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Yikes! The final newsletter for Term 3, how could it be mid-September already?

There's lots happening in these final two weeks of term:

The **Athletics Carnival** was moved to **this coming Friday, 20 Sept., 12-2pm**.

Parents are welcome to come along to cheer the kids on and help with keeping them hydrated and sun protected. It's always a fun day of activities.

The countdown is on for the big **Lorax circus performances** next week. Now is the time to put finishing touches on costumes, get in touch with your class teacher if you need info about that. **We still need some helpers on the night to make, serve and clean up after the shared meal.**

There will be a matinee on Wednesday from 11am-1pm, and the main performance on Thursday from 5:30pm onwards. Kids should arrive by 4pm on Thursday to get in costume, makeup or face paint, and warm up. **Please make sure kids have a big afternoon snack to tie them over until dinner.**

During the holidays we will be exhibiting at the **Spring Arts exhibition** in the Town Hall. Make sure you pop in to check out our creative kids' contributions, it's always a great show with incredible arts from our Nimbin community.



Then it's camp! Beginning Saturday 28 Sept. – everyone is getting super excited for a week at the beach. Make sure you get your bikes to school on Thursday, 26 Sept., ready to be loaded onto the trailer, and remember to sign up to help with camp preparations – get in touch with the office or a committee member.

Our **Annual School Fete** will be in Week 3 of Term 4, on Saturday, 9 Nov., so start gathering your good quality donations of clothing and bric-a-brac. Remember we don't want anything stained or damaged as we end up having to pay to send it to the tip if it's not op-shop quality.

All parents will be rostered on for a shift on the day. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and an opportunity for us to showcase our amazing school to the wider community.

Enjoy these final weeks. See you all at the Lorax - I can't wait!

Elowyn xo

School Calendar:

- **Term 3 Ends**
Fri, 27 September
- **Term 4 Begins**
Mon, 21 October

School Bell:

- School starts: 9:05
- Recess: 11:00-11:30
Thu: 10:30-11:00
- Lunch: 13:00-13:45
Thu: 12:30-1:15
- School ends: 14:45
- **After school supervision ends 3:15pm (undercover area)**

Committee Meetings:

Thursdays, 3:15pm
(At school, subject to change)

Athletics Carnival

Fri, 20 Sept
12-2pm at the Amphitheatre

LORAX Performance

26 Sept, 5:30pm show
followed by dinner.

Can you help with dinner preparations?

School Fete

Saturday, 9 November

See next page for details.

TUE & WED

Closed Shoes & Hair Ties

Important for safe participation
in STEM activities and
Garden & Kitchen time.



Step right up and join the excitement! Our small, tight-knit parent-run school nestled in the heart of our unique alternative community is gearing up for an unforgettable School Fete Fundraiser on Saturday 9th November, and we need YOU to make it a smashing success!

Picture a day filled with laughter, joy, and endless fun as we come together to support our children's education in a way that's as unique as our school itself. We're not your ordinary institution; we're a vibrant hub of creativity and individuality, and this event will be a true reflection of our special community.

Let's unite to create a magical day where you can:

🍷 Explore Stalls: Our talented students are making things to sell alongside Bric a Brac, Clothes and Plants. Support our community's creativity while picking up one-of-a-kind treasures.

🎪 Experience Whimsical Activities: From face painting and hair accessories to live music, waterslide and jumping castle, there's something for everyone.

🌿 Savor Delicious Food: Coffee and cake available. Our amazing kitchen crew have delicious lunch planned, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options. It's a feast that celebrates our community's diversity.

💖 Contribute to Our Future: Funds raised will directly benefit our school, ensuring that our alternative education philosophy continues to thrive.

💡 Connect with Fellow Parents: Meet like-minded parents who share your values and passion for a progressive education. Form lasting bonds within our tight-knit community.

This is more than just a fundraiser; it's a celebration of who we are and what we stand for. Join us in creating an unforgettable day that will not only make a significant impact on our school but also create beautiful memories for your family. We ask that all families attend on the day and choose a suitable volunteer shift. We need donations of Bric a Brac, Quality clothing and cakes to sell. Instructions for dropping off donated goods will follow shortly. Please start collecting 😊

Save the date, invite family and friends, and be ready to immerse yourself in the enchanting spirit of our unique parent-run school. We can't wait to see you there, ready to embrace this extraordinary adventure with open arms!

The 2024 Fete Jobs Roster will be sent to families early next term. Roisin will be coordinating the roster.



Birthdays

We would like to congratulate the following students on their birthdays. There are so many of you in the next couple weeks and over the holidays. Happy birthday precious possums!



Celestine
5 Oct

Alice
25 Oct

Lilybelle
19 Sept

Eden
25 Oct

Astrid
27 Sept

Miela
24 Sept

Escher
15 Oct

Sofia
3 Oct

Communication:

Calendar of Events:

On the school's website:

All events and excursions are added to the calendar of events, available from our website

<https://www.tunablefallsschool.nsw.edu.au/calendar-of-events>

Integrating the school calendar with your existing digital calendar:

Access the Google Calendar to get timely notifications of events and excursions.

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=tuntableschool%40gmail.com&ctz=Australia%2FSydney> In the bottom righthand corner, click to add



Use this link to access the calendar from applications other than Google Calendar.

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/tuntableschool%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

Absentees:

- It is important to **call the Office by 9:30am** if your child is unable to attend school for any reason.
- If children arrive after 9:05am, or are picked up before 2:45pm, parents/carers need to sign the **Late Arrival/Early Pick-Up Register** in the office.
- Please provide a **Doctor's Medical Certificate** to the Office if your child is absent due to illness for five **consecutive days** or more.
- If you are **planning time away from school** during the term, please complete an *Application for Exemption from School* form at the Office.

Committee:

The committee feels strongly about open communication at the school. Please keep our contact details handy and don't hesitate to contact whomever you feel comfortable with.

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THE SUGGESTIONS BOX

Thank you to Kiro who suggested 'Lightfall', as well as Marley and Loki who both suggested 'Dog Man'. These were great choices to add to our Junior Fiction.



New Titles

Make sure to check out our new additions!

Spark your imagination with titles like; Poo Spew and Other Gross Things Animals Do!, Bots and Bods, The First Scientists, Julia and The Shark, and Jamie Gallagher's kitchen science series.





Buribi (Kindy)

There is a lot of excitement in the air as we draw nearer to the long-awaited Lorax production. Whole school rehearsals have been running wonderfully with assistance from Evey's talented mother, Jax, who has choreographed a whole school dance. Simon's organisation and calm approach to rehearsals has also made this journey very enjoyable. It's looking amazing now that our props, audio, sound and backdrops are all in place.

Another exciting school event was **Science Day**. Organised by our talented and creative science teacher, Emmy. The children rotated through 4 groups, each exploring different threatened species. I was lucky enough to run the 'bird wing butterfly group'. This was an opportunity for students to learn how to identify them and learn about their food source and life cycle. The children had the opportunity to propagate the bird wing butterfly vine, make scientific drawings, art and craft.



To support the students our Wellbeing Officer, Billi, has been taking small groups of students out of class on Thursday mornings to participate in friendship games that model positive friendships and how this looks and sounds to encourage children to replicate this in the playground. In class we have used our acting skills to role play scenarios, exploring ways to problem solve and how to react and respond to common social situations.



In class, the Buribi's have been exploring length & position. We have loved using tape measures and rulers to measure everything around us. For the remainder of the term, we are exploring measuring volume and capacity. We'll be using grams & kilograms as well as half litres and litres, comparing the volume and capacity of different sized and shaped containers, and using hands on learning experiences to discover the differences.



See you all at the Lorax show next week.
Ginger



Gooarng (Yrs. 1&2)

Hi Families,

As we come to the end of a very busy term, I wanted to share with you **some moments** that may have been missed in the last few newsletters – such as Leanne Logan's storytelling incursion, making healing balm with Anna, painting props for The Lorax, putting on puppet shows during investigations, and Science Day.

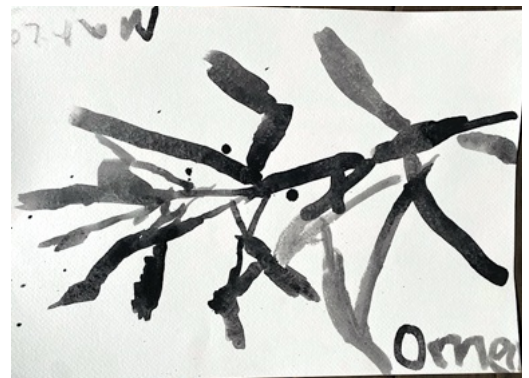
The kids have really loved creating their **spell books** this term and when they come home, next week, they could keep adding recipes, spells and poems to them.



Don't forget the **Nimbin Spring Art Show** will be on during the holidays and the Gooarng class will be displaying their beautiful natural ink shadow paintings they've done this term with Claudie.

See you all at **The Lorax show on Thursday 26th** - please remember your kids need to have had *something to eat and be back at the hall by 4:30 to get ready*.

Up we grow,
Ishta





Yuruugin (Yrs. 3&4)

Hello all!

In English and History, we will be looking at a song, Hunting for the Worm of the Ocean by Sirroco, as a reference point to learn about past trade links between indigenous people of Arnhem land and the Makasar, people from Indonesia. This will be a useful historical and inter-cultural perspective, different to the context of the First Fleet. It will be part of class discussions and allow us to note what was the same and different between them and their European boating counterparts. We will continue to publish our literary recounts, some narratives, maintain our spelling trajectories and stay on the path with declarative sentences for grammar.

In Maths, we will be looking at measuring lengths using the millimetre, and multiplying double digit numbers by 10, 100, and for some, 1000. We will finish off by exploring different strategies for addition and subtraction. I am enjoying giving students mathematical problems and seeing them come up with solutions that I might not have even suggested myself!



We continue our monumental Lorax endeavours, Trufulla trees all painted up, except for the tree trunk parts. One final push for the final product to be finished! It has truly been an 'all hands on deck' couple of weeks. Please note that because of last week's weather, the Athletics carnival at the Amphitheatre has been moved to this Friday, 20 Sept, 12-2pm.

UPCOMING DATES

Week 8: Athletics Carnival, Friday, 20 September

Week 9: The Lorax, Thursday, 26 September

Ruben



Guruman (Yrs. 5&6)

In mathematics, we continue to dive into the complexities of fractions and division, exploring concepts such as improper fractions, mixed numerals, and their conversions. Our students are also learning about the areas of rectangles and triangles, tackling these fundamental geometric shapes with growing confidence and skill.

Our Guruman Magazine is progressing well. It has been an exciting project filled with contributions from students, including informative articles, opinion pieces, and brain-busting crosswords. Some of our budding writers have even taken up the challenge of creating advertisements. This initiative has sparked a great deal of creativity and focus, as we aim to deliver an engaging and thought-provoking issue.

Amid all the magazine excitement, we're also preparing for a production of The Lorax. This has required immense effort and concentration from everyone involved, from rehearsals to set design. The story's powerful message of environmental protection resonates strongly with our community, making this project all the more special.

Recently, our school has had some unexpected and awe-inspiring visitors—dingoes! These beautiful wild animals have occasionally wandered onto the school grounds, and we've taken this opportunity to educate ourselves on how to respond safely and respectfully to their presence.

Here's what we've learned about handling dingo encounters:

- **Be big and brave** – Make yourself appear large and dominant.
- **Face the dingo**—Never turn your back – Keep your arms close to your body and, if with someone, stand back-to-back.
- **Shout at it** – Be loud and confident. Shouting 'dingo!' will alert others in the area to assist. Roaring is more effective than screaming.
- **If you need to back away, do it calmly and slowly.** If there is no space, stand your ground and keep calling for help.
- **Tell a teacher** – Always report the encounter to an adult for further action.



While these guidelines are good, most encounters have been resolved with short, careful chases to encourage the dingoes to leave. It's been an unexpected but valuable learning experience for us all.

Stay tuned for more updates from Guruman!





SEE/STEM with Emmy and Akash

SEE/STEM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Science Week celebrations** included making frog hotels, investigating animal evidence, ecology board games and puzzles, and learning about the Richmond Birdwing Butterfly.
- **Yuruugin** had a fantastic walk at Mt Nardi with Ruben learning about orchids, mistletoe, elkhorns and staghorns. We were even lucky enough to hear the wompoo doves calling and see a gorgeous red belly black snake basking in a patch of sunlight on the path.



- **Yuruugin** also finished off their Mars robots, rockets and rovers. Blast off!



- **Buribi** have finished off their fabulous felted Truffula fruits, paper Truffula tufts and paper mâché Truffula tree stump. Keep your eye out for these props at the performance.
- **Gooarng** had fun making more paper and getting a few seed cards ready to sell at the upcoming school Fete.
- **Guruman** enjoyed an excursion to Nimbin to visit NimFM and 7 Sibley St. Well done to Escher, Juno, Miela and Sofia for being brave and speaking on live radio! It was also great for the students to see how the bottle caps that we are collecting at school can easily be recycled.

