

Term 3 Week 2 2014

Monday 28 th July	Readathon Starts
Wednesday 30 th July	Education Week – Open Day
Monday 4 th August	Athletics Carnival K-6
Wednesday 6 th August	Movie Day
Friday 8 th August	Gala Day T20 Blast Cup Cricket Stage 3
Monday 11 th August	Swimming Scheme Starts
Monday 18 th August	Book Week – Grandparents Day
Wednesday 20 th August	Music Festival – Matinee/Evening Performance
Thursday 21 st August	Music Festival Evening Performance Author Visit in the Hall
Friday 22 nd August	Last Day Swimming Scheme
Tuesday 26 th August	Science Fun Day K-6
Wednesday 27 th August	Stage 3 Camp
Monday 1 st September	Zone Athletics
Tuesday 2 nd September	Zone Athletics
Monday 15 th September	Antarctica Incursion

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open Day

Next Wednesday 30th July our school will be hosting our annual Open Day in the celebration of Education Week.

The program for the day's events is as follows:

- 8.45 – 9.30 – Official Welcome and performance of the school band. (School Hall)
- 9.30 – 10.00 – TEN/TOWN information . (School Hall)
- 10.00 – 10.30 – Open classrooms – TEN/TOWN demonstrations.
- 10.30 – 10.50 – Parents/carers have the opportunity to look through student's work.

- 10.50 – 11.20 – Shared picnic lunch (BBQ lunch – sausage sizzle can be purchased on the day. Canteen will also be open.
- 11.20 - 12.20 – Peer Support based activities.
- 12.20 – normal class resumes.

This is a great opportunity to observe the important learning that takes place every day at Tahmoor Public School. I look forward to catching up with you on the day.

NAIDOC Day celebrations

Last Tuesday our whole school participated in a range of activities commemorating this very important day.

Each class participated in an array of activities including bead making, storytelling and dot painting. All students participated in an enthusiastic fashion. Thank you to all Stage teachers and staff who helped coordinate this very important day.

Teacher Professional Learning

Literacy and Numeracy still drives our teacher professional development sessions. This week our staff have been developing our new Spelling scope and sequence which encompasses all classes K – 6. This will provide the structure and framework for the teaching of Spelling from this point on.

Next week our staff will start unpacking the new Mathematics syllabus. Mandatory implementation is set down for 2015, however, I would like to ensure that our school is prepared well before that.

Special Swimming Scheme

Special Swimming Scheme notes have been sent home and it must be emphasised that there is a limit of 60 places.

All notes are to be returned to Ms Gibson and places will be allocated to the first 60 notes returned.

Learning how to swim is absolute vital and I fully recommend this outstanding program.

Mathletics Awards

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements in Mathsletics:

- Imogen Hatcher – mastered 31 activities
- Kelsey Webster – mastered 30 activities

- Georgia Tapp – mastered 28 activities. To master an activity, students must achieve a score equal to or greater than 80%.

Opportunity Test

On Wednesday 23rd July we had a number of students participating in the OC entry test. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of these students all the best and I know you will perform very well. Good Luck!

Have a great fortnight!

Dave Schofield

Principal – Tahmoor Public School.

STAGE ONE NEWS

On Wednesday of week 8, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 were lucky enough to have attended a 'Care for your pet' talk in our school hall. A representative from Wollondilly council visited our school and the students were taught about how to be a responsible pet owner.

They learnt the importance of providing your cat or dog with food, water and shelter but also exercise. They also learnt about the importance of micro-chipping your animal and ensuring that they wear an identification tag and a collar. The talk also provided very useful tips relating to scared and angry dogs and the steps we should take if we see an animal feeling this way.

Through song and dance, the students were also taught the 'doggy handshake' which is the only safe way to approach and pat an unfamiliar dog. Some students even got to practice the 'doggy handshake' on a real dog.

The students thoroughly enjoyed this learning experience



Stage Two News

Welcome

Welcome to Ms McConnell who will be teaching 4O for the remainder of the year. She is settling in well. The students are enjoying the exciting and engaging activities which have been planned.

Education Week Open Day

Each year Tahmoor Public School invites parents/carers to visit our school throughout the day. This year open day is on Wednesday 30th July. Throughout the day parents and carers are invited to participate in the following activities:

8.40 – 9.00 am – Our school band is performing in the hall. There will also be science displays to explore.

9.00 – 9.30 am – Welcome address by Mr Schofield and photograph slide show.

9.30 – 10.00 am – Mr Maumill and Miss Carmen will be presenting an numeracy information session outlining our TEN and TOWN programs.

10.00 – 10.30 – Classes open to parents and carers. Each class will be demonstrating either TEN or TOWN activities.

10.30 – 10.50 am – Parents/carers have the opportunity to look at the work that their child has been completing and to take a look around the classroom.

10.50 – 11.20 am – Parents/carers are invited to enjoy a picnic lunch with their children.

11.20 – 12.20 pm – Students will be participating in rotational activities grouped within their peer support groups.

12.20 pm – Open day celebrations conclude and students resume normal class routines.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents and carers to attend our school open

day on Wednesday 30th July. We are looking forward to seeing you on the day. If you have any questions or queries please see your child's teacher.

Uniforms

Winter has arrived and the mornings are frosty and cold. 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 2 teachers.

Stage Three news

Peer Support

We are commencing our Peer Support Lessons this term. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30m each week. Two Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called keeping Friends helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

P&C NEWS

Our next P & C meeting is Wednesday 13th August 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. If your child has received 10 tokens they are eligible for a reward. To redeem the reward please leave a note inside your child's bankbook depicting which reward item they would like.

CANTEEN NEWS

As of Term 3 we will be selling **toasted sandwiches** in the canteen on Mondays only. If these prove popular we will look at providing these across the week!



Athletics Carnival Sausage Sizzle

The P&C are holding a sausage sizzle at the Athletics Carnival at the oval, these need to be pre-order and sent to the canteen a note has been sent home. Volunteers are needed on the day, if you have any free time please pop in and give us a hand.

LIBRARY NEWS

On Thursday 21st August in celebration of Book Week we have the author of "The Bum Book" coming to Tahmoor. This is a very exciting event that we are all looking forward to. After her talk she will be signing copies of her book in the library. Copies of her book will be available for purchase at the specially discounted price of \$13.

A huge thank you is in order to the wonderful mums who came and decorated the windows in our library. The children love the windows and it promotes the importance, joy and love of reading. Thank you for your gift of time and resources it is appreciated.

Mrs Marden
Teacher Librarian.

