

Term 2 Week 8 2015

Wednesday 24 th June	PJ & Movie Day Stage 3
Thursday 25 th June	Walkathon
Friday 26 th June	PJ & Movie Day Stage 1 & 2
Tuesday 14 th July	Students Return Term 3
Wednesday 15 th July	Naidoc Day
Friday 17 th July	Stage 1 Science Excursion
Monday 27 th July	Education Week
Wednesday 29 th July	Education Week Open Day
Monday 10 th August	Swimming Scheme Starts
Monday 17 th August	Wollondilly Music Festival
Thursday 20 th August	Wollondilly music Festival Evening Performance
Friday 21 st August	Science Day & Fair

Dear Parents and Carers,

Vale - Mr Terrance Quinn

This week several members of our staff, including myself attended the funeral for Mr Terry Quinn. Terry was a former Principal at Tahmoor Public School between the years of 1976 to 1982.

Our students lined the Remembrance Drive fence as the hearse passed by, as a sign of respect.

We all appreciate the outstanding contributions Terry has made while at our school.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Terry Quinn.

Parent - Teacher Interviews

Thank you to the many families who attended the parent-teacher interviews held on Tuesday afternoon. Also a thank you to our teachers for their continued commitment towards the quality education of our students.

I take great pride in watching all of our students taking huge stride forwards in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. With our processes of cyclic assessment I have lots of data which fully supports this statement. Well Done to all students, teachers and to our parents who support the educational processes occurring at Tahmoor Public School.

Preschool transition lesson

This Thursday 25th June our school will be holding our second preschool transition session. The session begins at 9.30am and will conclude at 10.00am. Preschool students will join with our current Kindergarten students and participate in a Literacy session. Next term we will hold a Numeracy session and finally in Term 4 our formal Orientation sessions will occur. Please note the specific dates for these sessions are all on the school Website calendar.

Teacher Professional Learning

Last Thursday our staff held our first extended Staff Meeting working with a focus on the teaching of science.

Teachers from every grade across the school presented exemplary presentations and special mention must be made to Mrs Grant, Mrs Booth, Ms Dudukovic, Ms Howe and Mrs McConnell.

Outstanding Science programs for Terms 3 and 4 have now been developed from scratch and are now ready for implementation.

Thank you to Dr Marc Noakes for helping to facilitate this important teacher professional learning opportunity.

Public Speaking

I had the pleasure of transporting several of our students to Douglas Park Public School for the District Multicultural Public Speaking final.

Maddison Woods and Kade Wilson represented our school in the Junior final. Both spoke eloquently and represented our school with distinction.

In the senior division our school was represented by Mackye Reddie and Luka Squires. Both students were exemplary and finished with Highly Commended certificates. Thank you to Mrs Statham for coordinating this valuable opportunity in Public Speaking.



Mackye and Luca at the Public Speaking final.

Safe Holiday

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing everybody back to school on **Tuesday 14th July.**

Dave Schofield

Principal - Tahmoor Public School.

PEER SUPPORT

Last week in Peer Support the children discussed the importance of showing gratitude to others. Children are encouraged to reflect on the positive aspects of their lives, including people. They were given the opportunity to thank someone who has helped them.

In this week's final session of *Living Positively* the children will reflect on what they learned in Peer Support. They will remember to think optimistically, persevere and use positive self talk. The children will learn about a model - I laugh, I live, I love. This will help them to remember the activities they enjoy, their strengths and to show appreciation to others. Discuss with your child ways they can live positively.

AROUND THE SCHOOL



Fun times at the netball gala day.

EQUESTRIAN



Congratulations Abby Hunt for great success at the recent Equestrian Event.

STAGE 2 LUNA PARK

The Stage 2 excursion to Luna Park was rescheduled for Monday June 22. The students have been excited for weeks awaiting the day after a forced rescheduling of the event. It was a very cold and chilly morning when the student's staff and parent helpers met at school. There was the promise of a beautiful warm day though once the frost had melted. Everyone was ready to go as we excitedly boarded the coaches. Off at last on our exciting adventure. The students enjoyed the coach ride into the city. Most of our students had not been to Luna Park before and were discussing what they may experience. One thing they knew for sure is that it would be fun. The level of excitement rose as we reached the Harbour Bridge. Then suddenly there were cries throughout the bus "I can see Luna Park!" Everyone was so excited.

We were now at Luna Park we could see the oversized Clown with its laughing mouth wide open. The fun was about to begin. The purpose of the excursion was for our students to identify and experience some of the forces which they had studied in Science During term one. Arm bands were handed out and everyone was ready to ride. Within seconds of the park opening our students were experiencing such things as being lifted high into the sky and dropped on the Hair Raiser. Other students were riding the Wildmouse roller coaster. From here the day involved groups riding the Ferris Wheel, Rotor, Dodgem Cars and the Tumble Bug just to name a few. The highlight for many was Coney Island where the students raced down the slides were and played carnival games.

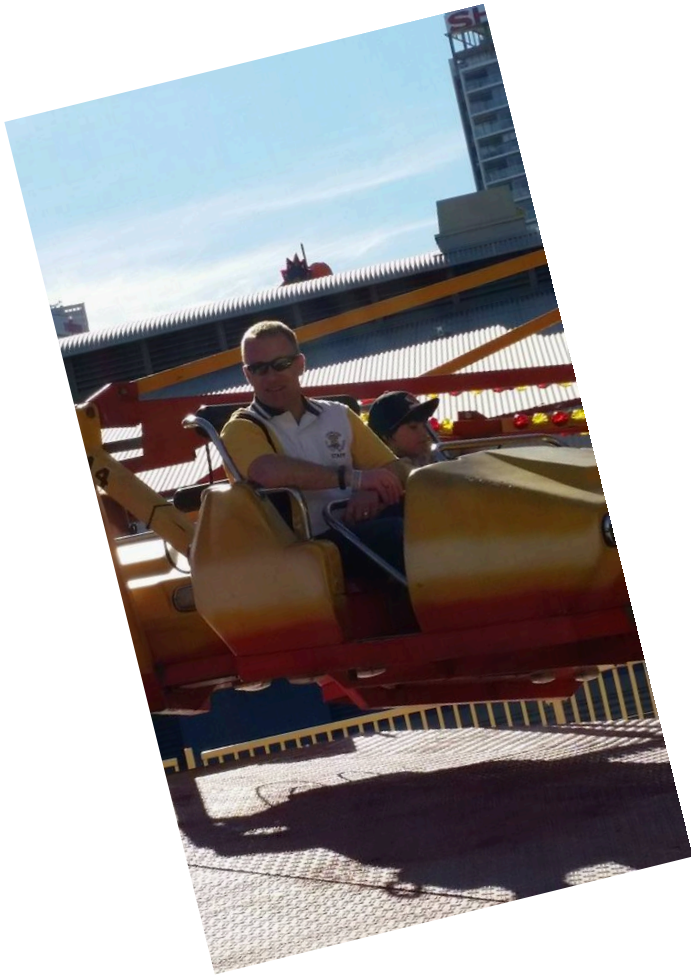
Three O'clock came around ever so quickly. The coaches were ready and a very tired group of students, exhausted teachers, parents and community helpers climbed on board. Our return journey began with excited discussions about the day which could be heard around the coaches.

All of the students who attended the excursion had a great day. Many said that it was the best excursion that they had ever been on. Each and every student must be congratulated for their exemplary behaviour.

A big thank you to the teachers, parent/carers and community helpers who assisted on the day. Without their efforts, this day would not have been possible.

Stage 2 Teachers





WIRIMBIRRA SANCTUARY

Wirrimbirra Sanctuary at Bargo is a charity organisation to maintain our native flora and fauna. We have native animals and maintain the bush on the 90 acres of the property near Bargo. The property is operated entirely by volunteers - feeding animals, nurturing the plants and the whole property - and we raise funds through activities such as Breakfast in the Bush on the first Sunday of each month, event days and catering for visitors in the Waratah Café and providing morning/afternoon tea and lunches for people who book with us. We also have basic cabin accommodation that is very reasonably priced and people enjoy staying in the bush.

Upcoming events include:

July 5th Breakfast in the Bush 9am - 11am

Aug 2nd Breakfast in the Bush 9am - 11am

Aug 9th Bird N Bug Day 10am - 3pm

Sep 5th Plant Sale - discount on all plants plus café

Sep 6th Breakfast in the Bush 9am - 11 am

Oct 4th Breakfast in the Bush 9am - 11am

Nov 1st Breakfast in the Bush 9am - 11am

Nov 15th Frog Day - 10am -3pm

Dec 6th Breakfast in the Bush 9am - 11am

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Kerry Timms

Event Co-ordinator

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Australia

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