



## From the committee

Hello everyone welcome back to term 2. It was a rather hectic end to last term with the rain and floods.. we can all relax a bit now until the next rainy season.

I hope any of you who went to Mardi grass had a nice time... it was decided by all that we would have this year off doing a stall at Mardi grass, which was a nice break... plus we have a busy term and year ahead.

We say farewell to Louis and wish him all the best at his new school. A big welcome back to Molly and Nala from there overseas adventures.

Thank you to all the families that came along to the workday it was a good turn out and another easy going and productive day, a big thanks to those who sorted the pantry which was in quite a state from our resident mice. Also thanks to Zeem and co for a yummy lunch once again. We also combined our family meeting with this workday which seemed to fit in well over lunch. Minutes will be on notice board this week.

The big issue at the moment is our kitchen, cooking and shopping routines. Please remember as a parent run school we rely totally on our families participation especially in the kitchen we really need more families to help out... currently it is always the same people putting in the time to keep our healthy lunches happening but when one or more person is unable to make it... it is very hard for the folks left holding the fort. Ideally a rotation between kitchen , garden and library etc would be great if we can get the people. We also are really in need of weekly shoppers either picking up a couple of ready packed boxes of groceries on a set day from the nimbin co-op or a few items office/school from Lismore i.e. Officeworks usually also packaged and ready-this counts as a roster day. Can you help ?.... Also Gingers class will be in need of kindling if anyone can spare a few moments to chop some .

We have our wonderful Winter solstice evening coming up this term so more info to come on that, and Gin has awesomely offered to coordinate our booking and details for Stradbroke camp, so dates should be locked in this month for term 4.

Have a fantastic fortnight and stay warm.. winter is coming!

Nat

- **Return** the 'Straddie Camp form' by 19 May
- **Keep** the 'Family contact list'

## Calendar 2017

### Karate

Every Monday  
Starts 8 May

### Naplan testing

9-11 May

### Teachers away PD

Thursday 11 May  
Thomas, Bill and Nadine relief

### Committee meeting

Thursday 11 May  
9.30-12pm  
fortnightly through term

### Annual General Meeting

Thursday 25 May

### Queens birthday holiday

No school  
Monday 12 June

### Hungry caterpillar show

Kindy & lower excursion  
Wednesday 14 June

### Last day of term

Friday 30 June

### School holidays

Sat 1 July to Mon 24 July

### Term 3

25 July to 22 September

### Holidays

23 Sept to 9 October

### Term 4

10 Oct –8 Dec

### Stradbroke Camp

4-10 November TBC

## Kindy

Warm autumn greetings to you all and welcome to your child's second term of school.

We have a rather busy (what's new?) term ahead of us with a couple of excursions, events and exciting learning. Excursions are planned for later in the term with a trip to Lismore to see The Hungry Caterpillar and a visit to Byron to watch the whales.

The Hungry Caterpillar is very aptly timed to coincide with our term 2 unit: Light in the Garden. We will let our imaginations fly as we learn about light and plants. Nicola began us on this journey beautifully in our first gardening lesson where we ate light!

The children are now ready for a more structured home reading program and to support them in this, I ask that home reading folders are returned to school every day. This allows your child to read a few pages of their book in class and this to be reinforced with a second reading to parents at home. The pages to be read will be on the sheet you will find in their folders. This is a very important routine at this stage of their skill development.

This week we have completed our post office unit with a letter to a loved one. These have now been posted and sadly we will say goodbye to our classroom post-office, as we need the space for indoor winter play.

Next Thursday, we will be walking to Mandi and Dave's house to visit their liquidambar tree clothed in autumn colours and Thursday 18 May we will have Hannibal's home visit.

Autumn Blessings  
Deborah



### Lunches in term 2

Thanks to everyone who offered to collect food from the coop for lunch on Wednesdays. This is organised.

Our cooks are already producing wonderful lunches. Zeem is cooking Tuesdays and Sigrid and Jess on Thursdays. Can you help Petria on Wednesdays?

### Roster sheet for term 2

Remember to sign up on the roster sheet for the days that you will be helping at school this term.

And remember to tick off your day on the roster checklist in the office – this is what Ash uses to credit your account so don't forget.

### Management committee

Iris and Louise – welcome back. Nicky is taking a break from an active role on the committee.

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Call any member to organise your roster days and to discuss concerns. You can also email/write or attend a committee meeting (organising this ahead will ensure the committee are able to meet with you) to bring up issues. Speak to Ash about fee related questions.



## Lower



The Environmental Superheroes are back! United in their fight against the weeds from taking over Tuntable! Madeira vine, Devil's fig and Elderberry are on

the wanted posters and these superheroes will stop at nothing!!!

After completing several dangerous and deadly tasks, the children were given their superhero license and are now superheroes in training.

Their job is not only to locate and map out the weed infestations on the community but they are going to

conduct experiments on them in a hope of discovering the 'cryptonite' of Madeira vine. This valuable information will be handed over to the Environmental Coordinator of Tuntable Falls Community.

Each Friday we will be going on superhero missions around Tuntable (in our superhero costumes of course) in search of the weed hideouts. Our first stop will be Honeymoon and Zech's house, then to River's,



then Arcana's and Aragorn's and all the way up to Savannah's and finally to Brielle's. Dates and times to be advised in the next newsletter. Please pack extra snacks for our super strength and Parents are welcome to join. Onwards and upwards!

Peace, love and planetees. *Ginger*

## Upper

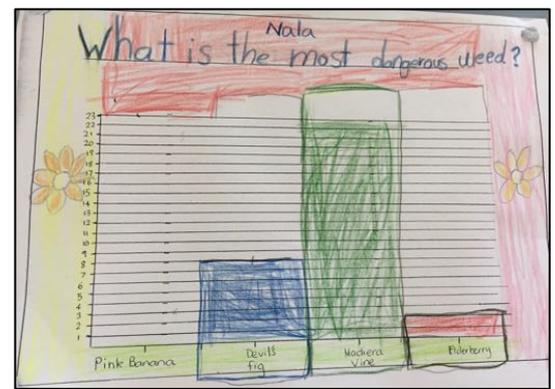
The Upper School have a very busy term ahead. Our Program is focused around the theme of "Light" and students will engage in a range of integrated activities.

Starting week two, we will be exploring the scientific properties of light through a range of hands on activities using newly purchased science equipment.

We are designing and building a bioluminescent creature sculpture which will be unveiled at our Winter Solstice celebration. We will use these creatures as prompts for our narrative writing throughout the term.

We will also be going on a few exciting light-themed excursions to deepen our understanding of the topic. More details on this will be provided soon.

Love and light to all, *Akash*



## Photos on Facebook

Nicole, Maximus' mum, is doing a fantastic job creating our Facebook page. This will go public soon and will include photos of what we are doing at school.

All families have already authorised the use of school photos for promotional purposes via the website and local newspapers, as well as in our literature.

Photos are generally of small groups and children are not identified by name. This authorisation will now extend to include the school's Facebook page.

**If you would like to change this authorisation, please tell Kirrily in the office.**

If you have concerns or questions about this, please speak to Nicole or a committee member.

## Circus

Woo, here we go again! What can I say? Circus at the school is moving forward in leaps and bounds.

The young people who have been doing it for a few years now are 'flying'! You can see the confidence in their bodies and sense of achievement and enthusiasm for learning physical skills. I keep thinking what a great thing it is that the school offers this. What an opportunity for the kids to come to grips and learn physical skills at this age through school. The new truss is up at the hall so we can create more aerial opportunities.

Rindi has sadly left us and moved on to the city to pursue a career in the performing arts and we wish her all the best. Edwina Ditch will be taking her place, Edwina is well connected to the Tutable community and has a huge amount of experience in gymnastics, highly skilled and a lovely caring person.

In other news, we would like to make a short circus film this term showcasing the new skills. This would happen in class time, I'm thinking around Tutable at the Hall. If there are any budding film makers out there or people willing to help let me know. This will be around mid to end of term.

Thanks and wishing everyone a good term x *Simon*

