

Term 1 Week 4 2013

Thursday 28 th February	Zone Swimming
Friday 1 st March	Zone Swimming
Monday 4 th March	Tami Robotic Challenge 5/6B
Friday 22 nd March	National Ride 2 School Day
Monday 25 th March	Minnamurra Rainforest Excursion Stage 3
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday
Monday 1 st April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 8 th April	Stage 1 Excursion Aquarium
Friday 12 th April	Last day Term 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Meet the Teacher Thank You

Thank you to all participating staff and parents for making this important afternoon so successful.

This is a very important initial meeting as the relationships formed between parents, students and teachers are critical to the formation of a successful teaching learning year.

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to Mr Booth and all of our teaching staff for their marvellous efforts during the recent swimming carnival. The Picton Swimming Pool staff were highly impressed with the organisation of the carnival and the behaviour of our students.

Rugby League visits

Today Group 6 Rugby League Development officers attended our school and worked with a range of our classes. These skills will be very valuable as we approach the State Knock out carnivals. And start to pick our teams.

Teacher Professional Development

Focus on Reading and Taking Off With Numeracy programs are being established and staff are developing exemplary teaching learning programs. Guided Reading levels, best Start levelling, ESL student assessments are currently taking place. This data helps drives our future programs so that we are building upon the prior knowledge of our students and not rehashing information that is already acquired by your child.

Homework Centre

Homework Centre commences next Monday 25th February at 3.00pm. Mr Ballango will be again supervising this initiative on a purely voluntary basis. If you are available to assist with this program, once a week, or once a fortnight please leave your name and contact number with Mr Ballango or at the front office.

Friendships to boost your child's learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

Speech problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

Have a great fortnight

Dave Schofield

Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

Thank you so much to the boys and girls from Tahmoor Public School for making our swimming carnival such a huge success. The participation points this year were nearly twice as many as last year which means that nearly twice as many competitors competed in events. This year we had 4 heats in the boys 100m freestyle. From memory, we have never had this many competitors in this event! **A huge, huge thank you to the fantastic parents that assisted on the day.**

Because of the large number of competitors, we only had around a 10 minute break between the first and last event. It is this great support we receive from our

parents that contributes so significantly to the success of all our sporting carnivals. Thank you again. Children selected in our TPS team to compete at the Razorback carnival next Thursday and Friday have already received their notes. Please ensure these are returned by the due date. Please take note of which day your child is competing if they are in the team. **Finally, our swimming presentation assembly will be held on Friday 22nd February at 1.50pm in the school hall. Please come and join us.**

Ian Booth



Early Stage One News

Early Stage One teachers just wanted to thank the parents who attended the ESI information afternoon. Just a reminder that Kindergarten will be attending school for full school days starting next Monday 25th February.

Thanking You
Early Stage One Teachers.

Stage Two News

Congratulations Stage Two students on an excellent level of participation at our swimming carnival last week. We look forward to hearing the results from our students who have made it through to the next level of competition.

Thank you parents for attending our meet the Teacher afternoon. We were able to pass on firsthand important information which will assist you and your child this year. Information notes are often sent home

and we ask students to be responsible in delivering them to you. Please check your child's bag for notes so that you do not miss out on vital information.

Students in Stage 2 have begun using their spelling text. Please organise payment (\$13 to the front office in an envelope with name and class on the front) now so your child can begin using their book.

Shortly students will be invited to join our Wakakirri Group. These students will work towards learning and performing a dance presentation (which tells a story). The Wakakirri performance will be held at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong. It is hoped that many Stage Two students will take this opportunity to become involved in a very memorable experience.

Stage 2 Teachers

Stage Three News

Meet the Teacher Afternoon

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the Stage Three meet the teacher afternoon on Tuesday. It was great to see so many people attend the session. The session gave a snap shot of the Stage 3 expectations, grade organisation, homework, school routines and the equipment which the students need. Following the Stage meeting in the hall parents and carers were given the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and to have a look at the classroom. This was an enjoyable afternoon which allowed for both parents/carers and teachers to introduce themselves and to put a face to the name. If you were unable to attend the session please feel free to visit the classroom and to introduce yourself when you are next picking up your child afterschool. If you would like a copy of the notes which were distributed on the afternoon please see your child's teacher.

Minnamurra Falls Rainforest Excursion

This week a note has gone home outlining information about our upcoming Stage 3 excursion to Minnamurra Falls. The excursion is designed to support and reinforce the learning which our students have been undertaking within the area of Human Society and Its Environment. This will provide our students with the opportunity to study a rainforest first hand enhancing their knowledge and understanding.

The excursion will take place on Monday 25th March 2013. The coach will be leaving the school from the

Bronzewing Street bus stop at 8.00am and returning by 2.40pm. The cost of the excursion is \$23.00. If you have any questions regarding the excursion please contact one of the Stage 3 teachers.

Mobile Phones and iPods

It has been brought to my attention that some students are using their mobile phones and iPods during class time. As you can understand this is quite distracting for all of the students within the class and has an effect upon their learning.

As per our mobile phone and iPod policy the use of mobile phones/iPods during class time or playtime is not allowed. All mobile phones and iPods should be turned off and kept within your child's pocket or bag throughout the school day. The use of mobile phones/iPods to take photographs or videos is not allowed at school.

We understand that these items are expensive and as such encourage students to leave them at home unless they absolutely need them so as to reduce the risk of theft or damage. The school is not responsible for any lost or damaged phones.

Any students who do not comply with the mobile phone/iPod policy will have their mobile phone/iPod secured in the office and parents/carers will have to pick it up.

If you have any questions or queries related to mobile phones or iPods at school please see me.

Swimming Carnival

A big thank you to the parents/carers and staff who assisted with our swimming carnival last Friday. Even though the weather was a little wet and cold a great day was had by all. Congratulations to all of the students who will be representing Tahmoor Public School at the Razorback swimming carnival later this month.

The presentation of ribbons will be held 22nd February at 1.50pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

High School Enrolment

Yes the heading is correct we have to start thinking about high school enrolment now. In the next few weeks high school expression of interest forms and information packages will be going home to year six parents/carers. As key dates become available I will publish them in the newsletter.

Picton High School will be holding an information evening for Year 7 - 2014 on 4th March, 2013 at Picton High School commencing at 6.30pm. For further information please contact Picton high School. High School Expression of Interest forms will be distributed to year 6 students on Monday 11th March.

Make sure that you receive this form. If you do not please contact your child's teacher.

Congratulations to the Stage 3 students and their teachers for a great start to the year. We are going to have a busy yet exciting year where the students have many and varied experiences to look forward to.

Kind regards,
Michael Maumill
Assistant Principal

CANTEEN NEWS

Volunteers are needed for this year's Canteen Roster for Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays. Each volunteer is rostered on one morning a month from 8.50am till 11.20am. Duties include making up lunch orders and serving the children at lunch time. If you would like to help out please fill in the form below and return to the Canteen.

Name:	
Child's Name & Class	
Day Preferred	

Book Fair



Start doing those extra chores and start saving for our first book fair for the year.

Book fair will be open Tuesday 5th March and Thursday 7th March 8:30am to 9:30am.

Please note at this stage it is two days only.

Any adult volunteers to assist will be greatly appreciated and will extend the opening times of our book fair.

Jody Marden
Teacher Librarian