

# Term 3 Week 6 2010

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Music Festival Night Performance
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Stage 2 Camp 2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment Due \$50 Stage 3 Camp 3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment Due \$50
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Parade- Sausage Sizzle No Gymnastics
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Swimming Scheme Starts
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Cricket NSW Stage 2
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Mt Annan Botanical Gardens Stage 1 Excursion
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Mt Annan Botanical Gardens Stage 1 Excursion
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Hockey Gala Day No Gymnastics
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Silver Disco
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Bronze Party Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Zonka Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Final Payment of \$50 Due for Stage 3 Camp
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Stage 2 Camp 3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment Due \$50 LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 4 Starts

Dear Parents,

It's hard to imagine we are already in Week 6 this term. Firstly welcome back to Mrs Batros and we thank Mrs Young for her time with us. Mrs Batros had a thoroughly enjoyable time in Europe and I must say she made my staff very envious!

Mrs Pogson is now on Long Service Leave and we welcome Mr Wrona on 2P. Mrs Pogson is also travelling and we wish her the best. In her absence, Miss Belinda Allard will be Relieving AP for Stage 1 and I will be supervising Kindergarten. Mrs Galettis is on Long Service Leave until the end of term 3 and Mrs Croudson will be joining the 1MG team.

A reminder that our Book Parade is this Friday and we look forward to seeing all the costumes of the children and teachers. We indeed have some very creative children! Our school starting time is 9.20am. Teachers are on duty from 8.50am. No children are to be at school before that time. It has come to my attention that a few parents are now dropping children off at school as early as 8.20am. This cannot continue and if it does I have no alternative but to take this further. Our duty of care commences at 8.50am. We ask you to make arrangements so that children arrive after that time. I realise one bus does arrive at 8.45 and these children have prior approval.

Our numbers are growing and there is a strong possibility of forming another class in 2011. It is imperative that any families that have children commencing Kindergarten in 2011 contact the office and commence the enrolment process. We are projecting 3 kindergarten classes for 2011. Orientation information will be going home early in Term 4. If you have

neighbours with children starting we urge you to let them know this information and contact the school. We also have introduced a music system to the school bells. The music plays 2 minutes before the end of morning, lunch and recess for children to go to the toilet etc and be ready at class lines when the actual bell rings.

*Phil Harris*

Principal

## STAGE 3 NEWS

We're really busy in Stage 3. All classes are currently studying Parliament and over the last week have had interesting discussions about the federal election last weekend and the ongoing counting and speculation about Australia's political future. Of course, with only a few weeks to go before our trip to Canberra, we may well be in Parliament House at a very important time in Australia's history.

All Stage 3 students are also expected to present a speech over the next week or so on one of four topics - Destinations, Taking it To The Limit, Re-use It Or Toss It and Tell the Truth. Some of our students have already presented their speech this week and there have been some impressive attempts. If this is the first time you've heard about this, perhaps a chat with your child about whether they are on track to meet this requirement might be a good idea.

Most of our children are also being active participants in Mrs Ryan's 'Storybridge Reading Challenge' and are madly reading away and visiting bridges around the world. Please check with your child on their progress with this challenge. As I type this newsletter information, all of our students are hopefully scrounging around at home to find items of clothing that they can use as part of their costume for the Book Character Parade this Friday. We are looking forward to seeing how inventive our senior students are and then trying to guess the character they are portraying.

As well as our learning, there are lots of other things happening in Stage 3 and our Year 6 students are particularly busy at this time. Year 6 students heading to Picton HS in 2011 recently spent the morning there and experienced English, PD-H-PE, Drama and Music lessons. Mr Booth and I were very proud to receive positive comments from the high school teachers about our children and the way they participated in these lessons. A reminder to parents that all Picton HS enrolment paperwork needs to be returned to school by this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

Year 6 students are also being fitted for the correct size for their Year 6 shirt. Orders and the \$10 deposit for this need to be returned by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Orders will not be taken after this date.

And this week they are about to set out on a chocolate fundraising drive to raise money so that they can have a great Year 6 farewell at the end of the year. If you can help your child with this venture by selling chocolates to your work colleagues, family and friends, they and I will be very

grateful. Please also let me know if you are able to take a second crate to sell.

And finally please remember that all money for our Canberra excursion will need to be finalised by the very last day of this term. Thanks to those parents who have either paid in full or who have been keeping up the payments for this excursion. Please return the lime green permission / medical information / contact details note to school in the next week. Have a great fortnight.

**Meredith Gow**

**Stage 3 Supervisor**

### **STAGE 1 / ES1 NEWS**

As Term 3 rapidly draws to an end, there has been lots happening and lots of fun activities coming up for the students.

**SWIMMING SCHEME:** Those students in Year 1 and 2 who are attending the Swimming Scheme program at Picton Pools commencing on Monday for 2 weeks will need to ensure that they have the appropriate equipment (swimmers, towels, goggles etc) on Monday.

**BOOK PARADE:** A reminder that the book character parade is on Friday morning commencing at 10am under the COLA area. We look forward to seeing many weird and wonderful characters from your child's favourite stories. Hope to see you there to celebrate the culmination of the Book Week celebrations.

**MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Congratulations to Kinder who were absolutely fantastic ambassadors for Tahmoor at the Wollondilly Music Festival. Their behaviour was impeccable and they did Tahmoor proud. Thank you to Mrs Booth and Miss Gibson for giving up their time to escort the students.

**WELCOMES:** Welcome to Mrs Croudson who will be filling in for Mrs Galettis whilst she is on LSL and to Mr Wrona who is filling for Mrs Pogson whilst she is on LSL.

ES1 and Stage 1 will be attending an excursion on either Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September or Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September to the Mt Annan Botanical Gardens. Details will be coming very shortly with the costs involved with this.

**Mrs Pogson**

**Stage Supervisor**

**ES1 & Stage 1**

### **Holiday Workshops**

The NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children is holding workshops at Hilltop Public School, Merrylands, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. These hands on workshops include Light and Colour, Earth Science, Science Toys, gizmos and Lego Robotics. To book go to the website [www.nswagtc.org.au](http://www.nswagtc.org.au)

### **STAGE 2 NEWS**

Congratulations to all our children who went away with Mrs. Newhouse for the Oz Tag. They did very well representing Tahmoor School.

Many thanks again to parents of 3/4S who assisted their children with projects and visited the library. Other classes also saw the projects. Well done to those students.

This Friday sees children taking part in our book parade for Book Week. Please help your child to choose an appropriate character from a book they have read and learnt about. We look forward to seeing many interesting characters coming to school on Friday of this week.

Below follow some more photos of the some of the projects completed by 3/4S.

**Mrs. Sheehan**

**Stage Supervisor**



## SCIENCE QUIZ

Do you know the answer to any of these?

1. The tides tugging on the crust of Jupiter's moon, Io, lifts its surface by up to how many metres? a) 5, b) 50, c) 100, d) more than a kilometre.
2. What does the 'H' in 'pH' stand for?
3. The most poisonous vertebrate in the world is an: a) amphibian, b) reptile, c) fish, d) marsupial?
4. Modern parachutes have a hole in the centre. Why?
5. Rank the following in terms of longest to shortest gestation period: possum, elephant, whale, baboon, mice.

1. d. Io's solid's surface rises up to 100 metres due to Jupiter's immense gravity.
2. Hydrogen. It was coined by the Danish chemist Soren Sorenson in 1909. The 'p', however, is something of a mystery, possibly referring to 'power' or 'potency'
3. a. The Golden poison frog is currently considered the most venomous vertebrate in the world, followed by the puffer fish.
4. To allow trapped air to flow out. Older parachutes had no hole which forced trapped air out the sides, causing the parachutist to swing back and forth.
5. Elephant (22 months), whale (9 -12 months), baboon (6 months), mice (20 days), possum (16 days). CSIRO is hosting a symposium on the role of nutrition in pregnancy and early childhood, with the hope of shedding light on what foods are best and how much we need during these stages of development.

## NEW SCIENCE QUIZ

1. Do jellyfish have eyes?
2. What word describes an infectious disease that doesn't increase or disappear in a population; a) epidemic, b) endemic, c) pandemic?
3. In which part of Earth's atmosphere are particles least likely to collide into each other?
4. The amount of disorder within a system is known as its what?
5. Which gland produces endorphins during exercise?

Courtesy Of CSIRO Science page.

Answers next newsletter

## MUSIC FESTIVAL



Kindergarten were so excited to perform on the big Stage at Picton High School. They smiled lots, sang beautifully and gave a marvellous crowd pleasing performance.

P Gibson

## KINDERGARTEN 2011

Do you have preschooler ready for "Big School" next year? Do you have friends or family with preschoolers ready to start? Tahmoor's office ladies would love to see you - so you can receive enrolment forms.

We would love to have all enrolment information by September so that all Orientation Information is given out in October.

## READING WHEEL

Class	Names
2RM	Jake Aird, Joshua Johnson, Michael O'Hara

## P&C NEWS

### Election Day

A big Thank you to Doris Coleman, Toni Riley, Hani Goode, Janet Cottee, Bernardette Colton, Amanda Scott, Annette Mathias, Cassandra Callaghan, Kerry New and Melina Davis for your donation of cakes they were a great hit. Thank you to Belinda Daniele, Carol & Peter Markut, Henry & Rene Fauche, Mrs Gow, Mrs. Reedi, Bruce & Megan Mollison and Steve for all your help with the BBQ on the day. I'm really sorry if I have forgotten any body and if I have a big thank you to you too.

### Coming Up.

#### Father's Day Stall

Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August P&C will be holding their father's Day stall. The presents vary in price from \$1.00 to \$7.00. Please make sure your child/ren has their money. If they do forget they can lay-by & they will be given a little note stating how much they owe. All lay-bys must be picked up by Wednesday morning.

The Note Tote is one of the fundraisers that will be coming home to you very soon. This is a great way to keep all your notes in one place. These will be \$10 each.

### Clothing Pool

Times we are open

Monday 2.45pm - 3.15pm

Wednesday 8.45am - 9.15am

Friday 2.45pm - 3.15pm

There are some people still waiting on size 8 or 10 Jackets.

We are still waiting on them; We have got new track pants to go with sports jacket. They will cost \$17 dollars and it is pre order and pay in advance. The Track pants we already have in clothing pool will be going up to \$17 dollars in 4 weeks time.

Mylee Durrant

Clothing Pool Co- Ordinator



# From the Library

Congratulations to the following Stage 1 children who have completed the 2010 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Coen K-2 Elizabeth K-2 Courtney K-2 Maree K-2 Piper K-2  
Brianna K-2 Liam K-2 Kamron K-2 Chloe K-2 Cayden K-2  
Blake K-2 Brandon K-2 Adrian K-2 Kathryn K-2 Mikayla K-2  
Emma K-2 Abbey K-2 Brianna K-2 Ellyn K-2  
Elizabeth K-2 Emma K-2 Joshua K-2 Rowan K-2 Julian K-2  
Jack K-2 Martin K-2 Matthew K-2 Renee K-2 Paige K-2  
Declan K-2 Damien K-2 Chelsea K-2 Tarshar K-2 Tiana K-2  
Jake K-2 John K-2 Kane K-2 Sebastian K-2 Jaren K-2 Paul K-2  
Lachlan K-2 Caitlin K-2 Daniel K-2 Nathan K-2 Klaudia K-2  
Ryan K-2 Joshua K-2 Patrick K-2 Johanna K-2  
Hunter K-2 Joel K-2 Mikayla K-2 Michael K-2 Holly K-2  
Leonie K-2 Annistacia K-2 Scott K-2 Lachlan K-2  
Jamie K-2 Lucas K-2 Chloe K-2 Tahlia K-2

Congratulations to the following Stage 2 children who have completed the 2010 Premier's Reading Challenge.  
Rachael 3-4 Sarah 3-4 Annalise 3-4 Tom 3-4 Wil 3-4 Jessica  
3-4 Gyspie 3-4 Sarah 3-4 Stephanie 3-4 Dylan 3-4  
Ethan 3-4 Mackenzie 3-4 Campbell 3-4 Jesse 3-4 Michael 3-4  
Jackson 3-4 Abbey 3-4

Congratulations to the following Stage 3 children who completed the 2010 Premier's Reading Challenge.  
Nicholas 5-6 Tim 5-6 Rebecca 5-6 Hannah 5-6 Jarrod 5-6  
Jade 5-6

In total 86 children completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Certificates will be issued late in Term 4.

This week as part of our Book Week celebrations we were visited by the Librarians, Georgina and Melissa from Wollondilly Shire Library. We really appreciated their talks and skits on the Book Week books.

This week we have also seen another successful Book Fair. Thank you to all parents and children who supported our school. Many new resources will be added to our collection because of this. Thank you also goes to Livvi Sain, Jesslyn Pita and Ainsley Debono for helping to run the Book Fair.

Book Week has also seen each class travel 'across the story bridge' to another country and culture. Each class have written about their experience.

3/4L Strong Magic is an Australian story about a naughty lazy boy and his tribe. He was so lazy that he let everyone do all the hard work. While all the men were out hunting and all the women and children were out gathering food the nasty boy stole all the water and hid it up a gum tree. When the boy was up the tree strong magic made the tree grow huge. The Aboriginal Tribe returned and saw the boy up the tree with their water. Two young brave men climbed up the tree to get him. The boy started to moan and groan and fell out of the tree. He climbed back up the tree to escape from the Argey

Tribe but some strong strange magic happened to the boy, fur started to appear on his body he was the first Koala in the world. That's why a koala moans and groans today.  
3/4SN discovered that stories from Africa that are passed down from generation to generation, tell of similar things to our Aboriginal Dreamtime. Our story 'Stealing the Sun' explained how the sun came to light up the earth.  
3/4S have read about Baba Yaga the Witch. This folk tale is from Russia. It is about an ugly witch who chases a girl back to her home, but is helped by a cat and dog and some clever magic. It also is about an unkind stepmother and a kind father. There is a happy ending for the young girl and her father. 3/4S also completed some sketches to go with this story.

1G read 'How The Turtle Got its Shell' - a story from Greece. This is a recount written by Tiana. Zeus was a Greek god. He was the ruler of all the gods. He invited all the animals to his wedding feast. Turtle did not go to his wedding feast. Then Zeus made thunderbolts and lightning. Zeus dropped a shell on turtles back.

2RM read the story 'The Ivory Wand' from China. Julia and Brandon have retold the story here:  
Wang-Su lived in the city of Nanjing in China. He had an ivory wand, a dog and a cat. One night a robber climbed over the big walls of his house. The robber stole Wang-Su's ivory wand. The next morning Wang-Su could not find his wand. He said 'We will do without it.' The cat and the dog decided they must bring the ivory wand back to their master. They walked for days and days in the streets. One day they came to a house. The dog said 'This is the house.' They saw the robber with the wand. When the robber was asleep they took the wand back to their master. When they came back to their master he said, 'I had to sell all my things. Now we can have it all back and more.'

5/6B read 'The Singing Toad', a story from Mexico. After reading and discussing the story we all agreed the story had a very clear moral:

- \* Treat others as you would expect to be treated
- \* Give respect, get respect
- \* Give and you shall receive

Billy, Jayden, Shakeel and Bethany from 5/6B

5/6A read 'A Bag Full of Stories' - a story from Cambodia. The central character, Lom, came from a well to do family. He had an old servant who would tell him stories every night. Lom refused to share these stories with his friends and decided to store his stories in a bag. As Lom grew older and decided to marry, 'the bag full of stories' grew discontented and decided to sabotage Lom's wedding day. The old servant heard about the sabotage and set about protecting Lom from the stories evil plans. After a series of events that saw Lom escape the clutches of evil, he realised how wrong it was to keep the stories to himself and from that day forward the stories have been heard around the world.

1M discussed and heard traditional stories from the people of North America. We discovered that there are great morals to be learned from traditional stories.

At the end of this week we will enjoy our 2010 Book Character Parade. We look forward to seeing lots of

wonderful costumes. Photos and a report of the parade will be in our next newsletter.

As part of our Book Week studies this week, 5/6G read a story called The Little Sparrow. This story was a story from Japan and we described it as a folk tale. The story was about a kind old Japanese man who was married to a mean and bad tempered woman and some of the mean and nasty things that his wife did that made him feel sad, ashamed and embarrassed about his wife.

We felt that the story was designed to give readers some messages or lessons and these were some of the ideas that we discussed after having read the story.

- To not spend your life being mean, nasty, greedy and horrible. We thought that this would be a sad way to spend your life.
- To be a positive, happy, polite person who showed respect not only to other people, but to animals as well.
- To give back instead of taking all the time.
- The saying, "What goes around, comes around."
- The concept of what we called 'karma' - both good and bad karma and receiving positive things when you consistently show good karma and negative things when you're consistently show bad karma.

Mrs Sharon Ryan Teacher Librarian.

## **PICTON JUNIOR OZTAG**

Registration Now Open

Comp Runs Sept – Xmas Enquiries Call

Caroline: 0449 505 398 or

For details & to download forms

*Beat the crowd – mail your team rego*

[www.southwestoztag.com.au](http://www.southwestoztag.com.au)

## **WOLLONDILLY LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE Tahmoor Sportsground**

Catering for Boys and Girls 5 years to 17 years of age.

Friday afternoons from 4.45pm

Registration At Tahmoor Sportsground Hall

3.30 - 6.30pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Birth Certificate Required

Enquires Nicole 0408 225 230 or 4683 2043

## **ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

KB	Ashlyn Griffiths, Riley Dollak
KG	Declan Delamare, Kirsty Dumughm
1MG	Piper Brooker, Jarrod Munda, Jacklyn Chalker, Kooper Dunn
1M	Jake Harris, Chloe Colleton,
2P	Tabitha Sherratt. , Liam Hoffmannbeck
2RM	Lachlan Scott, Leonie Pullen-Whitemore
3/4S	Jake Wedlock, Julia Daniele
3/4L	Lachlan Coleman, Braeden Schmitz
3/4SN	Sarah Markut, Lindsay Hunt, Gypsy Brooker
5/6A	Tiffany Bannister, Jordan Wardman
5/6B	Mika Karaiste, Emily Fay
5/6C	Simon Cottee, Jarrod Reedie
5/6G	Jesslyn Pita, Ritchie Kilmister

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	D Neal
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	K Sapienza
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	K Davis
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	S Rousell
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	J Redmond
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	D Neal
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	K Sapienza
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	K Savidge
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	J Cottee
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	D Launder