



## From the committee

Greetings everyone - the term is rushing by with only four weeks left until the holidays.

We have lots of exciting things squeezed into the rest of term. Check the calendar (on the right) for notices, particularly about changes in lunch availability.

Welcome to sisters **Alice** and **Ava** who will be starting in the lower primary class on Monday.

Our whole school excursion to **Tropical Fruit World** is next week. Apologies for shorter than normal notice but there were difficulties booking for the dates we had intended. Travel is by private car as listed on the permission slip. (Deborah will organise kindy rides directly with parents.) Please sign and return this by Friday.

There will be a **Performance** after school on 21 September. The kids will show off some of the music and circus they have been exploring this year with Leif and Simon, as well as a karate demonstration led by Rachel.

I want to send a shout out to the crew (Committee and staff) who attended the **Strategic Planning meeting** last week - together we got down to some serious brainstorming and visioning around the school's core values and future direction. Everyone contributed and collaborated to produce some great ideas. We will send these out, with our family survey, in the next newsletter, and there will be a poster up at school. The process is still percolating and we need your ideas, visions, dreams to continue it so please add these into the mix. Thank you to the upper students for their input (collected by Nicola) which cut right to the heart of the meaning of our school. We will be speaking to the lower and kindy class too.

Attached to this newsletter is the **Straddie camp booking form** – this is the one where you actually commit to coming. Thanks to Gin, who is coordinating this year's camp. We have changed the date so that it hopefully works for more people. We hope to see most of you there as it is a great opportunity to be together outside of the school structure and in a(nother) beautiful place.

Please note the **changed date of the FETE** to 14 October in Term 4. Thanks to Sam, Tigerlilly and Jaz for organising this with the Preschool committee. Please bring your donations of good-quality clothes, books, games, jewellery, plants and bric-a-brac to the kitchen.

Stay creative! Cheers, *Elvis*

## School calendar

### Akash PD

Relief: Michelle and Nicola  
30 Aug – 1 September

**Karate** - this week only  
Wednesday 30 September

### Tropical Fruit World

Whole school excursion by car  
More information inside  
Tuesdays 5 September

### Committee meeting

Thursday 7 September 9.30am

### Teachers PD

Relief staff TBA  
Tuesday 12 September

### The Arrival by Shaun Tan

NORPA show in Lismore  
Upper and lowers by bus  
Tuesday 19 September

### Kindies – no lunch

Tuesday 19 September

### Garden day

Wednesday 20 September

### Music and circus performance

4pm at the Hall  
Thursday 21 September

### Last day of term

Friday 22 September

### Holidays

23 Sept to 8 October  
Pupil-free day 9 October

**Term 4** 10 Oct – 8 Dec

### School and preschool Fete

Saturday 14 October

**Stradbroke Camp** 7-12 Nov

## Kindy

Dear Parents

As you all know our visit to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary was a great hit. Our timing was perfect as we arrived in time for the bird show, a leisurely walk with lunch on the way to the crocodile show.

The children loved the wedge tail, quite in awe of its size but were also smitten with the barking and masked owls.

Needless to say, the crocs gave us a good display as they jumped out the water for their food. This really impressed the children. Cath and I were taken with the tree kangaroos.

We had a visit during the week from Micah's grandfather, Tim. He told us about automatons and showed us some cool YouTube while building a bird automaton. Lovely for the children to see what we can create from recycled bits and bobs and a lot of creativity!

This week we will begin our guided reading group sessions. This means that home readers will no longer be read at school prior to taking home.

Please feel free to write comments, pages read/completed etc as I do look at these each day before new books are chosen by the children.

Love, *Deborah and the kindies*



## School Facebook site

The committee would like to thank the parents who provided constructive feedback about the school's new Facebook page. In recent weeks, the school has received enrolment enquiries from a number of new families, who found out about us on social media.

After considered discussion we have decided that it is essential for Tumble Falls Community School to have a presence on social media for the purposes of advertising the school for prospective parents.

However, we are developing a policy for the management of the page which will address the key concerns raised by parents.

Stated below are some guidelines which would be included in the policy and will be implemented as soon as possible.

- don't post information on dates, times, location of events/school trips until after the fact unless the event is open to the public (such as the fete).
- only a limited number of photos to be included in any album or post (too many photos is just too much and parents have concerns with facial recognition and tracking kids online).
- most of the photos in any post/album should be of activities such as the backs of kids or a bunch of kids from far away etc.
- no names of students/parents/teachers published, no tagging.

We invite parents to contact Sudipta or Iris with any suggestions which could help to develop this policy.

## Lower

The excursion to Woody Head camp was a great success. We were blessed with gorgeous weather and delicious meals prepared by parents, teachers and students in true community fashion. The children spent a great deal of time enjoying the warm winter sunshine, exploring rock pools and discovering the biodiversities of the sea.

On returning to school the children have been receiving further information downloads from various guest speakers including Micah's grandpa Tim, who joined our class to share his vast knowledge on wind powered machines. The children thoroughly enjoyed this talk and learnt a lot that is going to be valuable knowledge for them to build their windmills this week.

Furthermore one of WIRES guest speakers attended our school to talk to the children about taking care of the local wildlife and sharing her knowledge about animals.

In coming weeks we have more excursions planned including a trip to Tropical Fruit World as well as to the theatre to see Shaun Tan's play at NORPA, so please make sure to return notes.

Peace, love and sea anemones, Love *Ginger*

## “The Arrival” by Shaun Tan NORPA Show Tuesday 19 September

The upper and lower primary will be attending ‘The Arrival’ at NORPA in Lismore.

Adapted from Shaun Tan’s multi-award winning book, *The Arrival* will take you on one man’s moving journey to an unknown world.

This unique theatrical experience traverses themes of freedom, migration, survival, love and acceptance.

We will follow the lead character Aki as he starts life amidst the extraordinary inhabitants of this new land.

Will he find a place to live?  
Will he find a job and make friends?  
Most of all, will Aki ever see his family again?

*The Arrival* is a fusion of Tan’s beautiful and surreal illustrations with exquisite puppetry, haunting music and fine acting. We can't wait!

Travel is by bus, with seatbelts. Students need to bring lunch and recess.

## Upper

What an absolutely brilliant camp we had!

The children had a blast cruising around the campground on their bikes, playing trivia, building sand sculptures, splashing in the ocean, exploring the ecology and geology of rock pools, getting covered in sea cucumber guts, strolling through coastal rainforest and watching the sun rise over the ocean.

Our neighbour in the camp ground was a teacher from Casino who was amazed at how well behaved our children were, which was lovely feedback. A huge thank you to the parents who attended and I hope you enjoyed yourselves and didn't catch what had me bed ridden for two days!

Back at school we have continued our exploration of the solar system. Each student is researching a different celestial body in readiness for designing a poster with information and artworks. This will then be used as the stimulus for some poetry writing.

We have also come up with our own mnemonic to remember the order of planets, quiz your child to see if they can remember!

In maths, we are exploring fractions through a variety of games and art activities.

Our Karate banners are finished and are waiting to be ironed, hemmed and hung in the next few weeks.

Celestial blessings to all! *Akash*

## Missing mulching fork

This has gone missing from the garden shed.

Do you know where it is?



## Strategic planning meeting

We had a good discussion about the school's values and then a fantastic lunch, by Magali Defus. We look forward to developing this further with the input of families and kids.



## Management committee

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<b>Excursion</b>	<b>Tropical Fruit World</b>
Date	Tuesday 5 September 2017
Classes	Whole school
Purpose	Support garden SEE program: animal feeding, fruit sampling, sweet treat (mango cheek or chocolate coated banana), wildlife boat cruise, miniature train ride, orchard discovery, tractor ride, putt-putt golf, flying fox, volleyball, native animal park, koi fish.
Transport method	By private car
Cost per child	\$25
Duration	Leave school at: 9am Return to school at: 3pm
Emergency contact	School 6689 1423 Nicola 0488 141 036

## What children need to bring:

- Strong walking shoes
- Hats
- Lunch
- Water bottle





*Woody Head Camp 2017*



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Camp	<b>Stradbroke Island, Banksia Place and Adder Rock campground</b>
Date	Tuesday 7 – Sunday 12 November
Classes	Whole school community, including staff, families and kids
Transport	Private car and ferry ( <i>Get up to 25% off ferry price – see below</i> )
Costs	<p><b>Camping</b> \$50 per person (for five nights) / under 5 years free  <b>Food</b> Adult \$85 Child \$65          Includes three meals plus snacks for five days, marquee hire, gas, kitchen transportation, etc.)  <b>Bike transport</b> (<i>Optional</i>) If you would like a bike put onto the school trailer.</p> <p>These costs are approximate. Total cost will be added to your child’s invoice, so please increase your regular payment to cover camp costs. Bulk payments are most welcome.  <i>If you are significantly in arrears, we require full camp payment up front.</i></p> <p>Tunable Falls Primary School account BSB 728 728, Account 222 017 29</p>

## Ferry

You need to book your own ferry – online or phone. Use the code below to get your group discount.

Ferry costs vary depending on times. With the discount, you can expect to pay \$100 - \$150 return for an average sized car. Trailers cost extra. Make sure you use the below information to get your discount and book early for best prices.

**Promo code: TuntableFallsCamp**

### Stradbroke Ferries

07 3488 5300 [www.stradbrokeferries.com.au](http://www.stradbrokeferries.com.au)

- Access the 20% group booking discount by using the promotional code.
- Plus get 5% discount each way if you book online. Choose “Book North Stradbroke Island Vehicle Ferry”.

#### Terms and conditions

- Journey must be from Cleveland and return from Dunwich to receive the group discount.
- It must take place between 1 -13 November 2017 inclusive.
- Standard cars only.

## Refunds

This camp takes lots of planning and preparing. After the 6 October, we cannot refund your camp fees. After October 21, we cannot refund you for food contribution expenses. You will be billed the full amount after these dates.

Need to know anything else? Contact Gin on 0429 990 671.