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Term 2

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Hi Lovely Families

I want to start with a warm welcome to our newest additions to the Tuntable community. Welcome to Max and his parents Aimee and Andy. Welcome to Jasmia and her Mum Annie. Welcome to Jaavren and his Mum Tanya. We hope you have settled in. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask a committee member or your child's teacher.

The committee and staff have a strategic planning meeting next Thursday, 13th June. Strategic planning helps us to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations and ensure that we are all working toward a common goal. Effective planning will guide us to where we want to go and help us to put actions in place to get us there.

Student Reports will be emailed to parents at the end of this Term. If you prefer a printed copy please let Fiona in the office know.

This week the whole school is heading to Lismore for World Environment Day **this Thursday 6th June**. Please make sure you have handed in your permission slip. The Gooarng class is headed off to Ballina to Visit the Seabird Rescue Centre on Tuesday 18th June. Everyone is welcome to join us on the Winter Garden Celebration Day on Thursday 20th June.

Another reminder for spare shirts to be bought in for messy activities. These will be labelled with your child's name and left in their classroom.

Stay Warm Everyone!



Whole School Damper Cooking

School calendar

Bring a long clean sock on Wednesday for Music

World Environment Day Excursion- whole school. Thursday 6th June

Public Holiday Monday 10th June- NO SCHOOL

Ballina Seabird Rescue Excursion Tuesday 18th June – Gooarng Class

Winter Garden Day Thursday 20th June All families are welcome for the day.

Winter Solstice Lantern Parade DATE CHANGED TO **Tuesday evening 25th June**

Our Learning Kindy Parent Information session 3pm Thursday 27th June

Term 2 Ends Friday 5th July

Term 3 Begins Tuesday 30th July

Minjerribah Camp 14th-19th October (First week of School Term 4)

Reminders:

Strategic Meeting Thursday 13th June

Next Parent Meeting: Thursday 8th August

Next Work Day: Saturday 3rd August

Buribi Class (Kindy)



Hello Winter!
I hope you are all keeping warm as the cold creeps in...

We have been so lucky to visit Ari, Juno and Escher's home this fortnight. We tip-toed along The Sleeping Dragon, hopped up a dry waterfall and tasted Jerusalem sultanas.

Thank you to Ginger for organising a glorious (and informative) bee hive tour last week. Peering through the viewing panel of a Flow Hive was insightful and sitting amongst native bees was entrancing.

I know I felt so grateful to meet new people and learn together.

As the seasons change and we seek the gentle warmth of the sunshine, the Buribi class are huddling to reflect on our journey so far this year. Discussing challenges encountered in the playground, bouncing back when things don't go our way, persisting when tasks are boring or tricky and actively listening to each other have been topics of conversation.

On Thursday the 27th June at 3pm, parents are invited to "Our Learning" – a 15-20 minute information session about...

what's important in Kindergarten and how we are required to report to parents about their child's learning. There will also be time for you to browse through the kindergarten learning space/activities and share any successes, questions or concerns you may have.

If you feel out of touch with where your child is at or how they are settling, please make a time to come and join us in the classroom for particular activities that interest you or make a time to meet with me.

Jessica



Gooarng Class (Middle)



I had the pleasure of teaching this lovely class while poor Ishta has been a bit sick. The room is looking so organised and tidy, what a great effort everyone is making to enjoy their space. Everyone was so helpful and helped me find all the things we needed to ensure we got our learning done.

The Gooarng class follow a fantastic Literacy and Numeracy routine, smoothly rotating group transitions. They love it! It is so wonderful seeing them all engaging in a variety of ways to grasp new information.

There has been a focus on identifying nouns in different texts and understanding the use of adjectives. Ishta has found a really fun counting activity which helps the students count in 5's 10's and 2's. I also spotted some 3D shapes that may have been created by some small clever hands...



Speaking of clever...

Well Done to Molly who has won the colouring competition for our Winter Garden Day invitation Poster. Well Done to everyone who participated. We are looking forward to sharing a splendid day together.

Fiona



Ava, Molly and Savannah 1

**Congratulations to our new
Gooarng SRC Student
Representative Council**

Maximus and Ava
(photo to come)

Guruman Class (Upper)



With an ongoing focus on Persuasive Writing and Speaking, Gooarman have participated in a variety of activities that have demonstrated or demanded some skillful word power to achieve important outcomes. With National Sorry Day on May 26, we listened to and watched Kevin Rudd presenting the Apology to the Stolen Generation. We discussed the significance of this speech and also the techniques used that strengthened the delivery of this message.

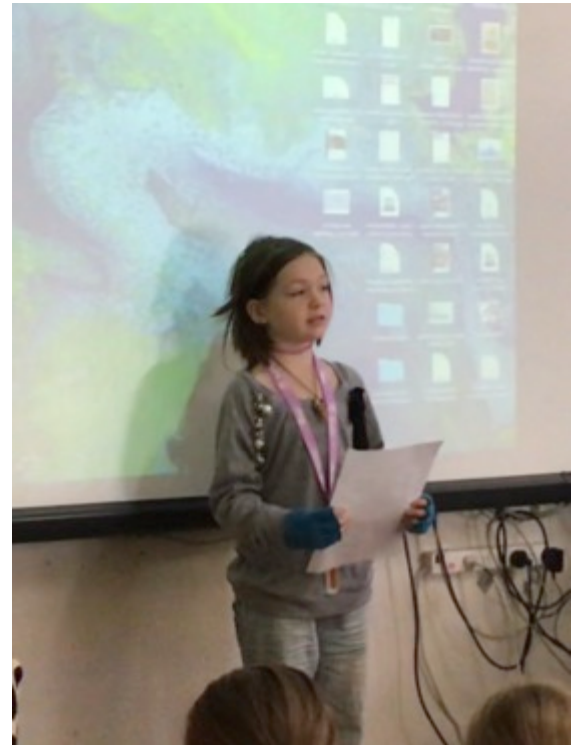
We also had the opportunity, through videoconference, to meet and discuss Light Pollution issues with Geoff Wyatt from the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences that manages Sydney Observatory. He clarified the definition of light pollution, the negative effects and possible solutions to the problem. Students now have the opportunity to put together a

presentation to send to the Observatory to strengthen the campaign to reduce Light Pollution, once again involving some persuasive text techniques.

The most impressive display of persuasive techniques this fortnight was the collection of SRC election speeches, in which all Gooraman presented their campaign to combined Gooyarnj and Gooraman classes. The outcome of the SRC elections was the voting in of River, Emerald, Maximus and Ava as the Student Leaders of the SRC. Congratulations to all.

Also in this fortnight, last Tuesday morning, Gooraman visited the Careers Market Day at Nimbin Central School, where there was a variety of presentations and displays to inspire and enlighten many possible futures.

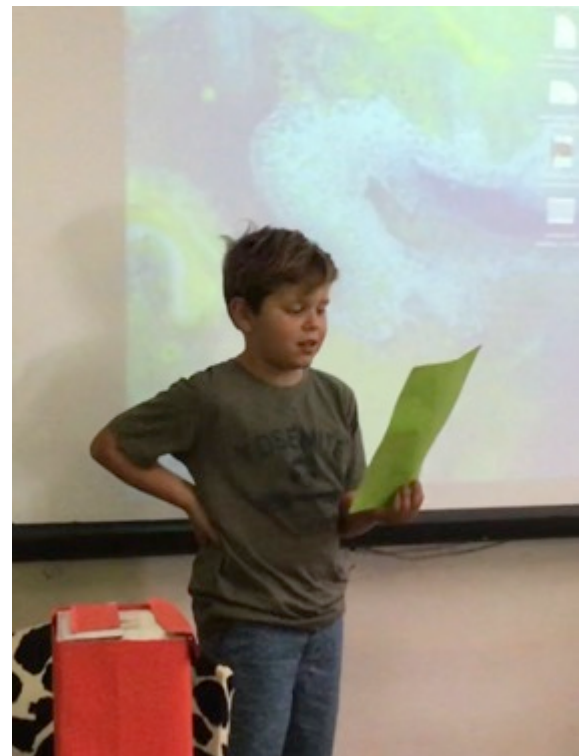
Congratulations to our new Guruman SRC Student Representative Council



Emerald Farrington 1



Who is rolling on the grass? 1



River McPherson 1

From The Garden

Green time is a busy time of day in our school with the kids all keeping warm and building their muscles and working together to help maintain our beautiful garden. Our current fruit tree's are being fertilised, pruned and mulched by the Guruman class. The Gooarng have been learning how to use a wide range of tools to save the dragon fruit vine getting swallowed by the weeds along the back fence and the Buribi class have been mulching our garden paths with the donated woodchip.

This fortnight our Tuesday's have called for whole school activities in the morning session. Last week the children kneaded, rolled and coiled dough into snake damper. We made a fire in the Ethno-botany trail and they cooked their damper and then added the blood and guts! (Butter and honey)
Oh boy was it a hit!

This week we were lucky enough to have the very talented weaver Jacinta visit. She impressed the children with her incredible hand crafted woven baskets and taught the children the blanket stitch to make rope from locally foraged Bangalow Palms. The whole school sat around the fire in the Ethno-Botany Trail with tremendous focus and patience whilst learning this precious wisdom. Thank you very much Jacinta.

The Buribi class also went for a bee hunt around Tuntable. They visited Jeevan's sister Sapote's new bee hive and also Frankie's native bee hive, they are using this observational research to learn more about the different needs and behaviour of the different bee's that live in our area as well as collecting materials to build their own pollinator box for solitary bee's.

The Gooarng class learnt the importance of voting in a democracy last week during our SRC elections. They presented their speech to the school and also listened to the speeches of the Guruman class before voting in the preference voting system. They learnt the importance of a fair vote and the value their single vote has in the future of the whole school.

The Guruman class also had Nat from wires visit our school and share her wealth of knowledge on local Birds and Micro bats. The Guruman class have decided to build three nesting boxes. One will be a box for a powerful Owl, one will be for a parrot and the third a box for micro bats. They have already begun making their prototype out of cardboard to present to the school.

The children's knowledge and skills are forever growing during our SEE sessions and we would like to do a call out for any seeds that families may have that they can donate to help the continuation of our garden lessons. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated!

Peace, love and Seeds!



SOCKS FOR MUSIC WITH LEIF THIS WEEK (WEDNESDAY)

Please bring a long, clean sock to use for puppet making. The students are learning about Puppetry in the Theatre component of Music.



