

# Term 1 Week 6 2013

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	National Ride 2 School Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Minnamurra Rainforest Excursion Stage 3
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Stage 1 Excursion Aquarium
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day Term 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

## School Programs

All classes are generally settled and are working hard and well. Classes 1 - 6 are currently undertaking an action research project in the area of Writing.

The text type being studied this term is exposition.

An exposition text is a persuasive text and gives one point of view.

The structure of an exposition text is as follows:

- Introduction that states the topic and the writer's point of view;
- At least 2 arguments with supporting evidence.
- Conclusion that restates the introduction.

Some of the grammatical features for an exposition include:

- A new paragraph for each new argument
- Paragraphs should begin with a connective, eg Firstly, next, secondly, finally, in conclusion.

## Taking Off with Numeracy (TOWN)

Our school will be participating in the outstanding TOWN program. This program will involve every student 3 - 6 being tested and then plotted on the Numeracy continuum.

From this data we are able to ascertain exactly where every student is on the continuum and where to next. Teaching learning programs are based around this information.

Phase 1 testing will occur this term. The Phase 2 teaching and learning component will occur during terms 2, 3 and 4.

## Homework Centre

Homework centre has started and again I would like to thank Mr Ballango, Mrs Marden and their group of volunteer parents for their support and hard work of our students.

## Thank You Mrs Wurm

I would like to thank Mrs Wurm for her outstanding efforts in her capacity as our relieving general assistant.

The school grounds look terrific and presents our school as a showpiece within the local community.

Thank you Sharon!

Have a great fortnight

Dave Schofield

Principal

## STAGE ONE NEWS

Just a reminder that each child in Stage One will require a Handwriting and Mathematics book. The school has placed a bulk order in order to enable a reduction in price. Please forward \$28 to cover the cost of these texts. Your child will receive them shortly after payment.

Also, Stage One are learning about 'The Sea', particularly the animals within the sea and we will be visiting the Sydney Aquarium on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013. We will be departing right on the morning bell and will return before afternoon buses leave. The cost of this excursion is \$26. To secure your child's seat on the bus please forward payment as soon as possible. If you have sent in the volunteer slip please be patient, we will be in contact with you soon.

Thank you to all the parents who have already sent in payment. We appreciate your support.  
Year 1 and Year 2 teachers

## SPORT

### **HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS**

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers in Years 3 - 6 to lead their house at the swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals

#### **ANEMBO**

Captains - Lachlan Kennedy & Annalise Fardell

V Captains - Ben Hair & Courtney Robinson

#### **BARDUK**

Captains - Wil Holz & Krystal-Lee Holdsworth

V Captains - Rocco Napolli & Gypsy Brooker

#### **ELOUERA**

Captains - Lachlan Coleman & Stephanie Nellestein

V Captains - Zac Fleming & Tylah Harris

#### **WOLLOMBI**

Captains - Dane Arnold & Rachael Cager  
V Captains - Riley Morris & Sarah Nield

### SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

As we were yet to hold our presentation assembly for our swimming award winners prior to publishing our previous newsletter, I am able to congratulate the following students who were awarded Age Champions

**Junior Boy** - Jake Harris

**Junior Girl** - Emma Matthews

**11 Year Boy** - Scott Rogers

**11 Year Girl** - Kate Moroz

**12/13 Year Boy** - Lachlan Coleman

**12/13 Year Girl** - Sade DuBois & Stephanie Nellestein  
(after a recalculation of points)

The house competition was very close this year with the final event deciding the winning house:

1<sup>st</sup> - Barduk

2<sup>nd</sup> - Elouera

3<sup>rd</sup> - Wollombi

4<sup>th</sup> - Anembo

### RAZORBACK SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb and Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 28 students represented Tahmoor at the Razorback Swimming Carnival at Picton Leisure Centre. Their behaviour was excellent and their performances were outstanding. Many of the competitors swam faster at this carnival than at the school carnival, with some students taking between 10 and 20 seconds off their time.

Congratulations to the following swimmers who did our school proud - Stephanie N, Sade D, Skye C, Tiana VS, Liana M, Emma M, Chloe T, Kate M, Rachael C, Sarah N, Nancy H, Ellen H, Lachlan C, Scott R, Chad D, Ethan C, Jye J, Jake H, Jordan T, Matthew K, Tyler D, Tom M, Deklan D, Brandan C, Tom G, Nicholas V and Ben H.

A special mention to the following students who made finals in events: **Lachlan Coleman**, (50m free, back, fly and breast) **Kate Moroz** (50m free and back) and **Tyler Darby** (50m free). The **senior girls** and **senior boys** relay team who would have made the finals had there been finals.

Lachlan was successful in finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50m backstroke and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 12 year 50m freestyle and will now represent Razorback at the SSW carnival later this month. We wish him all the very best.

### RAZORBACK PSSA TRIALS

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to trial for several Razorback teams over the past weeks or coming days:

Basketball Boys - **Karis F, Wil H, Tyler D**

Basketball Girls - **Nyimarilli C, Julia B**

AFL - **Wil H, Lachlan C, Karis F**

Rugby League - **Clive H, Patrick K, Brandan C, Josh J**

Yours in Sport

Miss Allard

## P & C MEETING

13 March 2013

9am in the Teacher's Centre

All welcome - hope to see you there!

P & C meets every 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Teacher's Centre at 9am.

Commonwealth Dollarmite Banking is Wednesday mornings. If you would like your child to participate please pick up an application form from the front office.

**Reminder that chocolate money is due back ASAP. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser.**

## UNIFORM SHOP

Dear Parents/Carers

I have been advised that school uniforms will be arriving at the factory at the end of this week. Please check at the uniform shop from next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> to see if your orders are ready for pickup. Thank you for your patience.

Kind regards Sharon Mordue

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

### Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday 2.15 - 2.45

Wednesday Mornings 8.30 - 9am

Friday 2.15. - 2.45pm