined Harmony and Grandparents Day. Students from these classes are encouraged to invite their Grandparents and "senior" friends into their classrooms to participate in Harmony Day activities at 10.45am

Grandparents are then invited to share lunch with the classes, followed by a Devonshire tea in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

J Miller/L Kusa Coordinators



Stage 2 News

We are now in Week 8 and are looking forward to the many activities that are going to take place over the remainder of the term. Our Maths Groups have begun, and are proceeding well.

Stage 2 teachers are also planning an excursion to take place the first week in term 2. This will be the climax for our current theme and will be an excellent lead into the theme set for next term. Notes are due out soon, and money for this excursion will be due before the holidays.

The classes have also been involved with the Connected use of Interactive Whiteboard technology.


Many thanks to parents who sent in items for the classroom. e.g. tissues etc

Mrs. Sheehan
Stage Supervisor

TASSPA

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

The next meeting will be 26th March at 8.30 in the oval office. Everyone is welcome.

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Monday 22 nd March	D Neal
Tuesday 23 rd March	K Sapienza
Wednesday 24 th March	A Commisso
Thursday 25 ^h March	Z Collis
Friday 26 th March	D Launder
Monday 29 th March	D Neal
Tuesday 30 th March	K Sapienza
Wednesday 31 st March	R McGuire
Thursday 1 st April	R Enguix
Friday 2 nd April	Holidays

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

Sport uniforms are in and will either come home in your child's school bag over the next few days or you will be contacted directly.

Jackets will go up to \$45-00 as of next term.

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday 2.45 - 3.15pm

Wednesday 8.45 - 9.15am

Friday 2.24 - 3.15pm

Fundraising

Reminder - Bulbs orders are due back next Tuesday 23rd March.

Mary-Kay make up parties are still funning till the end of March, so if you would like to be in the running to win \$200-worth of make up leave your number in the office and Veronica will get back to you.

Chocolate eggs are going to be raffled off at the Easter Hat Parade Thursday 1st April (last day Term 1). So we are asking for donations of chocolate eggs for this event. The eggs can be handed in at the front office up until Tuesday 30th March. Raffle tickets will come home early next week and will need to be returned to the office, with money and any unsold tickets, also by Tuesday 30th March.

Some tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the Easter Hat parade.

Dates for your diary: P&C Meetings

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

8th December + AGM

Manic Maths

Our school is participating in the CSP (Community Software Plan) featuring the Australian-made Manic Maths series along with all the regular EdAlive favourites.

Recently, we sent home coloured leaflets about the EdAlive Community Software Plan (CSP) for Manic Maths. The closing date for orders has been extended till next Friday 19th March. Please return your orders to the front office so that we can send them off.

Educational software is eligible for the 50% Education Tax Refund so don't miss out! Our school will receive FREE EdAlive software for participating in the CSP.

Once the school has finalised the orders, it will take approximately 1 month for delivery to the school. Orders will then be sorted and distributed to families.

*Late orders must be lodged directly with EdAlive and will incur extra postage and handling charges.

Please ensure all cheque/postal order payments are made to EdAlive, not the school.

Sport

RAZORBACK TRIALS AND SELECTIONS

Students have continued to trial for several different Razorback teams over the past couple of weeks and the results have been outstanding.

The following students have represented Tahmoor at Razorback Trials.

Nathaniel Butler, Ritchie Kilmister, Billy Mitchell, Jarrod Reddie, Bailey Turner - League

Braidan Booth, Zac Kozak, Alyssa Mathias, Genevieve McLaughlin - Hockey

All students have given 100% commitment and enthusiasm to their respective team trials and should be congratulated on their efforts.

Braidan and Genevieve have been selected in their respective Razorback teams to play at SSW carnivals in the weeks to follow. Zac is currently in the train on squad. We wish them well.

Stay tuned for more results as students tackle touch, softball and netball in the coming weeks.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country Carnival has been held over until the beginning of Term 2 (the date is yet to be confirmed), due to the building works that have commenced through our circuit. Details will follow in the coming weeks, but start your training now so you are ready!

AFL and CRICKET CLINICS

This year 30 Stage 3 students will be given the opportunity to participate in a 5 week cricket clinic run by Cricket NSW. Places are reserved for the first 30 students who return their permission note expressing interest. 30 Stage 2 students will be given a similar opportunity in AFL. Costs will be finalised as soon as possible and notes distributed soon. If you're interested in these fantastic opportunities be the first to return your notes to guarantee your place.

Yours in Sport
Miss Allard

Razorback Swimming

Congratulations to all our swimmers who participated in the Razorback carnivals. Almost every child improved their times significantly from the time they recorded at school.

We had 2 finalists. Kiera Leet came 7th in the 9 year freestyle and Campbell Delamere came 5th in the Junior Medley, 5th in the 10 year freestyle and 2nd in the Junior butterfly.

Campbell will now go on to represent Razorback at the Sydney South Western Regional Carnival. Congratulations and good luck Campbell.

Thank you to the families of Jade Sims and Alex Coleman (and others who helped) for setting up and removing the shade shelter. We all appreciated it. Thank you also to Denise Leet for being our ever reliable team manager.

Mrs Batros
Swimming Coordinator

University of NSW Competitions

All children in Years 3 - 6 received a note about these competitions. The closing date for entries and money is Friday 26th March, 2010. Please return the slip below if your child wishes to enter, ticking the relevant competition(s).

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

COMPETITION	DATE	COST	PLEASE TICK
Computer Skills	Tues 25 th May	\$6	
Science	Wed 9 th June	\$6	
Spelling	Tues 22 nd June	\$8	
Writing	Tues 22nd June	\$15	
English	Tues 3rd August	\$6	
Mathematics	Tues 17 th August	\$6	

I give permission for my child to enter the above marked competition and enclose \$_____ in payment.

Signature _____ Date _____

REMINDER

No children are to be on the school grounds until
8.50am