

# Term 1

## Week 10 2016

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Antarctica Incursion Stg 3
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	K-6 Assembly Harmony Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	PSSA Swimming Razorback Legends Tackle rugby League Gala Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	PSSA Swimming
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Cricket Gala Day Stg 3
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day Term 1
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Students Return Term 2
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN - Writing & Language
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN - Numeracy
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN - Reading
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Operation Art ES1
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Operation Art Stage 1
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Operation Art Stage 2 Red Food Day - Canteen
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Operation Art Stage 3

### Dear Parents and Caregivers,

#### **NATIONAL Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2015**

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is

treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10 - 12 May 2016.

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In 2016, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2016 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the writing will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's participation in NAPLAN please contact me as soon as possible as an exemption form must be completed.

#### **Opening of Parliament**

Congratulations to all of our 2016 Front Bench members who were officially inducted yesterday. A special thank you to Councillor Hilton Gibbs, the Wollondilly Deputy Mayor and Mr Shane Morrisby our P & C President. Both were good enough to attend Monday's induction ceremony. We appreciate their unconditional support. A Big thank you to Mr Ian Booth who coordinated this outstanding induction

#### **Staff Professional Development**

During the last fortnight our staff have worked completing the following activities:

Long Professional Development Meeting (3.00-7.00)  
unpacking the brand new History syllabus. Thank you to Ms Carman for leading this workshop.

Collaborating at Tahmoor (CAT). Our staff examined their teaching of Mathematics and recommendations were made to help drive a new whole school Mathematics policy. Thank you to all staff members for your hard work and commitment to this project.

#### **.Happy Holidays and the Commencement of Term 2**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a safe and relaxing holiday.

Term 2 commences for all students on Wednesday 27<sup>TH</sup> April. I look forward to seeing you in April ready for an exciting and industrious term 2.

Have a great fortnight  
David Schofield  
Principal

## Autism Awareness Day



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April the MC Unit will be holding a fundraiser for Autism Awareness. We will be selling blue iced cupcakes for 50 cents each at lunch (and maybe recess). Please bring your money for a delicious cupcake.

## PEACE KEEPERS

Next Tuesday and Wednesday a group of 12 senior students will be trained by Mrs Kaapro as Peace Keepers for the playground. They will be taken through a peer mediation program that will target groups of children in the playground. They will wear green hi-vis vests and will be easily identified and located by children needing assistance in the playground.

## Anzac Day Service

As Anzac day is during the school holidays, our school will be holding a special ANZAC Day service on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The service will commence at 11.30am. all community members are welcome.

## OPENING OF PARLIAMENT



Our school leaders with our special guests.



Our Speaker, Mackye with our special guests.



**Blake and Nin Nin, our Health and Safety Ministers with our special guests.**



**Maddison and Ivy, Ministers for Student Welfare and Communication with our special guests.**



**Sophie, Sports Minister with our special guests. Bella-Rose also a minister was absent on the day.**



**The Front Bench with special guests and Principal.**





**Rielly and Skye, Ministers for Environment  
with our special guests.**

## Stage 3 Update

Students in Stage 3 put a huge amount of effort into their Easter hats for our annual Easter Hat Parade. It was wonderful to see them enjoying the fun and getting into the spirit of the occasion.



All Stage 3 classes are working hard in reading and comprehension. TOWN lessons focus on place value one week and multiplication and division the next. We have been celebrating our students' success in TOWN.



Stage 3 have been focussing on learning their times tables. We have seen improvement in our results each week and are very pleased with the students' growth. Please encourage students to practise their times tables at home.

We had a grade times tables quiz yesterday to determine our Stage 3 winner. Beau Spong was the eventual winner after a hard fought battle with Jasmine Abdilla - congratulations to Beau and all the finalists.



Parliament was official inducted on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The captains and vice captains looked very proud in their new blazers and

skirts/pants. Thank you to Mrs Mills for organising our new leaders' uniforms. Congratulations to all our front bench members and back benchers for making our official opening very special. It was a privilege to have some local Government representatives attend our ceremony.



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Every week we will be drawing a student of the week using the Tahmoor Tickets. We hope this will help to promote our school rules, as the student selected will get to pick appropriate music to be played as the bell. Congratulations Wynnona (Week 9)

Great writing from our student of the week



## Working Bee



On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Tahmoor Public School will be holding a Working Bee in the first week of holidays to help build our Yarning Circle. The Working Bee will start at 9am and finish at around 2pm. We will be starting to create seats for the Yarning Circle by chopping wood, debarking and assembling seats. This will be 1 of 3 Working Bee's for this year.

We would appreciate any help Mr Zane Charnley and Mr John Dudukovic will be providing small axes on the day to help. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone who is coming to bring along protective gloves, glasses and enclosed shoes. Please contact the office or Miss D directly if you would like to attend. Thankyou, Miss D ☺

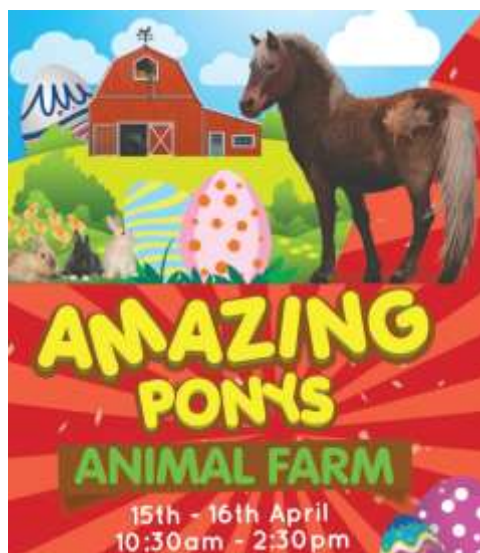
## Easter Hat Parade

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Tahmoor Public School held their annual Easter Hat Parade for 2016. The day was a HUGE success and we thank all the community members, family and friends who attended on the day! All the students looked fantastic in their creative and bright Easter hats and the day wouldn't have been the same without the amazing support from everyone. The award recipients for the day were, Tyson Wade (KJ) as the K-2 Easter Hat Parade winner, Banjo Horsfield (4/5B) and James Kelly (5/6R) as the 3-6 Easter Hat Parade winner, Lily Hayes (2/3J)



who guessed the EXACT amount of Easter eggs for the Easter Egg guessing competition and congratulations to all that entered and won the colouring competition.

Thankyou, Mrs Howe and Miss D.



#### Wellness Retreat Details

**What:** A small group counselling course with a focus on practical strategies for managing depression and anxiety; conducted by Carrie Wallis, Professional Counsellor

**When:** 5 consecutive Monday afternoons 12:30pm-2:30pm, commencing 09/05/2016. Afternoon tea included.

**Where:** Tahmoor Anglican Church, Remembrance Drive, Tahmoor, opposite the NAB.

**Contact:** Karen Flanagan 0435517454 or kmflanagan@bigpond.com by May 7th

Carrie Wallis is a professional Counsellor, qualified with a Bachelors of Science, with honours degree, a Diploma of Counselling and over 10 years experience in the field.

Carrie has supported countless people through debilitating anxiety and depression using an integrated approach combining Therapeutic Lifestyle Techniques, Mindfulness Cognitive Behaviour therapy, Meditation, Assertive behaviour strategies and Acceptance and Commitment therapy.

If you think you've tried everything, and nothing has worked for you, what do you have to lose? Come join us for a liberating journey toward wellness and enhanced life skills!

For more information about course content contact carrie@enlightensolutions.com.au

## GREAT WORK FROM THE MC UNIT



Caleb designed a model of the lizard he read about in his book.



The next P & C Meeting will be held in the Hall at 9am Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

### Canteen News

A new and exciting winter menu will be implemented in Term 2 – New items have been added to the menu.

A big thank you to all the helpers that have helped out during Term 1. Your help is greatly appreciated!

The Easter Hat Parade BBQ was a great fundraiser raising over \$1000 for our school. Thank you to all that helped out on the day.

