

## Term 2

### Week 6 2015

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment of \$30 due for Stage 3 Camp Gala Day - B Teams, Netball, Soccer & AFL
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Multicultural Public Speaking Final Douglas park Primary School Stage 2 and Stage 3
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Walkathon
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	PJ & Movie Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews**

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, indeed they are encouraged 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.

#### **Coffee Morning**

On **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** Ms Carman will be presenting our first Coffee Morning presentation. The topic will be "Helping your child with Reading

at home." If you would like to come to this presentation, please contact our Front Office.

#### **Razorback Cross Country**

A special thank you to Ms McConnell for the coordination and management of our school Cross Country team.

Ms McConnell reported to me that our students were amongst the best behaved on the day. This is fantastic to hear, Well done all competitors!

Ms McConnell will report more specifically regarding some of our outstanding achievements later in this newspaper.

#### **Teacher Professional Learning**

Our staff have completed our third milestones evaluation and have determined that our school is on track in most areas.

Staff have also completed their 5 weekly assessment cycles for both Literacy and Numeracy. Our Data Wall has been updated accordingly. Assessments have reflected strong learning progress in both Literacy and Numeracy right across the school.

#### **Semester 1 Reports**

Semester 1 Reports have been completed and are now with Stage supervisors. Reports are due to go home on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Welcome to new families**

We have had a large number of new school enrolments this term and I would like to extend a **hearty welcome** to all of our new families. Please do not hesitate in contacting me if you are unsure about any school routines or policies.

#### **Alternative Activities**

Congratulations to Mrs Kaapro for her outstanding organisation of our Lunch and Recess Alternative Activities program.

Our students are engaged, happy and enjoying their lunch and recess in a fun-filled environment. Thanks again, Mrs Kaapro! Thank you also to Miss D and Mrs D for their fantastic support of this program. Have a great fortnight!

*Dave Schofield*

*Principal - Tahmoor Public School.*

## ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES



## SCIENCE REPORT

**PRESCHOOL SCIENCE VISITS:** Last week children from Rainbow Playhouse preschool visited the school to participate in a science experience. Children were given an opportunity to race rocket boats, investigate sinking and floating, see tiny creatures through a microscope and observe a hydrogen balloon bomb.



**SCIENCE CLUB:** Science club has been investigating electric circuits this term and students are currently designing a replica belt-driven machine.

**TEACHER LEARNING:** Teachers are in on the act too! Last term teachers participated in a hands-on professional learning session to hone their skills in planning and presenting a hands-on science lesson. Teachers will participate in another learning session this term to learn about inquiry-based science.

**2015 SCIENCE FAIR:** This year we will be celebrating science week with a science focus day including a science fair and paper plane competition. Now is a good time to start preparing your science fair project and testing out your paper plane designs.

Dr Marc Noakes - Science Mentor



## PEER SUPPORT

Last week in Peer Support the children identified their strengths. Children explored the following important strengths - curiosity, kindness and teamwork. Through the activities, children recognised which strengths they possess. They will realise how important it is to use their strengths in different situations. This week in Peer Support the children will practise developing their strengths. This will help your child become more resilient and optimistic. Ask your child to share the strengths they identified during this week's session.

## ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 15 May 2015, a group of 35 students represented our school at the Zone Cross Country Carnival at Camden's Bicentennial Park. Our school representatives all displayed great pride in our school and were excellently behaved.

Other schools commented on how smart Tahmoor looked in our new athletic running singlets and on the fantastic manners and sportsmanship our athletes displayed.

- Emma Matthews got second place in the 12/13 year girls and is now off to the Regional finals. Well done Emma!
- Jacob Seddon and Luca Squires placed 9<sup>th</sup> in their age categories making them reserves for Regionals.
- Ashlyn Griffiths and Jessica Stosic placed 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> respectively, just missing the top 10.

All students should be congratulated on their fantastic efforts and results. We are very proud of you all.

Miss McConnell

## RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> May our school participated in the Razorback Rugby league Gala Day at Kirkham Park, Camden. The weather was bright and sunny and the day turned out to be a great success. We had a under 10's boys team, an under 12's boys team and a senior girls

team. For a lot of players this was their first time representing Tahmoor Public School in rugby League and I'm proud to say all our teams played really well and won most of their matches.

The Junior boys won two games, beating Currans Hill 18-12 and Oakdale 18-12. They narrowly lost their other game against Warragamba 8-10. Overall, they came equal first in their pool but lost out on a points difference of only 2! This was the first time most of the boys have represented Tahmoor in Rugby League and I'm proud of all of them.

The senior boys had a fantastic day. They won their first here games, beating Oakdale 16-6, St Pauls 10-8 and Warragamba 6-0. They lost their final game 0-10 to Currans Hill but played hard right until the final whistle. They also came equal first in their pool, losing only on point's difference.

Our girls' team had two games; they won their first game against Thirlmere 36-12 and played superbly. Their second game against St Pauls was called off midway due to an injury. Thank you to Mr Jacobs for volunteering to coach the girl's team. In only three weeks of training, the girls have improved enormously.

All the players had a great day, learning new skills and challenging themselves. The behaviour of the player's was fantastic and the spirit with which they played was great to see. The organisers commented on the great manner in which all student's represented our school.

A big thank you to my assistant coach Guy, for all his hard work and dedication with coaching our teams. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported our school. It makes a big difference to have you all there cheering on our players.

Thanks again to Mr Jacobs for helping make the day run so well.

I look forward to the next Rugby league Gala Day .

Regards Mr Smith

