

Term 3 Week 10 2014

Thursday 16 th October	Grandparents Day
Tuesday 21 st October	State Library 5/6B
Wednesday 29 th October	Walkathon
Thursday 30 th October	P&C Halloween Disco
Tuesday 11 th November	Kindergarten Orientation Day 1
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 12 th November	Elouera Day – Blue P&C Meeting 9am
Tuesday 25 th November	Celebration of Achievement
Thursday 4 th December	“Lights up Tahmoor”
Tuesday 9 th December	Stage 3 - Jamberoo
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 17 th December	Last Day Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Vacation

This term has absolutely flown and Term 3 will officially end this Friday.

Tahmoor Public School has had a very busy term with many special events including Education Week, Book Week, Science Week, Wollondilly Music Festival, Stage 3 camp and the “Love your Lagoons” project.

Term 4 promises to be just as busy with the writing of Semester 2 Reports, Light Up Tahmoor and our week of Celebration of Achievement.

With this in mind I would like to thank everybody for their continued support of our wonderful school and to recharge the batteries in preparation for Term 4.

Term 4 will recommence for both teachers and students on **Tuesday 7th October.**

Teacher Professional Learning

Staff conducted another extended staff meeting on Tuesday with a focus on the implementation of the new Mathematics syllabus.

Each stage of teachers presented the new scope and sequence which clearly outlined the what, how and when of the teaching of the new Mathematics syllabus.

Go 40 For Me

Police have contacted the school in relation to the communication of the “Go 40 for Me” program.

Police will liaise with parents outside the front of the school and will also erect new signage around the school.

This is a timely reminder that the safety of our students is paramount and that speed limits around our school needs to be closely adhered to.

Picton High School Uniform Discount

There is a 20% discount on school uniforms at Picton High School for this week only.

For parents whose children are commencing Year 7 in 2015, this is a great opportunity to buy a new uniform and save some money at the same time.

Sustainability Expo

Last Wednesday Mr Booth. Mr Jacobs and a group of our students attended Belgenny Farm to present their Love Your Lagoons project. Among a cluster of other primary and secondary schools.

Tahmoor's presentation was outstanding and I believe was the pick of the exhibits on the day. I spoke to University professors who concurred with my thoughts.

Thank you to Mr Booth, Mr Jacobs and Mr Noakes as well as the students of 56B and 45J for their exemplary work.

Kindergarten and new enrolments

We are at the point of the year where our school conducts initial school planning for 2015. To assist us with forward planning please encourage any new families or families with children ready to start school to contact our front office.

Kindergarten Orientation Dates – Term 4

Kindergarten Orientation dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 11th November
- Tuesday 18th November
- Tuesday 25th November

Sessions run from 9.30am – 10.30am

Have a great fortnight.

Dave Schofield - Principal – Tahmoor PS

READ A THON

We recently held a School Read-A-Thon between Monday 4th August and Friday 29th August as a fundraising event this year.

The school Read-A-Thon was a great success; we raised \$600 to go towards year 5 and 6 end of year events.

Holding fundraisers like the School Read-A-Thon promotes a stimulating, fun and literacy based environment that ensures we send the right message to our students about developing creativity and a healthy mind. The main focus of this event was on participation, so thank you to all those students who got involved!

We had a great time, with the student body reading for a combined 10 hours giving them all a chance to fall in love with reading!

Finally, we would like to thank all the parents and family members who contributed to making the program a success. From all of the parents that motivated their children to get involved, to all the people who undertook numerous tasks to make this easy to run.

Thankyou all!
Stage 3 Teachers

P&C NEWS

Thank you to all who brought cookie dough. The funds raised from this will be put towards the upgrading of the schools Information Technology Resources. Thank you again!

Our School has been selected as The MAC September Mac Day Community Partner! This is to go towards the purchasing of essential IT resources. and the upgraded technology facilities will support The learning and development of our students. We are encouraging members of the school and residents of the Tahmoor community to visit a Mac branch on **Friday 26th September, 2014** to support Tahmoor Public School and make a gold coin donation in return for a Mac cupcake. The MAC four branches at Camden, Narellan, Picton and Tahmoor will be collecting donations and handing out show bags and balloons to those that visit during the day. Show your support for Tahmoor Public School during our next Mac Day!

Be on the lookout next term for raffle tickets for Lights Up Tahmoor as it is going to be HUGE! There will be an iPad Mini 16GB to be raffled off and much, much more. There will also be some prizes for people

selling tickets. The more you sell the more chances you have of winning!
Have safe and wonderful holiday!

Canteen News

As of Term 4 we will be needing volunteers for Fridays. If you are able to help on Fridays please let Mrs Scott in the canteen know.

Wollondilly Shire Council

Please find a list of services below that Wollondilly Shire Council can support you in.

‘Adopt an Environment’ this program supports schools in managing waste through

- a. Undertaking waste audits
- b. Providing bins for co-mingled recycling, solo bins for main recycling and waste pickups as part of your areas residential waste pickup, free of charge and waste separation bins for classrooms, eating areas and staff rooms.
- c. Food waste – advice and resources for Worm farming, composting and DIY Bokashi fermentation systems.
- d. Support and advice with no dig garden establishment.

Free local native plants from the community nursery and support in establishing

- a. Habitat gardens
- b. Bush Tucker gardens
- c. Water wise gardens

Museum 2 You education kit. The kit contains information in 6 theme areas. Council's education officer can provide presentations at your school or the school can you the resource for installations at school events.

- a. Climate Change
- b. Biodiversity
- c. Sustainability
- d. Water
- e. Energy
- f. Natural resources

