



From the committee

Greetings everyone!

Last Thursday saw our school's AGM and there has been a slight reshuffle of roles. I am now the secretary with Nat taking a break from that duty while she re-enters employment. Thanks to Nat for doing an excellent job and for continuing to serve on the committee.

I'd also like to shout out a big welcome to our new committee members Zehra (Sarafine's mum) and Sudipta (Micah's mum). Both bring a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm and I'm looking forward to collaborating with them. Louise is our new president and Ash continues to embrace the challenging and rewarding role of treasurer.

In other news we have an exciting selection of winter warming activities planned for the rest of term.

Cross-country training has begun so stay tuned for the big event.

The Winter Solstice Celebration will be held on 21 June and the school will be catering for the Tuntable Co-op's AGM lunch on Saturday, 24 June.

Chook sitter needed for three weeks over the holiday. Please contact the school, or Ginger/Nicola if you can help.

See inside for more details and ways to get involved and be sure to return your note with how you will be helping.

Finally good news for the uppers. Their classroom air-conditioning was installed the very day things got really chilly!

Keep warm everyone, **ELVIS**

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School calendar

Committee meeting

Thursday 8 June
Thursday 22 June

Queens birthday holiday

No school - Monday 12 June

Hungry caterpillar show

Kindy & lower excursion
Wednesday 14 June

Brisbane excursion

Upper class
Thurs-Friday 15-16 June

Wear your pajamas day

Stay cuddly in the cold weather with fuzzy pjs or onesie
Tuesday 20 June

Winter solstice celebration

Wednesday 21 June

Byron Whale Watching

Whole school excursion
Thursday 29 June

Last day of term

Friday 30 June

Holidays

1 July to 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

Your help is needed

We have two exciting events coming up this term.

Winter Solstice

Our Winter Solstice celebration will be on Wednesday 21 June. As is tradition, we will provide an evening meal of pumpkin soup and dessert for the families, students and community members. We will need everyone to help with:

- Shopping and collecting food
- Cooking on the day
- Serving on the night
- Clean-up

Co-op AGM lunch

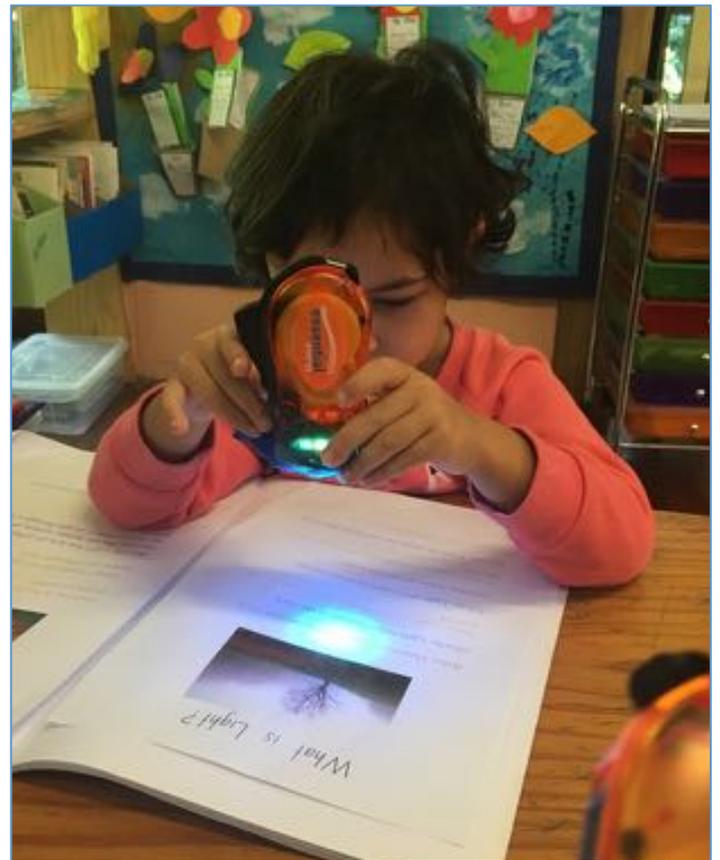
Tuntable Falls Co-op has asked us to cater lunch for their AGM on Saturday 24 June. This is an excellent opportunity to raise money for the school as well as to maintain the close ties between the Co-op and the school.

We are planning to cook two curries as well as salad. We would also like to serve cakes. The following jobs are therefore up for grabs:

- Shopping and collecting food
- Cooking on the day
- Serving on the day
- Clean-up
- Make cakes

If you can't contribute in any other way, please make a cake and deliver it to school on Friday 23 June.

Please return the form attached to the front of the newsletter to tell us how you can help. Or contact the committee via the school email.



Kindy

The children continue their exploration into light.

Thank you to Jess who helped us felt the cover of our cushions. It was such fun and what beautiful designs emerged.

Lastly, praise to all the children for being so diligent with their home reading and of course to all you wonderful parents for encouraging and supporting your child!

Winter blessings,
Deborah



Lower

The lower primary have begun their superhero missions with great diligence. We scaled Zech & Honeymoon's enormous hill, and then went to River's, our tie-dyed superhero capes whistling in the breeze and keen young eyes searching for those dangerous weed villains.

The children were very well organised, optimistic and practised great safety - all of which are very important superhero qualities. In coming weeks we will venture to Aragorn & Arcana's, Savannah's, Brielle's and my house.

The experiments on the devil's fig continues. Each day we conduct the experiment and observe the plants' growth, but we didn't expect them to flourish under the strict experiment conditions.

Our superhero narratives are into the publishing stage and oh, what an exciting book they will publish for our library! The children have written exciting tales of madeira vine or devil's fig taking over the school. Some of the children and I were even turned into madeira potatoes!

In maths, we are using the knowledge learnt in previous weeks about addition and subtraction and putting that into practice through the study of money.

The children enjoyed using their problem-solving skills to set up a class shop and buy/sell items.

There are lots of excursions coming up in the next couple of weeks so please ensure your children are ready for them.

Cross country training is happening every Tuesday morning so everyone needs to remember water bottles, shoes & socks.

And, please also bring a good-sized morning tea each Friday for our superhero missions.

Peace, love and rainbow tie-dye,
Ginger

Remember your running shoes

Remember to bring or wear shoes for cross country training on the day your class practises.

Lower class practises on Tuesdays.



Holiday Tennis Clinic!!

Come and join in the fun at our school holiday tennis clinics these holidays!



The tennis & multi sports program will be run under the guidance of our Tennis Australia qualified coaching team.

The program is aimed at juniors from 4 - 16 years old who are beginner's right through to regular players.

Lismore Tennis Centre
Monday 10th through
to Friday 14th July

9am to 3pm each day



Morning tea and lunch and afternoon tea will be provided each day
Cost of the clinic is \$40 per day or \$170 for 5 days

Bookings are essential so please call Bianca Nugent on 0429390701 to secure a spot or if you would like more information



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TENNIS ACADEMY



Garden News

Your lovely children took all these photos! They give some insight into how busy and happy we have been in the garden lately. We have planted some potatoes, and still have more to get into our labyrinth potato patch. The carrots have come up, and the giant snow peas are flowering. The chickens love chomping our lettuce – it's lucky we have enough to share. Several gnomes have moved in to our garden, and are talking about setting up 'Gnome Town!' There are also rumours that some fairies are planning to move in... I hope they know how to handle dragons!

Many children enjoy planting flowers amongst their food gardens, and I encourage this practice. Flowers help attract pollinators, and feed the soul. Many flowers are edible, and add a delightful artistic touch to a salad.

Last week we harvested and ate chokos, and discussed what an important food this was during the last depression in Australia. Sometimes on Fridays too much food is wasted, and we are now cutting down on this waste (did you know Australia wastes 8 BILLION DOLLARS worth of food a year?). We have been getting compost from the Lismore tip – it is certified organic and is on sale for \$25 a load until the end of the financial year. It is very alkaline, but as our soil is acidic, together they give us a balanced soil. Adding our marvelous seaweed / BD Prep emulsion brings LIFE in abundance. Tiger-lily and Louise have been helping out in the garden, and I *really* appreciate having all that help unloading big loads of compost, and getting rid of weeds. With Jenny we have been discussing the possibility of offering some workshops to parents – things like composting, worm-farms, biodynamics, how to build a herb spiral etc. If you think you'd be interested in participating in some such thing, please let one of us know and we'll settle on a date. Big love from Nicola xxx

