

Term 2 Week 10 2012

Friday 29 th June	3 rd Payment of \$50 due for Stg 2 Camp
Wednesday 18 th July	NAIDOC Celebration
Wednesday 25 th July	OC Test
Thursday 26 th July	School Athletics Carnival
Friday 27 th July	Cricket Gala Day
Monday 30 th July	Education Week
Wednesday 1 st August	Education Week Open Day
Tuesday 14 th August	Zone Athletics (field events)
Wednesday 15 th August	Zone Athletics (track events)
Monday 20 th August	Book Week
Monday 27 th August	National Literacy/Numeracy Week
Monday 27 th August – 7 th September	Special Swimming Scheme
Thursday 13 th September	10 Year Anniversary Culture Class Celebrations
Friday 14 th September	Hockey Gala Day
Wednesday 10 th October	Stage 2 Morisset Camp
Wednesday 17 th October	Stage 3 Excursion Canberra

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parent- Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all staff and parents who participated in our Tuesday afternoon/evening interviews. It was great to see so many parents in attendance and making a valuable contribution towards our students' education.

If you have missed out on this opportunity and would like to have a meeting with your child's teacher please contact your child's class teacher or make a request through the front office. Thank you again for your time, support and commitment.

School Ambassador

Congratulations Emma Thomas for being selected as the Tahmoor Public School ambassador. Emma demonstrates outstanding leadership skills and makes many positive contributions towards our school decision making through the school parliament. Well Done Emma!

Staffing changes for Term 3

There are a number of staffing changes that will take effect as from Day 1 next term:

- Mrs Waters, who is currently on maternity leave will be replaced for the remainder of the year by Ms Rene Ghassibe
Welcome Ms Ghassibe !
- Mrs Sharon Kaapro will be working as part of our Learning Support team 3 days a week – (Monday – Wednesday).
Welcome Mrs Kaapro
- Mrs Julia Stirling who is our new MC teacher. Mrs Stirling comes to our school as a teacher from the MC

class at Campbelltown East Public School. Welcome Mrs Stirling!

- Mrs Kathy Kentwell will be replacing Mr Ballango for 2 weeks who is on Long Service Leave. Mrs Kentwell comes to our school with a strong background of special education. Welcome Mrs Kentwell!

Safe and happy holiday

Next term looks to be a very busy term with major events such as:

- NAIDOC celebrations
- School Athletics carnival
- OC testing
- Education Week
- Music Festival
- Book Week
- National Literacy/Numeracy week.
- Special Swimming Scheme

Please check our website for term dates (in adjoining column) for specific dates. With all that in mind I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a happy and safe holiday.

Students return to school on Tuesday 17th July.

Have a great holiday

Dave Schofield

Principal

WRITER OF THE WEEK!!



SPELLING BEE WINNERS TERM 2

Stage 1 Cooper Warren

Stage 2 Chloe Whitley

Stage 3 Bella Thorpe

Congratulations to all participants .



B Hat Rack

Another busy term is drawing to a close. Staff and students are all looking forward to a well earned break over the holiday period. I have included a series of tips to encourage your children to continue reading throughout the holidays.

Keep Your Kids Reading Over the Holidays

As the holidays move into full swing and the kids are home from school, it's easy to get lost in the excitement and forget to keep children on a regular reading schedule. One of the things kids look forward to is their academic downtime, but there's no reason why they can't keep their minds sharp during the holidays. And, believe it or not, they can have fun while doing it. Reading doesn't have to mean sitting at a table with a boring school book for a set amount of time each day. You can easily 'sneak' reading into daily activities. Here are a few tips for sneaking learning into holidays at home:

- Let children read ingredients from recipes while you bake together. It's a great way for them to learn measurements and temperatures.
- Set aside time for kids to "show off" their new reading skills to visiting relatives. Children love being the focus of attention, and grandparents are usually more than willing to see their progress.
- Find books that focus on an interest your child has. For example if they like bike riding, find a book on BMX, or a children's book that includes a bicycle adventure. There are books out there to suit every interest under the sun – it just takes a little browsing.

Fun with Maths

To keep the children's minds busy and active over the holidays I have included a series of math tricks. I encourage students, parents and carers to try these out on their friends and family members.

1. Think of a number (and don't forget it). Double it. Add six. Divide your answer by two. Now take away the number you first thought of. The number in your head is now... three!

2. **Multiply by 9:**

Multiplying by 9 is really multiplying by 10-1.

So, 9×9 is just $9 \times (10-1)$ which is $9 \times 10 - 9$ which is 90-9 or 81.

Let's try a harder example: $46 \times 9 = 46 \times 10 - 46 = 460 - 46 = 414$.

One more example: $68 \times 9 = 680 - 68 = 612$.

To multiply by 99, you multiply by 100-1.

So, $46 \times 99 = 46 \times (100-1) = 4600 - 46 = 4554$.

Multiplying by 999 is similar to multiplying by 9 and by 99.

$38 \times 999 = 38 \times (1000-1) = 38000 - 38 = 37962$.

I wish everyone a safe, happy and restful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again next term.

Thank you and kind regards,
Michael Maumill
Highly Accomplished Teacher.

STAGE 3 NEWS

School reports were sent home last week and Stage three teachers appreciated the opportunity to meet with parents this week to discuss their child's progress this semester. Thank you all of the students attending our Science excursion in the first week back after the holidays who have returned their payment and permission notes. The due date for payment for this excursion was 28th June, the second last day of this term.

Parents should also have received the information note regarding our Stage Three trip to Canberra in Term Four by now. Please consider the suggested payment plan and start organising for the return of a deposit or the full amount.

Stage Three teachers request that their students return to school in Term Three with the necessary pencil case items to ensure a great start to the term. A note was sent home recently advising the necessary items.

Congratulations to Regan 5/6L, whose Sally Morgan artwork was selected to be the background for the agreement between Tahmoor School and the A.E.C.G (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group).

Congratulations on a fine effort representing our school at the Multicultural Public Speaking competition; Jenni and Tara of 5/6B and Matthew and Rebecca of 4/5N.

Well done to the following students who recently represented their class in the Spelling Bee competition
Ellen and Paige 4/5N,
Marc and Bailey 5/6P,
Kaitlyn and Blake 5/6L,
Stephanie, Michael V and Bella 5/6B.

The winner for Stage Three was Bella from 5/6B and the runner up was Blake from 5/6L.

We wish our students and families a safe and happy holiday.
Stage 3 Teachers

YOUTH 4 YOUTH CHALLENGE

Jenni Barnott-Clement from 5/6B and three of her family members are doing a 20km walk for the "Youth 4 Youth Challenge". They are planning on raising \$1000 for teenagers that are seriously ill in hospital. You are welcome to make a donation in a donation box in the office or come and buy a cupcake for \$1 at afternoon tea on Wednesday 18th July (first week term 3).

Thanks for your support
Jenni Barnott-Clement

SPORT...

Coles Sports for Schools

Coles Sports for Schools promotion has started. For every \$10 you spend at Coles, Bi-Lo or Coles Online you will receive a voucher. Place them in the promotion box in the office. Last year the Tahmoor community collected just over 55 000 vouchers. We look forward to your support over the coming months.

Premier's Sporting Challenge

This challenge is well underway. Please remember to return your 'HOME' log books on a weekly basis so you can add this time to your 'SCHOOL' log book. I know many students are on track to receive their Diamond award at the conclusion of the challenge.

Athletics Carnival

The annual Athletics Carnival is scheduled to be held on the 26th July (Thursday, Week 2) with back up dates on the 2nd and 9th of August. A reminder that this is a compulsory event.

Stay fit and healthy!
Miss Allard

P&C News

Dates for upcoming P&C meetings are

- 12th September
- 10th October
- 14th November
- 12th December all at 9 am in the Teachers Centre.
- Helpers will be needed for upcoming events; Athletics Carnival next term and also Special food Days ie: Hot Soup Day. Please see Karen or Mrs Scott in the Canteen for Special food Days

Thank you
Kylie
P&C Secretary

TAFE Outreach course and Community Gardening Project in Tahmoor

Come and join in on a TAFE Outreach course and Community Gardening Project in Tahmoor a great link to long life learning.

Childcare (low cost) available (but let me know quickly)
The day: Thursdays during the school term The time: 10am – 2.30pm
The Venue: Tahmoor Uniting Youth and Community Garden (next to skate park)
The Cost: Free
Dates: Commences 19th July (Thursday) through until December

What you need to bring: Closed in shoes, hat, gloves and sunscreen, note book and pens, sense of humour, patience and excitement Please contact: Sue Gordon 02 4627 1188 or 0413 480 843



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF FUN

Thursday 12th July 2012 10am—2pm



Tahmoor Community Centre
6 Harper Close Tahmoor (opposite Bi-Lo)

Magician, The Big Top Circus Skills, art & craft activities, Mobile Toy Library, Poi, drama & singing workshops, Drumbeat, theatre games, youth trailer, youth activities, chocolate wheel, cake & coffee stalls, market stalls, BBQ, information stalls and more...

School holidays sorted

The school holidays are fast approaching. For great activities to keep the kids gainfully occupied check out the informative Go Play website which is full of ideas for kids aged up to 18 years. You can search by age, activity, region, date, time and by government organisation. Go to: www.goplay.nsw.gov.au

Visit Campbelltown Arts Centre from July - September for a range of activities for primary school kids, including performance workshops, ceramics, noisemaking, insect art and more! Workshops are held during school holidays and during Term 3. For information about what's on, please visit our website at www.campbelltownartscentre.com.au, phone Box Office on (02) 4645 4294 or email artscentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

Thank you and have a good day Nikoleta Minns Education & Public Programs Campbelltown Arts Centre P: 02 4645 4294 F: 02 4645 4385 www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au