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| **Term 2**  **Week 6 2014** | |
| **Week 6** |  |
| Tuesday 3rd June | Senior Debating Team V Campbelltown PS in hall.  Assembly K-2 |
| Wednesday 4th June | ICAS Science Competition  Last day for Sports/Specialty Photos orders |
| Thursday 5th June | SW Cross Country  Gymtastics |
| **Week 7** |  |
| Monday 9th June | Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend |
| Tuesday 10th June | Assembly 3-6 |
| Wednesday 11th June | P & C 9am Teachers Centre |
| Thursday 12th June | Gymtastics |
| **Week 8** |  |
| Monday 16th June | ICAS Writing Competition |
| Tuesday 17th June | ICAS Spelling Competition  Assembly K-2  Senior Debating Team V The Oaks P.S. in hall. |
| Thursday 18th June | Gymtastics |
| Friday 20th June | 3rd payment due Stage 3 Canberra Excursion  Reports Sent Home  Soccer/Netball Gala Day B-Team |
| **Week 9** |  |
| Monday 23rd June | Barduk Day Fundraiser  Preschool Visit Literacy Session |
| Tuesday 24th June | Parent Teacher / Student Interviews  Principal’s Assembly |
| Thursday 26th June | Multicultural Speaking  Gymtastics |
| Friday 27th June | Last day of term  School resumes Monday 14th July |
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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews**

On Tuesday 24th June 3 way conferences will be scheduled to take place.

Invitation notes will be going home this week so I encourage you to make a booking as early as possible to ensure you receive a time that is mutually acceptable to both you and your child’s class teacher.

I would encourage you to bring your child’s Semester 1 report to the interview so that you can receive specific feedback in any area you may have questions about.

Your child is also most welcome to attend the interview as their learning goals for Semester 2 can also be discussed in an open and transparent manner. The interview is centred around your child, therefore it makes sense that your child should have some input into this important process.

If you prefer your child not to be present for part of the interview, that can also be easily managed.

**Rugby League**

Thank you to Mr O’Kane for coordinating our Junior and Senior Rugby League teams in the All Schools Knockout.

Also thank you to those parents who assisted Mr O’Kane on the day.

**Razorback Cross Country**

A special thank you to Ms Allard and Mrs Newhouse for the coordination of our school Cross Country team. Mrs Newhouse reported to me that our students were amongst the best behaved on the day. This is fantastic to hear, Well done all competitors!

Ms Allard will report more specifically regarding some of our outstanding achievements later in this newsletter.

Have a great fortnight!

***Dave Schofield***

***Principal – Tahmoor Public School.***

**Stage 2 News**

**Parent, Teacher, Student Interviews**

The Stage Two end of Semester interviews will take place on Tuesday 24th June. A note will be going home this week allowing parents and carers to request an interview time to discuss their child’s progress. Each interview slot is ten minutes. If you feel that you will require a longer interview please contact your child’s teacher to make an interview at a mutually agreed time (This may have to be on another day). If you are unable to attend an interview on Tuesday 24th June and would like to meet with your child’s teacher contact the school to make alternative arrangements.

The purpose of the interviews are to discuss the progress made by your child in the first part of the year and t determine areas further develop throughout Semester Two. Part of the interview will be led by the students who will reflect upon and discuss their achievements from Semester One.

This is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the academic, social and extra curricular achievements of our students.

**Social media, Kids and privacy**

Regardless of your child's age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

* 92% of children under the age of two have a digital presence (it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
* a quarter of Australian children aged between eight and 12 use Facebook, despite the minimum age for a user being 13
* more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on the photo-sharing website Instagram
* young people between the ages of 14 and 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

Even if you don't know a lot about social media yourself, you can help your child stay safe online simply by asking them about the social media accounts they are using, and regularly reminding them the importance of keeping their personal information private.

The Information and Privacy Commission NSW has created a lot of [practical information](http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/privacy/ipc_resources/privacy_for_parents_and_kids.html) for parents and children, to support [2014 Privacy Awareness Week](http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/privacy/ipc_resources/privacy_awareness_week_2014.html). It includes:

* security tips for parents and teens
* resources to help prevent identity theft
* information on cyberbullying
* guides to protecting your digital reputation
* information about mobile apps and the data they may collect.

You can also find a parent's guide to social media – including Kik Messenger, Instagram, Vine and Facebook - in the [School A to Z technology glossary](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/technology/technology-az).

**What parents need to know about Kik**

It seems that every few months a new social media platform or mobile app emerges and becomes popular with young people in our school community.

Suddenly "everyone" is on it, according to our children. It's hard for most adults to keep up.

Many parents will have recently heard about Kik Messenger and are wondering if it's safe for children. Here are some facts from the [School A to Z](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger) website's technology guide:

**What is Kik Messenger?**

Kik Messenger is a free texting app available on iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Android, Windows, Samsung Galaxy and Blackberry phones.

**How does it work?**

Account holders use Kik to text photos, videos and "Kik cards" - which can include YouTube videos, GIFs and drawings - to other users for free.

**Why is Kik useful?**

Kik is particularly popular with younger teens who generally have a limited texting plan or use an iPod touch because the application gives them access to free messaging.

**What do you need to keep in mind about your children and Kik?**

The new version of Kik is rated +17 in iTunes because it allows users to send content from other sites like YouTube and Reddit.

The biggest problem is that users often share their private Kik username on other public social networks like Twitter, Instagram or Tumblr.

Any user who knows your child's username can then send them a Kik message. Instagram and Twitter are full of #kikme requests, with teens posting their usernames. There have been many reported cases of inappropriate adult contact because of this.

Find out more on the [School A to Z](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger) website.

**Uniforms**

It has been a warm start to Autumn this year. The mornings will begin to cool down as we approach the Winter months. As such we are reminding all parents and carers to ensure that uniforms are clearly marked with your child’s name. Each year we end up with many jumpers, jackets and hats in the lost property areas. Without names it is impossible to return these items of clothing back to their owners. If your child is missing any uniform items encourage them to check out the lost property areas.

Kind regards,

Stage 2Teachers.

Sport

[](http://www.google.com/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=rugby%20league%20drawings&source=images&cd=&docid=h783uXdrEUDXLM&tbnid=pPuSPUldgCb-vM:&ved=0CAUQjRw&url=http://tribemun.deviantart.com/art/Rugby-League-sketch-363331655&ei=k81-U-n6LoSAkwWtwYDACA&bvm=bv.67720277,d.dGI&psig=AFQjCNGktqK7cM1UvQH6sizMluhv2z4OIg&ust=1400905471183015)

Group 6 Razorback All Schools Knockout

Great weather greeted both teams competing in the Group 6 Razorback All Schools Knockout at Kirkham Oval Camden, on Thursday 22nd May. Tahmoor P.S was proudly represented by a group of very enthusiastic players. The sportsmanship, standard of football and level of skill displayed was great to see and even more pleasing was the spirit the boys showed in all their matches.

The Under 10’s opened the carnival with a hard fought 14 all draw against Camden South P.S. In their next game they had no trouble accounting for St Clair’s 20 to 4. However, in their final pool game the boys were unlucky going down to Mawarra P.S 18 nil. The boys played some good attacking footy throughout and defended well against a side that tried to get on the outside with speed. Unfortunately the Under 10’s missed out on a semi-final spot on for and against. Overall it was a very pleasing team effort with the boys turning up ready to play.

The Opens side commenced the day with a 24 nil loss against Warragamba P.S, who were a very strong side. In their second game the boys played strongly against Oakdale and only went down in the dying minutes to a late try 16 -12. The Open's bounced back with an enthusiastic victory over Mawarra P.S 10 – 6 in their final pool game.

On the whole well done to both teams with all players showing a good level of determination in their matches. All players are to be congratulated for their behaviour, commitment and outstanding sportsmanship, both on and off the field. Special thanks to all the parents for their cooperation, enthusiasm and friendship.

Mr Stephen O’Kane



**P&C NEWS**

Our next P & C meeting is Wednesday 11th June at 9am in the Teachers Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dollarmite school banking is every Wednesday morning. If you would like your child to participate, you will need to open an account at the Picton Commonwealth Bank Branch.

Volunteers are always needed. If you are able to help please leave your name and phone number at the front office.

**Tahmoor Public School -Sports/Specialty Group Photos**

Dear Parent /Guardian,

MSP Photography recently Sports/Specialty group photos at **Tahmoor Public School.**

Your child is a member of one or more of these specialty groups.

From **13 MAY 2014** for a limited time we are taking orders for these groups online.

**Cut-off date is 04 JUNE 2014**

Should you wish to order any of these photographs, please go to:

**www.mspsydney.photomerchant.net (do not enter in google search)**

You will need to use the following access code to gain entry into the portfolio of photographs:

**THM22RP**

The cost of each photo is **$16.00**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**When creating your order, please ensure that you include your child’s name and class in the “Personal Information” section, under “name”.**

**\*Please note that the website offers an option to send to home address but all photos will be delivered to the school office.**

If you require any further information feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards

MSP Photography Sydney

**Ph:** 9499 6555 **Fax: 9**499 6585

**MEDIA RELEASE**

Come to Wirrimbirra Sanctuary, Bargo on Sunday 22 June to enjoy a wonderful afternoon tea/coffee and a talented singer and accompaniest. All this for just $10 per person !

This, the first of two afternoon teas at Wirrimbirra in June and July, will be something different and enjoyable. For a very reasonable price you will have an excellent afternoon tea/coffee of scones and variety of cakes and slices.

You will also be entertained by Jean and Les Gagan who play fantastic music and sing wonderful songs that you will recognise and enjoy.

No matter the weather, we will be inside and/or outside to have an entertaining and delightful afternoon. Please contact us (4684 1112) and make a booking.

Wirrimbirra Sanctuary is operated by volunteers and the funds from this event will help ensure our native animals, fauna and bushwalks on the property are available to everyone.

Contact: Wirrimbirra Sanctuary Jenny Birnie 4684 1112