

Term 4 Week 4 2012

Friday 16 th November	Early Stage One SYMBIO excursion
Monday 19 th November	Selective High School online application close
Thursday 22 nd November	ZONKA Day
Monday 3 rd December	OC Orientation Day 9.30am - 11.30am
Tuesday 4 th December	Combined Scripture Assembly
Friday 7 th December	Spelling Bee Finals
Friday 7 th December	Gift Baskets & Raffle tickets due
Monday 10 th December	Toys 'n' Tucker Giving Tree last day for donations
Tuesday 11 th December	Year 6 Farwell
Friday 14 th December	Presentation Assembly P&C Raffle drawn
Tuesday 18 th December	Class Picnic Day
Wednesday 19 th December	Students Last Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Public Speaking Champion

Congratulations to Jennifer Barnott-Clement for her outstanding Public Speaking last week in Camden. Jennifer finished 1st in the Macarthur/Campbelltown area of schools and we know progress to the finals of the South West Sydney Region. On behalf of Tahmoor school I would like to congratulate Jenny and wish her all the best in the next stage of this competition.

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 .

Electronic School sign

Our new sign has been erected and we now await final instructions regarding the programming. Once this has been carried out we should see lots of exciting messages outlining the many programs and activities that take place at Tahmoor Public School.

A special thank you and acknowledgement to both X Strata and our P & C who provided funding to support this initiative.

OC Orientation Day

Our OC Orientation Day will be held on Monday 3rd December in the school hall.

This meeting will commence at 9.30am and finish at 11.30am. Parents and carers are invited and this session will finish with a BBQ lunch shared between current OC students and new OC students.

I look forward to meeting with you on the day.

Teacher Professional Learning

Our staff have continued to work hard developing strategies for Literacy programs through Focus on Reading. We are developing teaching learning programs that are not only able to be utilised now, but will also provide the basis for 2013 programs.

Our staff have also completed the 2012 - 2014 Management plan and have outlined a comprehensive range of strategies across our key learning areas.

I would like to thank the staff for their commitment and professionalism during this important process.

Important School Dates !

In the next 3 - 4 weeks there are a number of significant school events please keep the following dates clear in your diaries:

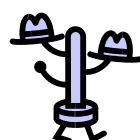
- Early Stage One Symbio excursion - 16th November
- Selective High School paper applications need to be in to our front office by Friday 16th November
- Online applications must be submitted by Monday 19th November
- Year 6 Farewell - Tuesday 11th December
- Presentation Assembly - Friday 14th December
- Class picnic days - Tuesday 18th December
- Students last day of school for 2012 is Wednesday 19th December
- School resumes - Wednesday 30th January. Please note - new kindergarten students will receive a special letter informing them what day their Best Start will occur.

Have a great fortnight

Dave Schofield

Principal

Hat Rack



As we enter the last six weeks of this year our staff and students are still working hard to complete everything which they need to do before the end of the year. That is why it is important for everyone to stay focused and organised. This week I have included five tips to help our students stay organised. This information is particularly useful for our year six

students as they continue to prepare for high school next year.

5 ways to keep kids organised at school

It's never too early (or too late) to teach kids how to get and stay organised for school. The skills they learn now will carry over into high school and ultimately their careers and home management as adults.

1. Establish a great homework routine

With your child, determine the best time for daily school work and stick with it. For some kids, it will be right after school. Others may need some downtime to play, and then it's time to hit the books. The most important thing is to stick to the schedule so your child knows what's expected.

2. Set up the space

Have a designated study area, such as the kitchen table. But for unique assignments, allow for some flexibility such as moving to a rocking chair for reading chapter books.

3. Make sure you know what's going on

Instruct children to unload their backpacks as soon as they come home. Have them hang up their bags in a designated area for easy access tomorrow and bring homework to the designated study area. Check in each day so you're aware of their workload and take special care when they seem overwhelmed.

4. Encourage the use of lists and planners

The older kids get, the more homework and activities they'll have. Teach them to manage their tasks with the use of simple lists or a planner/calendar of some sort. When they learn of upcoming assignments, tests, or events, they should write them down in their planners.

5. Encourage colour coding

Colour affects our mood and memory so let kids pick the colours of their folders and notebooks to correspond to different classes. If green reminds them of science, then they'll know instantly to grab the green notebook when looking for their science notes. Thank you and kind regards,

Michael Maumill
Highly Accomplished Teacher.

STAGE 3 NEWS

Congratulations to all students who attended the recent 3 day trip to Canberra for their fine behaviour. A very moving moment for us all occurred when we listened to the Last Post being played in the War memorial and observed the closing ceremony at the end of the day. An article and photo concerning this part of the trip has been included in this week's Macarthur Chronicle.

Over the last few weeks assessments have been taking place and teachers are now busily writing school reports. We would like to remind students of the expectations of our senior students at this time of the year. With this in mind, many of our Year 5 students are running for our Front Bench in our Parliament for 2013. Campaign posters are beginning to be seen on verandah windows and we look forward to hearing students campaign speeches.

The closing of Parliament for 2012 will take place on Wednesday 5th of December and we invite parents to attend. With our Year 6 Farwell being held outside of the school premises for the first time teachers would love to hear from any parents who are able to assist in decorating or helping in any way possible. A note was handed out on Monday Week 6 asking for assistance. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Our students look forward to organising and participating in the Zonka Day activities to be held on the 28th November. Please support your child as they prepare for this.

Stage 3 Teachers

SCRIPTURE ASSEMBLY

<i>Week 5</i>	<i>Week 6</i>
<i>Toby W 5/6L</i>	<i>Nancy H 5/6B</i>
<i>Mikayla M 3/4G</i>	<i>Marli 5/6B</i>
<i>Stevie B 5/6B</i>	<i>Chris D K/6B</i>
<i>Renee P 2/3S</i>	<i>Lauren 5/6L</i>
<i>Martin M 3/4G</i>	<i>Maddison 1S</i>
<i>Jackson 2W</i>	<i>Karis F</i>

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.

Gifts for children and teens

- Toys
- Board Games
- Sport Equipment
- Retail Gift Cards

Christmas food for festive meals

- Christmas puddings
- Christmas cakes
- Long life custard
- Tinned ham



Please send your donations in to Mrs Newhouse's room before Monday of Week 10 (10th December).

The Scripture teachers and students invite **all students** to join us for our combined Scripture assembly on Tuesday December 4th. Quiz Worx will be performing with their puppets.

Please come along and join us.

First Steps Before After & Vacation Care

Enrollment / Orientation Afternoon

We will be holding an enrollment and orientation afternoon on Wednesday, 21st November, 2012, from 3-5:30pm on the grounds of Tahmoor Public School, for all families wishing to enroll in our service, or require further information. If you are unable to attend this timeslot please give me a Call to arrange an alternative meeting time. Management and staff are looking forward to working within the Tahmoor Community and meeting all the families of Tahmoor Public School.

See you all soon
Leisa Ladner
0412 455 305.

CRAFTY LADIES

Wednesday 21st November
Wednesday 5th December
9am - 12pm

Contact Sharon Mordue 0408809250

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Each week **Single with Children** provides fun and exciting activities for single parents and their children.

(Many activities are subsidised or free)

It's a great way to meet and get to know people in your area.

To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar. Call us today on 1300300496 Or check out our web site:

www.singlewithchildren.com.au

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1300 300 496**

P & C Gift Basket Raffles

This year as a part of our fundraising Efforts, on behalf of Tahmoor Public School, we are organising Gift Basket Raffles. Your child/children's class will be receiving a basket with a theme. Attached to the basket is a list of items suitable for donation. You can add items to the basket of a similar nature as well. Children will each receive a book of 10 Raffle tickets which can be sold to friends and family. The raffles will then be drawn on the 14th December 12 at the Presentation Assembly. More raffle tickets are available if all of yours are sold. We ask you to please donate generously to this fundraiser as all the monies raised go back into the school to help support your child's education. If you can assist in monitoring your child/children's class baskets please call P & C Secretary - Kylie on 0424 952 003. Thank you and we look forward to presenting some fantastic baskets for raffling.



Canteen Roster

Monday 19 th November	
Tuesday 20 ^h November	K Sapienza
Wednesday 21 st November	R Enguix
Thursday 22nd November	C Callaghan
Friday 23 rd November	K Savidge
Monday 26 th November	
Tuesday 27 th November	K Sapienza
Wednesday 28 th November	J Haselhuhn
Thursday 29 th November	R Fouche
Friday 30 th November	Volunteer Needed

PIKELET DAY WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER. PIKELETS 20c EACH.

A volunteer is needed for Friday the 30th November if anyone can help out between 8.50 till 11.20am please see Liz Scott at the Canteen.

