

Term 2 Week 2 2010

Friday 30 th April	3-6 Cross Country TASSPA meeting 8.30
Monday 3 rd May	Mothers Day Stall Last Day permission notes & money for Archibald Excursion
Tuesday 4 th May	Interrelate
Thursday 6 th May	AFL Skills Clinic commences 5/6C Archibald Excursion
Friday 7 th May	Walk Safely to School Day
Tuesday 11 th May	NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 - no scripture All other scripture groups unchanged
Wednesday 12 th May	P & C meeting Whole school assembly
Friday 14 th May	Last day for Stewart House envelopes to be returned
Tuesday 25 th May	UNSW Computer Skills Test

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2 on what will be a very busy term. Firstly, congratulations to Stage 2 for a wonderful excursion into the city last week. Their behaviour was excellent and we received many compliments about our children. My thanks go to our Stage 2 teachers for their thorough organisation and to our parents who attended on the day to assist with supervision.

I'm pleased also to announce that NAPLAN will be going ahead at this school. Staff have met and had numerous discussions. We as a staff oppose league tables and the anxiety they can cause. Information can be misread and used in a negative light. We have strong growth at this school and our children are achieving. We have "raised the bar" and put programs into place to improve student learning and retention. You as parents are very important in this process to ensure you are working with the school and supporting your children with their homework, reading, spelling and mathematics. If every child had this support, then all children would be achieving. I realise that time is an important factor in most households but developing routines and supporting the school and your child with their learning can only lead to a better education. We are proud of the successes we have achieved and support NAPLAN to give us valuable information and data to support our successes.

At present we only have about 10 families attending the "Interrelate program". This is somewhat disappointing. These nights are normally wanted in most schools and it allows for accurate information to be given to children about growing and developing. On Friday morning, a decision will be made whether our Interrelate evening will continue. I urge all parents and children to attend this and can thoroughly recommend it. Information was sent home yesterday and has been placed on our website. The information flyer can be downloaded from there as well. Money will not be accepted on

the night. Payment must be received at the school office by 10am this Friday.

Unfortunately we still have some parents who have not paid for their child's Handwriting Text Book. Teachers have been using these texts since the beginning of Term one. Can this also be paid for by this Friday.

A reminder too that all children are to use the crossing outside the school in the mornings and in the afternoon. I realise a lot of parents park in the Bi-Lo car park but some children are causing traffic concerns in the afternoons especially when they are being called by parents from across the road. Police are also monitoring the Denfield Lane congestion in the afternoon. This is a one-way lane and parents have been booked. Please don't put our crossing lady in a difficult position when she reminds you that you are actually in the wrong and putting children at risk using the crossing. The high-way patrol have been here and unmarked cars are also used.

Finally and on a positive note I would like to congratulate Jacqui Redmond who has been selected to be a part of an ensemble in London later in the year. This is a worldwide selection process and only 4 children from Australia will be attending. Congratulations to you and your family. A mufti day will be held later this term to help support Jacqui with her airfare ticket to London.

School photos are also due back shortly.

I also wish to thank Mrs Gow, Mrs Green and Miss Gibson for attending the Anzac Day March and representing our school. Your dedication as a teacher is strongly appreciated.

Regards

Phil Harris

Principal

STAGE 3 NEWS

Wow, what a great start to the term. Just in the two weeks that we have been back at school this term (and they've been two short weeks), Stage 3 students have made me very proud to be their supervisor.

On Tuesday of this week I accompanied 17 of our Stage 3 boys to the Razorback Rugby League Gala Day and both the boys and I had a fantastic day. The boys represented our school with pride and good sportsmanship and tried their best in the three short games that they had to play. Although the boys did not win any of their matches, I was impressed with how positive they were and with the way they encouraged each other both on the field while they were playing and off the field at the conclusion of each game. Although they were not winners on the footy field, they certainly were winners off the field. Well done boys. I was very proud of you. The boys will now continue to train in preparation for their upcoming State Knock-out Competition.

The boys, Mr Booth and I would like to thank all the parents who assisted with transport on the day and stayed to support the kids, and especially thank Mr Turner and Mr Dynevor who have given up a good deal of their time to train the team after school for a number of weeks now. Another thank you to Mr and Mrs Turner for their donation to the school of a set of brand new Tahmoor PS sports team shirts. We are very grateful for your support of our kids and your generosity.

Also on Tuesday this week, our Stage 3 students led the school in an Anzac Ceremony to honour and remember our service men and women. Our two girl school captains Brooke and Elizabeth were joined by Tom and Ned to lead the ceremony. Normally our two boy captains Jarrod and Chris would have worked with the girls on this task but both boys were away with the footy team and so we thank Tom and Ned for ably stepping in to take their places. The ceremony ran very smoothly. Thank you also to Kiahni who began our ceremony with the acknowledgement of country, and to Ainsley and Jake who lowered and raised the flags. Miss Allard and Mrs Batros also reported that the behaviour and respect shown by our Stage 3 students during this ceremony was perfect. Another event to make me proud.

All Stage 3 students have returned following the holidays and have settled back into their learning routines. This settled and calm return has been great to see. Our Year 5 students are currently gearing up for their NAPLAN tests beginning on the 11th May. We are expecting that all our Year 5 students will give their best efforts to the four tests they will sit during Week 4. 'Doing our best' and 'not giving up' were two of the Australian values that our students discussed during their learning last term in the HSIE topic of Identity and Values and I'm sure that the NAPLAN tests will give our students practice in these values.

Else where in this newsletter, Miss Allard will have reported on our other Stage 3 sports stars, Braidan and Genevieve. Congratulations to both these students on their sporting prowess. We are very proud of your efforts.

So you can see why I am feeling very pleased with and proud of Stage 3. Well done boys and girls. Keep up the great work.

On Friday of this week all Stage 3 students will receive a note regarding an overnight excursion to Canberra that has been booked for the beginning of Term 4. We are hoping that all Stage 3 students will be able to attend this excursion. **Please ask your child for this note** and if by some strange chance they did not receive one, they can collect one from the front office.

Meredith Gow
Stage 3 Supervisor

Picton Anzac March

At 6:15am on Sunday 25th April, Miss Gibson, Mrs Green and I met up with 16 Tahmoor Public School students who braved the miserable cold and wet conditions to represent our school in the Picton Anzac Day March. The students all from Stage 1 and Stage 3 were beautifully behaved and represented our school with pride. Thank you to those boys and girls, and to the parents who supported their children by getting them to the meeting point so very early in the morning. Your support of your children, our school and our community's war veterans was greatly appreciated.

As we were marching we did see quite a number of our students in the crowd watching the march or at the commemorative service in the park. It would be great next year if those students could join us in marching and also represent our school.

Meredith Gow
Assistant Principal





STAGE 1 NEWS

Welcome back to school. We hope you enjoyed the holidays. It has been pleasing to listen to so many happy holiday stories. It is now time to settle into a routine and encourage our children to 'do their best' throughout the term.

Please remember to encourage your child to pack their hat and jumper each day. Also, as these items can be expensive to replace, please ensure they are labelled with your child's name and class.

Students in Year 1 and 2 will be learning about the five senses in Science this term. We are considering a number of excursion venues related to this topic and will let you know as soon as the details are finalised. Year 2 children will also be looking closely at 'Fairytale' in the areas of English, Science and Visual Arts throughout term 2 and 3. Naturally all other regular programs resume. These include homework and home reading.

Please endeavour to read with your child each day and encourage them to complete their homework within the given time.

We are looking forward to a fun, engaging term that fosters all aspects of learning and appreciate your continued support.

Mrs Pogson
Stage Supervisor

Stage 2 News

Welcome back to term 2. We hope you had a restful holiday and that your children ready to come back full of enthusiasm and eager to work well. On Wednesday 19th April, stage 2 children went on their excursion to the city. We had a great day with beautiful weather. The children really enjoyed seeing the Opera House, walking to The Rocks, catching the train and eating lunch at the Botanical Gardens. Some photos are included below. Many thanks to staff and parents who attended and assisted. The children were well behaved and a

credit to Tahmoor Public School.

We are now preparing for NAPLAN and your children will most likely be telling you about this. Practices will also take place next week in readiness for week 4.

We look forward to a productive term with stage 2.

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 tomorrow 30th April at 8.30 in the oval office. Everyone is welcome.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 3rd May	D Neal
Tuesday 4th May	K Sapienza
Wednesday 5th May	A Commisso
Thursday 6th May	Z Collis
Friday 7th May	J. Redmond
Monday 10th May	D Neal
Tuesday 11th May	K Sapienza
Wednesday 12th May	L. Hine
Thursday 13th May	R Enguix
Friday 14th May	K. Irwin

Uniform Shop

The order for Sport uniforms has been placed for Term 2. Sports uniforms are only ordered once a Term and we are only ordering uniforms that have been paid for. No unpaid sports uniforms are ordered.

As advised last term Jackets have now gone up to \$45-00.

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday 2.45 - 3.15pm

Wednesday 8.45 - 9.15am

Friday 2.24 - 3.15pm

P & C NEWS

Fundraising

The Mothers Day Stall will be held on Monday 3rd May in the Teacher's Centre after morning assembly.

Each class will be bought down one by one.

The gifts range from \$1- to \$7- and all gifts will be wrapped.

Gifts can be lay-by'd in need. They should be paid for and collected by Thursday morning from the Teachers Centre.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS Week 10 Term 1

KB	Jason McDonald, Carl Piper
KG	Taela Tarrant-Stevens, Amy Enguix
IG	Yvonne Rutherford, Bethaney Washbrook Liam Diesel, Ty Cassidy
1M	Delcan Sapienza, Matthew Nellestein
2P	Tabitha Sherratt, Chloe Whiteley
2RM	Jaren Commisso, Caleb Richardson
3/4L	Heidi Betts-Rousell, Lachlan Pullen-Whitmore
3/4S	Tyson Washbrook, Tom Gradon
3/4SN	Stephanie Nellestein, Marlli Chalker, Lane Wilson
5/6A	Kaniesha Whicker, Liam Hodgkinson
5/6B	Mikayla Fardell, Samuel Bennett
5/6C	Melanie Ford, Alex Coleman
5/6G	Jesslyn Pita, Jake Preston

ASSEMBLY AWARDS Week 2 Term 2

KB	Jackson Wurm, Connor Greevey
KG	Brianna Farrell, Courtney Cummins
IG	Jamarley Frail, Ryan Kemp Abbey Hunt, Liana Moore
1M	Martin Murdoch, Joshua McAlister
2P	Brandan Cooper, Daniel Hartnett
2RM	Ryan Hunter, Jake Aird
3/4L	Ryan Nobes, Chris Durrant
3/4S	Byron Kearney, Jayden Moore
3/4SN	Jessie Flett, Abbey Murdoch
5/6A	Alex Savage, Kaniesha Whicker
5/6B	Zachary Kozak, Caitlin Konzen
5/6C	Jade Sims, Cameron Douglass
5/6G	Jye Smith, Ainsley Debono

Dates for your diary: P&C Meetings

12th May

9th June

No meeting in July due to school holidays

11th August

8th September

13th October

10th November

8th December + AGM

LOST PROPERTY 5/6C Classroom

Term 1 lost property and items from last year will be sent to the clothing pool or a clothing bin by next Friday 7th May. Items with names on them have been returned to their owners.

Mrs Batros

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS



walk to and from public transport or if you must drive, park the car a good distance away from the school gates and walk the rest of the way!

Get Active

Walk Safely to School Day is on next Friday - 7th May - so why not make it the day you start a healthy habit with your children by leaving the car at home and walking your child to school. If you can't walk the whole way,

From The Library

Welcome back to Term 2. It was great to see so many children remember their Library bags and books. Library bags are still available for \$5 from the canteen, the Clothing pool and the Library.

Week 1 saw some of the Stage 1 and Early Stage 1 classes using the connected classroom to have a visit with the author Margaret Wild.

Children who are participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge should well and truly be making their way through the list of books to be read. Completed Reading Logs can be sent to Mrs Ryan in the Library for entry as soon as they are finished. Mrs Grant, Mrs Galettis, Mr Miller, Mrs Pogson, and Ms Reedie /Mrs Marden are all completing the challenge as a class and parents do not need to complete a separate reading log. Children in other classes need to complete their reading at home with parent supervision. Congratulations to Stephanie from 3/4 SN who has already completed the challenge and returned her Reading Log to the Library. Well Done! All completed logs must be returned no later than Friday 6th August.....still time to get reading!

Congratulations to 3/4S and 3/4SN who book into the Library to work on information skills. Some fabulous work is being done!

Book Club has gone home and is due back no later than the 4th May.

Sharon Ryan
Teacher Librarian

Sport

CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow sees our Year 3 - 6 students and those Year 2 students who are 8 this year competing in Tahmoor's annual Cross Country Carnival. Remember to dress in your house colours and bring your competitive spirit. We hope to see lots of parents there to support our students. Races commence at 1pm.

RAZORBACK TEAMS

Congratulations to Brooke Baxter (touch), Alyssa Mathias (softball), Braidan Booth and Genevieve McLaughlin (hockey) who have recently represented Tahmoor at various Razorback trials.

Braidan and Genevieve won selection into their sides and were apart of winning Razorback teams at the SSW carnival. Both Braidan and Genevieve have been selected in their respective SSW teams to compete in the State carnivals later this term. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement. Our first SSW representatives this year!

SOCCER / NETBALL GALA DAY

Best wishes to our Junior A and Senior A soccer and netball teams who will compete in the gala day next Friday. We look forward to hearing about your feats in the upcoming newsletter. Notes and money need to be returned by next Wednesday.

CRICKET NSW VISIT - Stage 3

All 30 places have been filled and students have begun their 5 week clinic. We look forward to watching their skill levels increase as the weeks progress. Who knows, we may have the next Shane Watson in our ranks!

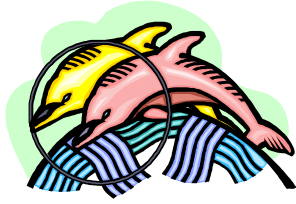
NSW/ACT AFL CLINICS - Stage 2

There are still plenty of places available for the 8 week, Stage 2 AFL clinic. If we can not get the required 30 students, we may need to cancel the clinic. If you are interested in your child attending, please pay \$33 (you get a fantastic backpack full of goodies) to the office by next Wednesday. Your support for this program is greatly appreciated.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This year our Athletics Carnival for Years 3 - 6 (and Year 2 students who are 8) will be held on **THURSDAY 10th JUNE** at Tahmoor Sportsground. Field eliminations will be commencing in the coming weeks so start training now!

Yours in Sport
Miss Allard



Stewart House Day

With today's newsletter your child will have bought home an envelope for the 2010 Stewart House Donation Drive.

Your donation helps fund the program that supports the 1,800 public school children who experience a healthy and much needed break at Stewart House each year.

A gold coin donation will give you an entry into the draw to win a family holiday, to the destination of your choice, to the value of \$4000!

Drawn at Stewart House on Friday 28th May 2010.

REMINDER

No children are to be on the school grounds until 8.50am-There is NO supervision until that time.