

# Term 4 Week 2 2012

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Touch Football Gala Day Stg 2
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Spider Day K-2
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	NAPLAN coffee morning.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Spider Day 3-6
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	1 <sup>st</sup> Kindergarten Orientation Day
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	P&C Halloween Disco
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kindergarten Orientation Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Cake Stall
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kindergarten Orientation Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Combined Scripture Assembly
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farwell
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Assembly
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Picnic Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Students Last Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

## Welcome Back

This is our first newsletter for the Term and I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school to everyone. This term is extremely hectic with a huge array of activities taking place at our school.

This term our formal Kindergarten orientations occur, while at the other end of the spectrum, our Year 6 students begin transitioning for High School.

## Thank you to Mrs Wurm

Our gardens and school grounds look a treat at the moment and that is largely due to the magnificent efforts of Mrs Wurm.

Mrs Wurm has transformed our garden beds into a magnificent profusion of colour and has certainly dressed up our school.

In addition to this she has tidied up the Teacher's Resource Centre and has made it the showpiece it deserves to be.

Mrs Wurm's work has all been voluntary and it goes without saying it has been greatly appreciated by all members of our school community.

Thank you Mrs Wurm!

## Teacher Professional Learning

Last Tuesday our staff started the first stage of developing our next 3 year plan.

Our staff looked closely at our recent NAPLAN results and identified areas to celebrate and areas in which we need to show improvement.

The overall picture is very positive with our school growth higher than the average growth recorded across the state.

This is a remarkable achievement and vindicates the teaching learning programs that occur at Tahmoor Public school. I would like to congratulate our teachers and Mr Maumill with his leadership of the Focus on Reading program. The impact of this program is really starting to reap some positive results.

These results, although pleasing and offering great hope, are only the start and we still have a significant journey to travel to get to a point where I am completely satisfied.

The new 3 year plan will reflect our teaching and learning for the next 3 years and build upon existing successes.

## Tahmoor Tickets

The advent of the "Tahmoor Tickets" as introduced by Mrs Sheehan on behalf of sub-committee is proving to be a huge success. This system is looking at providing another layer for rewarding positive behaviours. I look forward to drawing many more winners each Monday morning and recognising these students in front of the whole school assembly.

## Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten next year and if you have a child ready to start school or if you know of a family in this situation please spread the word about our fantastic school and orientations are about to take place.

Dates for these orientation sessions are as follows:

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October - (9.15 - 10.30)
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November - (9.15 - 10.30)
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November - (9.15 - 10.30)

## Stage 2 Camp

Well Done to all of our Stage 2 students who attended camp last week. I have heard many positive reports about our behaviour and general conduct during the camp. The camp staff were highly complementary and we are welcome back any time!

Thank you to our staff members who accompanied our students and through their participation helped provide another "rich" learning experience.

## Halloween Disco

Our P & C have organised a school disco with a Halloween theme for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012. The K - 2 disco is from 3.30pm to 5.00pm and the 3 - 6 disco runs from 5.00pm until 6.30pm. The students are encouraged to come dressed in a Halloween costume (costumes must be in good taste). The boy and girl who is judged to have the best costume will win a prize. The cost of the disco ticket is \$5.00. Thank you to our P & C for organising this event.

## Selective High School Applications

The online application website will be open from 9am on 16 October 2012 until Monday 19 November 2012.

Paper application forms will arrive on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 to students whose parents do not have internet access.

Application information booklets will also be available to all applicants next week.

If you intend applying for the Selective High School test please leave your name at the front office and indicate whether you will require a paper version or you will register online.

Please note the date for the Selective High School Test is **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

Have a great fortnight

**Dave Schofield**

Principal

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On Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> Of October 2012 I went to Morisset camp with all of Stage Two. The instructors names were Holly, Bobo, Yoshi, Leroy, Emily, Matt and Aleesha. My group instructor was Holly. The first day we got there they sat us down and told us the rules. Then we went to our first activity. It was team work matrix. You had someone on it and two people beside you just in case you fell. Then we went to have some lunch we had hot dogs for lunch.

After lunch we went to high ropes. You had a harness on your waist that kept you safe on the ropes. Then we went back for dinner. For dinner we had spaghetti bolognaise. It was delicious!! Then we went to our rooms and had a shower. While they got ready for our night activity. It was Country Fair. We had fake money so we could buy stuff like milkshakes and donuts.

I went there with all stage two. I felt great. The next day we went to the giant swing and mud world. Mud world was yuck. Then we got washed to go the giant swing. After that we went canoeing. Camp was great because we did lots of amazing activities!!!!

**Liana Moore 3/4T**

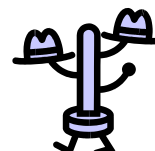
## Stage 3 Canberra Camp

Tahmoor Public School students participating in the Stage 3 camp are undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. They have the opportunity to visit Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, The National Museum of Australia (Meet the People Program), Reconciliation Place, A tour of the Embassy District and the Lodge, CSIRO, Institute of Sport, Questacon, National Capital Exhibition and visit Mount Ainslie at night. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.  
Stage 3 Teachers

## Congratulations to Tahmoor Ticket Winners for this week!!!

Julia F, Karis F, Elizabeth K, Kelahze F-W,  
Jason I, Chinelle M

## Hat Rack



Another busy term has begun. Our students have already participated in camps and excursions to support what they are learning in the classroom. The weeks will only get busier with many other interesting and engaging activities leading up to our school presentation day which will celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students.

### **NAPLAN Coffee Morning.**

Late last term our Year 3 and 5 students received their NAPLAN results. Some parents and carers may not be sure of what the report means. In order to support our school community I will be holding a NAPLAN information session to outline what NAPLAN is, what the report looks like and to explain the different aspects of the report.

The NAPLAN information session will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in the Teachers Resource centre at 9.30am. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be available.

All parents and carers of students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are welcome to attend the NAPLAN information session even if your child did not sit the test this year. The information which will be provided will assist all parents/carers in their understanding of the reports and how to best prepare their child for future NAPLAN tests.

Thank you and kind regards,

Michael Maumill  
Highly Accomplished Teacher.

## TOYS "N" TUCKER 2012 GIVING TREE

This year the Tahmoor school community is being asked to once again to share the joy of Christmas by donating new toys and /or non-perishable food items to be distributed by Anglicare to families in need this Christmas.

The toys should be unwrapped and suitable for any age child or teenager. Please send your donations in to Mrs Newhouse's room before Monday of Week 10 (10<sup>th</sup> December).

Thankyou  
Mrs Newhouse.

## Stewart House 2012 Clothing Collection

Stewart House is a charity organisation which has, since 1031, helped to make a difference in the lives of 140,000 public school children across NSW and the ACT. This organisation provides children with a wide range of experiences including a much needed holiday from sometimes difficult circumstances through to a full health screening.

Recently an empty Stewart House bag would have been sent home to you with your child. If you are able to fill the bag with clean unwanted clothing, shoes or linen and return it to school before Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October we would be very grateful as these bags help raise funds for Stewart House.

Looking forward to your participation in this very worthwhile charity.

Mrs Newhouse

## P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am in the Teacher Resource Centre all welcome.

## CRAFTY LADIES

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
9am - 12pm  
Contact Sharon Mordue 0408809250



## Canteen Roster

Monday 22nd October	Volunteer Needed
Tuesday 23rd October	K Sapienza
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	R Enguix
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	C Callaghan
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	K Savidge
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Volunteer Needed
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	K Sapienza
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	T Noakes
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	R Fouche
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Volunteer Needed

A Volunteer is needed for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, If anyone can help out between 8.50 till 11.20am please see Liz Scott at the Canteen.

