

Term 2 Week 8 2013

Thursday 20th June	Reports Home Gala Day
Monday 24 th June	Preschool Kindergarten Visit
Tuesday 25 th June	Parent Teacher Student Interviews
Friday 28 th June	Last Day Term 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parent - Teacher - Student Interviews

I look forward to next Tuesday's meetings, where you will receive a great opportunity to discuss your child's academic and social progress during Semester One. There have been many bookings, so please be punctual so timetabled meetings can run to schedule. If you are unable to make your booking please contact the school office or your class teacher as soon as possible.

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible next Tuesday.

Semester One student reports

Student reports will be coming home today instead of Friday due to the Gala Day arrangements.

These reports should be the catalyst for discussion when you have your parent-teacher interviews.

Kindergarten visit

Next Monday 24th June we will be hosting our second Kindergarten visit. 2014 Kindergarten students will be given the opportunity to participate in a Literacy session with our current Kindergarten students. The session will start at 9.30am and finish at 10.00am. We look forward to meeting with as many of our new Kindergarten students as possible on this day. If you know any new Kindergarten students ready to start school next year and have not enrolled as yet, please encourage them to either attend one of our orientation sessions or come to the front office and fill in an application form. This allows our school to enter your details on our data base, which in turn, allows us to provide new students and families with relevant information in preparation for next year.

Teacher Professional Learning

During the last two weeks our staff have been working extremely hard in the area of teacher professional development. Areas covered include:

- Focus on Reading
- Taking Off With Numeracy (TOWN) and;
- TED.com website

During our School Development Day at the beginning of next term our staff will be participating in the following areas:

- New English syllabus
- Taking Off With Numeracy
- Peer Support
- Sentral computer use
- Student Welfare

Congratulations Krystal-Lee Holdsworth

Krystal ran a brilliant race at the South West Sydney cross country carnival and has now qualified for the State carnival. This is a wonderful achievement and on behalf of our school community I would like to wish Krystal-Lee all the best at the next level of competition.

School Vacation

School holidays commence on **Monday 1st July** and students return to school on **Tuesday 16th July**.

The last day of school for Term 2 is Friday 28th June.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our whole school community a safe and happy holiday.

Have a great fortnight

David Schofield

Principal

Stage 2 News

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Jenayha Holdsworth and Emma Matthews who represented Tahmoor Public School and Stage 2 at the Regional Cross Country carnival.

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

The finals of the Stage 2 Multicultural Public Speaking Competition were held at Tahmoor public School. The speeches which were prepared and presented were of a high standard. Well done to all of the students who participated within this competition. Congratulations to Bella - Rose Walker and Anabelle Warn who will be representing our school at the District level of the

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at Picton Public School this Thursday.

Gala Days

Many children are members of the AFL, soccer and netball Gala Day teams which will be representing Tahmoor Public School this Friday. We wish them well and know that they will participate as great ambassadors for our school.

Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews

We look forward to meeting parents and carers at our parent/teacher interviews which are being held on Tuesday 25th June. If you have not already made an appointment contact your child's teacher to check available times.

Kind regards,
Stage 2 teachers

Stage 3 News

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Krystal - Lee and Tyler Darby who represented Tahmoor Public School and Stage 3 at the Regional Cross Country carnival.

Krystal - Lee completed the course finishing in 5th Place which has resulted in her going selection to the South West Sydney Cross Country Team where she will be competing at the State Cross Country carnival.

Snow Sports

Good luck to Ronon Preston who will be representing Tahmoor Public School in the Primary School snow sports competition over the school holidays. We wish him good luck and look forward to hearing about his results early next term.

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

Recently the Stage 3 Multicultural Public Speaking finals were held for Stage 3. The students who participated within this competition prepared speeches of a high standard. Each competing student was required to present a prepared speech related to the topic of multiculturalism and also an impromptu speech. It was a pleasure to listen to all of the speeches and well done to all of the students who made the finals. This in itself was a wonderful achievement. Congratulations to the winners of the Stage 3 Multicultural Public Speaking competition Stephanie Nellestein and Ellen Hawkins who will be representing Tahmoor Public School at the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at Picton Public School on Thursday 20 June. We wish them both the best of luck. Well done!

Stage 3 Camp

In September, Stage 3 (including 4/5H) will be going on a 2 night excursion to the Blue Mountains and Bathurst. This will reinforce classroom learning in the curriculum areas of Gold and Global Environments.

The dates for excursion are Monday 16 September - Wednesday 18 September 2013.

We will be visiting a number of exciting venues during the excursion including Bathurst Goldfields, Scenic World, Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens and seeing The Edge Movie. Students will also participate in a number of team-building plus personal development activities including orienteering and abseiling.

The cost of the camp is \$240. Below is the payment plan for the camp:

- A deposit of \$50 paid by the 17th May
- A payment of \$40 by the 14th June
- A second payment of \$40 by the 28th June
- A third payment of \$40 by the 19th July
- A fourth payment of \$40 by the 2nd August
- A final payment of \$30 by the 6th September

All payments need to be finalised by the 6th September 2013.

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WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Just a reminder that the Woolies Earn & Learn promotion has closed. Please bring stickers and sheets to the collection box in the school foyer as soon as you can. The more stickers we collect the more valuable resources the school gets for FREE.

SCHOOL DROP-OFF ZONE

Please remember that the drop-off zone in front of the school requires that there is a maximum of a 2 minute stay and the vehicle's driver must be within 3 metres (about 9 feet) of that vehicle at all times. Failure to follow these rules may result in a heavy fine

from the police (and they do patrol there) or risk of injury to other users. We just want everyone to be safe. Thanks



TRIVIA NIGHT

Come join us for a fun night out

When: Saturday 22nd June, 2013

Where: Tahmoor Public School Hall

Time: 6.30pm for a 7pm start

What to bring: Food, Drinks (byo alcohol!!) and a sense of humour!

Price: \$10 per person - book a table of up to 8!

There will be **silent auctions**, **raffles** and a **bottle toss competition** on the night so bring lot of coins!

There will be soft drink, chips and cake available to purchase.

Please help us raise money to send our kids to Wakakirri and help the P&C buy new equipment for the classrooms!

All ticket and event information available through the school office 46818340

P&C NEWS

The next P&C Meeting will be held on the 14th August, 2013 at 9.50am for a 9am start, in the Teachers Centre. All welcome to attend. Tea and coffee is provided.

- **TRIVIA** Night is this Saturday Night in the School hall - please support this event so we can raise money for Wakkakiri and classrooms resources. See the office for tickets and more information,
- **ATHLETICS DAY CARNIVAL 25TH JULY** we urgently need volunteers to run a Canteen and BBQ up at the Tahmoor Oval - if you can help please call Melissa 0412287223 or Kylie on 0424952003 .

- **Volunteers Needed** - if you can help out once a year or more, for special events like Gala Days, Sports Carnivals and so on, could you please contact Melissa or Kylie. We are putting together a list of volunteers to assist us, so that we can't miss out on fundraising opportunities and representing our school in the wider community.

Thank You to everyone who's been supporting our recent fundraisers. The chocolate Drive, Mother's Day stall, AFL Gala Day Canteen, Cupcake Day and Hot Dog Day were all very successful. Very big thank you to Melissa Snedden, Tina Gelling, Bianca Sames, Patricia Daves, Sharon Mordue, Cassandra Callaghan, Mrs Scott, Skye Irwin Ethan (Patricia's son) and the ever helpful ladies in the Office for making all these things possible.

If you want to make a difference in your child's education, consider joining the P&C (for \$1 = great value!) It's one of the best and most lasting ways, you can contribute towards their schooling and the school as a whole.

This term's Disco has been cancelled due to not having enough parent helpers to run this fundraising event.