

Term 2 Week 2 2012

Wednesday 2 nd May	Cross Country
Friday 4 th May	Boys Zone Touch Footy Trials
Wednesday 9 th May	Razorback All Schools Rugby League
Friday 11 th May	Netball/Soccer Gala Day A Teams
Tuesday 15 th May	Naplan Years 3 & 5 Language/Writing
Wednesday 16 th May	Naplan Years 3 & 5 Reading
Thursday 17 th May	Naplan Years 3 & 5 Numeracy
Friday 18 th May	District Cross Country
Tuesday 22 nd May	UWS Computer Skills
Thursday 24 th May	Public Education Day
Monday 11 th June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back!

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope everybody had a relaxing holiday in preparation for a very busy and exciting Term 2. The staff had a very busy School Development Day and participated in the following activities:

- Stronger Smarter plans
- School Improvement via a Steve Dinham presentation
- Autism presentation from Jeff Nelson and;
- Focus on Reading presented by Mr Maumill.

These activities will help provide a strong foundation for teaching learning programs that will occur during Term 2.

OC Information

Applications have been called for students interested in applying for the 2013 OC class. This is for students currently enrolled in Year 4 classes.

You are able to apply on the internet and submit your application online. Instructions on how to apply online can be found at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

or

If you do not have internet access you may complete a paper version housed at our school from next Monday. If you are interested in a paper version please contact the front office.

Zoo Excursion

Thank you to our teachers and parents who supported our students during the zoo excursion on Monday. Our students were beautifully behaved and represented our school with distinction. I have received many reports about the day and all have commented what a great day it was.

Again this can't happen without staff and parent support, so thank you. A lot of rich vocabulary will develop from this

excursion and teaching learning activities will incorporate experiences generated from the day.

AECG Meeting

The AECG is an Aboriginal community-based organisation made up of volunteer members who are involved in Local and Regional AECGs throughout NSW.

Next Monday 7th May the local AECG meeting will be held in the DSA Building (next to the Telstra Depot) on Menangle Street, Picton.

The times are as follows:

5.30 - Education personnel

7.30 - Local community.

Change of animal graphic for one of our afternoon buses.

Any students who currently catch the pm Elephant bus will **now catch the Frog bus** from Monday 7th May 2012. The Frog bus will travel the same route to Thirlmere school then continue on to Lakeland.

School Cross Country

Congratulations and Well Done to Ms Allard for organising and running an excellent Cross Country carnival. Thank you to all participating staff and parents who were in attendance today.

I was also impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm shown by our students. Well Done!

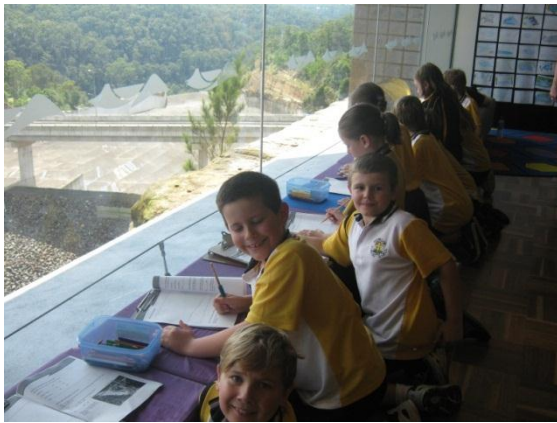
Have a great fortnight

Dave Schofield

Principal

STAGE TWO WARRAGAMBA DAM EXCURSION





Warragamba Dam is the largest Dam in Sydney .

Why it was built? It was built because the Sydney population was growing bigger and bigger and there was a great drought.

How long did it take to build? It took 12 years and it took 1200 people to build it.

The size of the Dam? The length of the Dam wall is 351 metres.

How much of Sydney water does it supply? It supplies 70% of Sydney's Water.

Interesting facts: It is home to lots of fish and eels. It is a beautiful place to go and see.

Brent Loveridge age 7 2/35

STAGE 3 NEWS

Welcome back to what will be another busy term of learning for our students as they continue to work towards achieving their semester goals,. If your child has not returned their goal sheet to school please organise this.

In our first week of this term we have enjoyed visits from a representative of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council. During this visit our students understanding of Sustainable Living was challenged and extended by the participation in hands-on activities. Students were encouraged to implement their gained knowledge on sustainable living in their own homes. Our school was represented admirably by members of our school at the early morning ANZAC March and Ceremony held in Picton on Anzac Day. We thank those parents who allowed their child to attend this occasion.

Year 5 students will be sitting their NAPLAN TESTS in Week 4, 15th, 16th and 17th May and we ask that students be in attendance on time on these days so vital pre-test instructions are not missed.

Many Gala Day teams are in the process of being chosen. Please promptly return your child's permission notes and money for this if they make the team.



Stage 3 Teachers

Anzac Day Ceremonies

Students who attended the Anzac Day dawn march and service at Picton on Anzac Day were a credit to our school. They dressed immaculately, wore their uniforms, and in some cases medals, with pride. It was an absolute pleasure to attend the service with the children. A special thank you goes out to Abbey Murdoch and Kiara Leet, and their families in the creation of the wreath. The girls created wreath that was covered in poppies. All of which were hand-made. I'm sure this took a great deal of effort and I thank them for a job well done. It looked magnificent. The children marched in lines beautifully and when they reached the park rearranged their grouping quickly, quietly and effectively. They stood for at least half an hour without making any fuss (and I am sure this was not easy for many of the younger children who attended, as they didn't have much of a view). All the children were collected from the park with no fuss and were settled and happy to wait for their families. I would like to thank everyone who attended on the day, particularly mums and dads who rose so early in the cold to ensure their child was there on time. I would also like to give a special thank you to all the children who admirably represented Tahmoor Public School.

On Thursday 26th April we held our Anzac Day Ceremony at school. It was a delight to watch the children show their respect to those people who fought for the freedom we have in our country today. I'd like to thank Mr Baker for addressing the children at the ceremony. Mr Baker wore his medals and his father's medals and the children enjoyed watching his picture story. We really appreciated the sharing of your personal story. Thank you! I was amazed by the wonderful flowers the children brought in for the ceremony and I thank everyone who sent flowers in with their child. It really made the ceremony. I thank you for your support. The flowers were placed under the flag poles following the ceremony and I encourage you to wonder past with your child when you are entering or leaving the school for a quick look. Once again, thank you for your wonderful support.

Wollondilly Shire Council donated some books to the school library in memory of those who fought for our country (at the dawn service the schools lay wreaths and the council gives the schools books instead of laying a wreath). We thank the council for their kind contributions, I am sure we will make wonderful use of them. One book focuses on the history of war while the others are fiction texts. Our librarian, Mrs Marden assures me that they are sort after texts so if you are in the library ask her about them. Once again, thank you everyone!

Here we are on Anzac Day ready to march.



STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House is a charity organisation which has, since 1931, helped to make a difference in the lives of 140,000 public school children cross 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.

This week an envelope will have been sent home to you with our school newsletter. If you donate \$2 you will have a chance to win a \$4,000 FAMILY HOLIDAY!

Just follow these three easy steps.

Step 1: Write your child's name, address, telephone number and school on the front of the Stewart House donation envelope.

Step 2: Insert a donation of at least \$2 into the envelope and seal it.

Step 3: Return the envelope to the office money box BEFORE FRIDAY 11TH MAY

Another way in which you can support Stewart House is by filling the Stewart House bag that your child will bring home in the next week with unwanted clean clothing or linen. Please return the filled bag to Mrs Newhouse's room BEFORE FRIDAY 25TH MAY.

Looking forward to your participation in this very worthwhile Charity Donation Drive.

Mrs Newhouse

SPORT...

CROSS COUNTRY

We were blessed with clear skies and warm weather for our annual cross country. Participation levels were up on previous years and the student's behaviour and attitude were exemplary.

Congratulations to the following students who place in the top 4 of their event and will now represent Tahmoor at the Razorback Cross Carnival on Friday 18th May.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
8/9 year Girls	Janayha Holdsworth	Emma Matthews	Brianna Kelly	Jade Cooper
8/9 year Boys	Ty Cassisdy	Martin Murdoch	Ethan Cassisdy	Braith Mahr
10 year Girls	Tabitha Sherratt	Holly Phillips	Julia Fouche	Marlli Chalker
10 year Boys	Patrick Kelly	Michael O'Hara	Jake Aird	Caleb Richardson
11 year Girls	Krystal Holdsworth	Kiara Leet	Tamika Anderson	Alana Sargood
11 year Boys	Josh McDonald	Clive Haselhuhn	Ryan Franolic	Lachlan Coleman
12/13 year Girls	Abbey Murdoch	Kaitlin Fullagar	Regan White	Chloe Sherratt
12/13 year Boys	Alex Kosednar	Zain Magee	Jacob Cameron	Jayden Moore

The winning house this year was:

1st - Wollombi 234 points

2nd - Barduk 225 points

3rd - Anembo 187 points

4th - Elouera 161 points

Thank you to all parents and spectators for your attendance.
Thank you to all parents who remained behind to help pack up.
It was greatly appreciated.

GALA DAYS

A reminder that the Soccer, Netball and AFL gala days are happening next Friday. All notes and money must be returned by next Wednesday. Good luck to all competitors.

RAZORBACK TOUCH FOOTBALL

Best wishes to Michael L, Alex K, Zain M, Michael G, Clive H who will compete for a position on the Razorback touch team on Friday.

RAZORBACK ALL SCHOOLS LEAGUE GALA DAY

Best wishes to our Rugby League team who will compete next Wednesday at St Gregory's College. We look forward to hearing about your day.

Stay fit and healthy!
Miss Allard

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

We are excited to be taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.


Last year, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until July 1st 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of

tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box. Your Sticker card is included with this newsletter.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School or visit the Woolworths website www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

 Canteen Roster	
Monday 7 th May	Volunteer Needed
Tuesday 8 th May	K Sapienza
Wednesday 9 th May	R Enguix
Thursday 10 th May	R Fauche
Friday 11 th	K Savidge
Monday 14 th May	Volunteer Needed
Tuesday 15 th May	K Sapienza
Wednesday 16 th May	T Noakes
Thursday 17 th May	T Meredith
Friday 18 th May	K Davis

**AS LUNCH IS NOW FIRST BREAK, COULD ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE START AT 8.50AM AND FINISH AT 11.20.
THANK YOU**



All of the teachers have been so pleased with the enthusiasm shown by Tahmoor students (with the support of their families) towards the learning of Spelling Bee words during term 1. Well done everyone!
The grand finals were fiercely fought by all class and stage finalists. A special 'Congratulations' to the Spelling Bee

Winners for Term 2. They are Year One Skye Callaghan ,
Year Two Melana Munro , Stage Two Matthew Kosednar and
Stage Three Clive Haselhuhn .

The certificates for these students will be presented at our
next whole school assembly.

A new list of words will be out as soon as possible. Good
spelling throughout Term 2. Let the battle begin.

Mrs Dianne Smith



THANK YOU!!!!

A Very special thanks to Mr Frank Baker for being Tahmoor
Public School's guest of honour at our recent ANZAC Day
commemoration. At this important ceremony Mr Baker
represented Australia's returned armed forces, in particular
those from the Vietnam Conflict. We are very aware of his
ongoing contributions to our school-life as the school's
archivist and weekly volunteer scripture teacher. Our school
community is proud of this ex-student's continued
involvement in our school.



HAT RACK

NAPLAN - Writing

With the NAPLAN testing taking place next week I have
included some information to assist parents and carers with
their understanding of the writing component. The text type
for the writing component this year is persuasive text which
includes writing called "discussion" and "exposition". To
better assist with your understanding I have included an
excerpt from the Educational Measurement and School
Accountability Directorate Website.

"Students' writing will be marked by assessors who have
received intensive training in the application of the ten
writing criteria for the persuasive text type."

Persuasive text type

Audience	The writer's capacity to orient, engage and persuade the reader
Text structure	The organisation of the structural components of a persuasive text (introduction, body and conclusion) into an appropriate and effective text structure
Ideas	The creation, selection and crafting of ideas for a persuasive argument
Persuasive devices	The use of a range of persuasive devices to enhance the writer's position and persuade the reader
Vocabulary	The range and precision of language choices
Cohesion	The control of multiple threads and relationships over the whole text, achieved through the use of referring words, substitutions, word associations and text connectives
Paragraphing	The segmenting of text into paragraphs that assists the reader to follow the line of the argument
Sentence structure	The production of grammatically correct, structurally sound and meaningful sentences
Punctuation	The use of correct and appropriate punctuation to aid the reading of the text
Spelling	The accuracy of spelling and the difficulty of the words used.

I wish all of our students in Years Three and Five well for the
NAPLAN tests next week.

Kind regards,

Michael Maumill

Highly Accomplished Teacher

Free Mother's Day Family Night

Thursday 10 May 6pm – 8pm

Join us for a free night of fun for the whole family!

- D.I.Y. Workshops
- Mother's Day gift making
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping & pot planting service



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