

Term 3 Week 2 2012

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
Thursday 9 th August	Stage 3 Cake Stall
Tuesday 14 th August	Zone Athletics (field events)
Wednesday 15 th August	Zone Athletics (track events)
Thursday 16 th August	Premiers Spelling Bee Finals
Friday 17 th August	Book Week Activities K/2 11.30-12.10 3/4 12.20 - 1pm 5/6 2.00 - 2.40pm
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,

Welcome Back

It is great to see everybody back at school ready for a very busy Term 3.

A special welcome to several new teachers who have joined our Tahmoor team. They are:

- Mrs Sharon Kaapro - our new STLA teacher who will work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week.
- Mrs Julia Stirling - the MC teacher for our second Multicategorical class.
- Ms Renee Ghassibe who will teach 2W for the remainder of the year.

OC Testing

This Wednesday the OC tests will take place at Elizabeth Macarthur High School. We have a number of students who will be sitting this exam - good luck to all participating students.

Remember to have a healthy dinner, breakfast and a good night's sleep prior to the exam. Also make sure you are punctual, it's better to be 30 minutes early rather than 30 minutes late !

NAIDOC painting

Thank you to Mrs Irwin, Mrs Karen Adams, Mrs Melissa Adams, Skye Irwin and Mrs Katherine Fardell from Bunnings Mittagong for their outstanding efforts last week. The mural of the Goanna looks fantastic and this reflects the enthusiasm and talents of the community support we received.

Behaviour zone changes

Our school has moved from a level system to a colour zone system.

The system operates where behaviour is categorised according to its severity. Each category is called a zone. Each zone is a different colour. The coloured zone indicates to students the severity and the consequences of their behaviour. Students are able to move freely between each zone.

A summary of the colour code system is as follows:

Blue Zone

These are the majority of our students. Their behaviour is excellent on the playground. At this level students' progress through the normal positive process of accumulating certificates resulting in higher awards.

The Bronze, Silver and Gold system works in conjunction with this level.

Green Zone

For small incidents. A 5 minute time out area serves as a gentle reminder or cool down zone. Once the 5 minutes is up the students returns to the playground. Consistent green zone offences can result in a Yellow Room detention.

Yellow Zone

For middle trouble. This will take the place of Reflection. This will be supervised by an Executive teacher. If your child needs to attend Yellow room a letter will be sent home informing you of the fact.

If the child behaves appropriately while in Yellow room, they will return to Blue Zone level.

If the child behaves inappropriately or is sent to Yellow room more than twice in one week - the student will enter Orange Zone.

Orange Zone

For bigger trouble. The student will lose privileges such as excursions or participating in Gala Days while on Orange zone. Once Yellow room detention is completed, the student will be allowed back on the playground with a monitoring card. This card will be in use for 1 week. Once the 1 week is finished the student will return to Blue zone or if their behaviour is still not appropriate, a caution of suspension may be issued.

Red Zone

Severe violence, severe verbal or physical aggression can lead to suspension.

Suspension is one strategy in which the school can use to modify inappropriate behaviour.

Please note, most of our students are in Blue Zone and if we are to tackle and address the many forms of Bullying that exist in all schools, the other colour zones provide us with a

consistent framework to work within. Positive behaviour is an aspect that will always be encouraged and emphasised at Tahmoor Public School.

Congratulations Stage 3

I received a call from a member of the public who resides in the Wollongong area and they felt compelled to inform me about the outstanding behaviour of our Stage 3 students and the friendliness of our teachers.

Well Done to all involved !

Have a great holiday

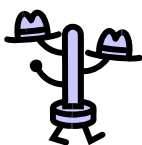
Dave Schofield

Principal

Stage 2 Public Speaking



HAT RACK



Another busy term is has begun at Tahmoor Public School. The teachers and students look refreshed and revitalised after their well earned holiday break. Many exciting opportunities have been planned for the students this term which include excursions, visiting speakers and sporting carnivals.

I have included a few tips below to assist our parents, carers and students with their study this term.

Study tips for parents, carers and students

1. Keep a regular schedule. Young children thrive on routine. Even if you are not the world's most organised parent, you can still keep a regular enough daily schedule for your child's sake. Set a regular bed time for your children and have them get up at the same time every morning. If possible, eat the evening meal together regularly as a family. Small daily routines like this on the home front can help children be more focused and in step with the schedule at school, hence improving their academic performance.
2. Focus on good health habits. Sleeping, good eating and exercise habits make a huge difference in a

child's performance at school. Children who get 10 to 12 hours of sleep at approximately the same time each night will have better brain function and be more alert during school hours. Giving your child a healthy breakfast (like cereal, toast, and a banana) provides them with the energy to do well in school and to not be hungry and lethargic as the morning goes on. Finally, encourage your children to exercise; regular aerobic exercise helps the body and mind to function better.

3. Read together. Cultivating an interest in learning, even at home, can help your child perform better at school. Instead of watching television together in the evening, check out books from your local library and have family reading time every evening. When your children are old enough to read, let them take turns reading books while the rest of the family listens. Ask them to explain the passage that they have just read aloud. Incite the other children to participate in a discussion or to ask questions. Such efforts will promote reading comprehension and build listening skills.
4. Help with homework. Children whose parents care about them and their studies are almost always the ones who perform better in school. A child needs encouragement and occasional direction to finish their homework and be prepared ahead of time for classes. If you help your child study for a test, quiz them on their spelling words, ask what they are learning about in HSIE, or work with them through some of their math homework. They will perform better in school than if you show no interest in their schoolwork and academic life.

Thank you and kind regards,

Michael Maumill

Highly Accomplished Teacher.

Stage 2 News

Just a reminder that the Stage 2 Camp fourth payment of \$50 is due on the 10th August and the final payment of \$30 is due on Friday 21st September.

STAGE 3 NEWS

Look at the standard of work students from Tahmoor Public School are producing ! Outstanding ! Underneath is a poem penned by Jennifer Barnott-Clement. Well Done Jennifer !

Welcome back to term Three which will be a very busy term with many Parliament initiatives happening in our school along with gala days, swimming Scheme, the Public speaking Competition and the Premiers spelling bee just to name a few. On Wednesday of week 3, we will be celebrating Education Week and invite parents and community members to visit our classes. Also in week 3 we will be celebrating the London 2012 Olympic Games by holding our own Olympics where each class in the school will represent a country and compete in fun events. This is being organized and run by stage 3 students with particular thanks to Mrs Lazarus and 5/6L for all their hard work and organization for this event. Well done to our students who participated in our fun learning environment when we visited the Science centre and Planetarium last week. A member of the public remarked on their excellent behaviour at the Centre. The students were greatly impressed with the most interesting and at times amazing facts presented in the movie in the planetarium. Stage three teachers would like to see all students continuing to work and behave according to our Stage expectation's . In doing this your child will certainly be ready to participate in our Canberra trip in Term 4. Please keep up with the payment schedule for this excursion.

Stage 3 Teachers

THE DESERT

The hot scorches everything in its reach,
 Animals willing for rain and panting of the mouth,
 Trees a hazy green as their roots dig deep into the cool
 earth,
 At night the freezing temperatures drop ever more as the
 stars are a bright pearl,
 As the desert awakes to the cool it erupts into life, like a
 child with a hidden heart.

By Jenni B-C 5/6B



Term Three is Premier's Spelling Bee

The following information is to support our students in their Premier's Spelling Bee Challenge.

The word lists for the 2012 Premier's Spelling Bee are now available.

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/spelling-bee/2012-premiers-spelling-bee>

Username: teacher

Password: eucalyptus

The username and password is available to any parents/carers who would like to access the lists. The wordlists are not restricted in any way and may be distributed to any and all students who require them/ would like them.

Please note: Junior words begin at Level 1 and go to Level 5.
 Senior words begin at Level 2 and go to Level 7

Additionally this year, The Arts Unit is pleased to announce that Samsung, the Principel Sponsor of the 2012 Premier's Spelling Bee, will early in Term 3 place a free Spelling Bee app in the Samsung Apps Market Place. The app will provide students with the opportunity to practice spelling the official words of the 2012 Premier's Spelling Bee

<http://www.samsungapps.com/>

Please note that Early Stage One and Stage One will have in-school lists as in previous terms.

Well done to our winners from term two.

SPELLING BEE WINNERS TERM 2

Year 1 Cooper Warren , Year 2 Connor Creevey

Stage 2 Chloe Whitley Stage 3 Bella Thorpe



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

We are hoping for fine weather. Should our carnival need to be postponed, the carnival will take place next Thursday (2nd August). Please be advised that the notes which were sent home cover students for this back up date and the back up date on the 9th August.

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Students that become eligible for the Zone carnival by finishing 1st in a field final at the Athletics Carnival or finishing second and meeting a qualifying height / distance in a field final or finishing 1st or 2nd in a track final will be representing Tahmoor at the Zone Carnival on **Tuesday 14th or Wednesday 15th August.**

PAUL KELLY CUP

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond NSW/ACT AFL's control they were unable to find a time to reschedule the Paul Kelly Cup. I am in consultation with the AFL to come and hold a clinic for these students later in term 3 or 4.

Students that have paid money for this day, may wish to use the money for the upcoming hockey or touch football gala or

you may request to have the \$7 transferred to their camp payment by contacting the office. I apologise for any inconvenience.

T20 BLAST CRICKET CUP

Best wishes to our Stage 3 students who will be representing Tahmoor in a revamped version of the Milo Cup on Friday at Tahmoor Sportsground.

Stay fit and healthy!
Miss Allard

P&C News

The next
P & C Meeting
8 August, 2012
9am in the Teachers Centre

HOT SOUP DAY

15 August 2012
Chicken Noodle Soup and French Bread
for \$2 per cup.

Helpers needed for upcoming events - Athletics Day Canteen, Hot Soup Day, Family Fun Day and other Special Events. Everyone is welcome to join the P & C and participate in making our school a great place for families, children, staff and the community. Meetings are held every second Wednesday at 9am in the Teachers Centre during school terms. 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: 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

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

The next blue light will be in the auditorium of Mittagong RSL. Saturday 28/07/12. 4.00pm - 7.00pm. \$5.00 per child 4yrs - 14yrs. Parent free. Guest artist will be BEN. One of the finalist of the TV show "The Voice" he will be singing a couple of songs.



Is Captain Underpants your favourite book character? Maybe Hairy Maclary, Spot, Zac Powers or Verity Sparks? Whoever your favourite book character might be here is your chance to showcase your favourite character, your artistic talent AND win some great prizes.

During book week (20th - 24th August) Mr Schofield and Mrs Marden will be judging all submitted hand drawn book characters. Those chosen will get to recreate their book character on a canvas to be hung in the library.

To enter simply chose your book character, hand draw and colour your book character on an A4 piece of paper and submit to Mrs Marden. Entries close Monday 13th August.



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CONGRATULATIONS
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National
Year of
Reading
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Thanks to the wonderful efforts of your class teachers and Mrs Marden these classes have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Letters will be sent home shortly with the titles of the books read and a permission slip to be signed and returned for the children to be officially included in the PRC.

Keep reading and don't forget our Get Caught Reading Competition to win vouchers to purchase books at the book fair! Stage 2 and Stage 3 have their reading logs and must be returned to Mrs Marden no later than the first week of August.



Mrs Marden is now recruiting new library monitors. If you are in Year 2 -6 and are interested please see Mrs Marden in the library at recess on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. I need 20 library monitors for the rest of the year!

