



# Tuntable Falls Community School

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## From the Committee:

How quickly the term is coming to an end.

Many thanks to our wonderful teachers, teachers' aides and families that have made the term so successful. When our children see us working together, they also feel the value of community.

What an awesome experience our **Year 3-6** students had at their Midginbil Hill excursion. So many fabulous activities. Don't forget to pop onto the website, log into the **Parent Portal** and check out the amazing photos and videos. René has emailed all families an outline of how to log in. The website is a way for teachers to showcase what our students are doing in a more private setting. Of course, our Facebook site is still a way for you to view what the school is up to.



Sadly, due to this crazy weather our **Year 1/2** class missed out on their camping trip to Lake Aragan. Ishta has quickly come up with an alternate activity and these students will be having some fun activities and a sleep over at the end of the term.

Slowly, slowly the playground renovations are coming to an end. Thank goodness 😊. On our next **Family Workday** we would love some hands on deck to complete some oiling and painting. It will be so exciting for the students to have the interior of the 'shop' area under the fort painted with a functional design. A lovely fresh face for our kids would make the space a lot of fun.

With the change of season, we need to take care when we aren't feeling so well. **Please follow current guidelines** and keep your children at home if they are sick. Refer to our update in the back of the newsletter for what your options are.

Don't forget to log into **Service NSW**. Not only are they providing the Creative Arts Vouchers (\$100) and Sporting vouchers (2 x \$100), but as a stimulus for the hospitality industry they are now giving away 4 x \$20 vouchers for "dine and discover". The list to use these is huge with many local venues coming on board. Timing is great! Find some cool places to eat and play over the holidays.

Have an amazing break with your loved ones and stay safe.

See you back on Tuesday 27th April.

Cheers, Nicole.

## School Calendar:

- **Term 1 Ends**  
Thu, 1 Apr 2021
- **Term 2 Begins**  
Tuesday, 27 Apr 2021

## School Bell:

- School starts: 9:05
- Recess: 11:00-11:30
- Lunch: 13:00-13:45
- School ends: 14:45

## Important Dates:

- AGM: Mon, 29 March
- Gooyarnj Camp  
- *Cancelled*

## Committee Meetings:

Mon, 22 March, 2:30pm  
Mon, 29 March, 2:30pm  
(subject to change)

## Drink Bottles:

All children to bring their own drink bottles as part of COVID hygiene measures.

**Especially important on Thursdays for CIRCUS.**

## FRIDAY SPORT

### 26 March

Held at school this week.  
Guruman, 12:00-13:00  
Dingoes, 13:45-14:45

# Communication:

The committee feels strongly about open communication at the school. Therefore, our names, phone numbers and emails are published for you here. Please keep it handy and don't hesitate to contact whomever you feel comfortable with.

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- It is important to **call the Office by 9:30am** if your child is unable to attend school for any reason.
- Please provide a **Doctors 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.



## Birthdays

We would like to congratulate the following students on their birthdays.  
Happy birthday precious possums!!





## Buribi (Kindy)

We are loving our **Home Visits** and we'll be continuing with them in term 2.

Findlay's home, his amazingly lovable dogs, cheeky chickens, a secret door in the cupboard (Narnia) and tightrope walking. Bart took us down to the paddock where we were able to have a turn at milking Doris the Jersey Cow. She was so lovely. At Gabriel's home, we played on the tree swing and had a turn at archery. We couldn't get away from the amazing hot wheels set up and then Freya pointed out a floating plant and I too was entranced. Azariah's home had crystals in the creek, kittens to cuddle, horses to nuzzle and beautiful butterflies on the hill overlooking a majestic dam. There was so much to discover! Laurie Anne and Stafford even had carrots ready for us to feed to the incredibly friendly, gentle and calm horses. More Home Visits: This week, we are excited to visit Charlie's home and Arlo's home.



The Buribi class have been further developing their understanding of addition through problem solving. We have been practicing number recognition, representing and writing. In Literacy, we have been reading some wonderful stories about homes, families and differences. Students are striving to improve their phonological knowledge by identifying more sounds and applying skills to read and write. They are very clever Koalas! Thank you to Aiti for all your wonderful help in the class on Thursday afternoons. Last week, we practiced our Mime techniques and dressed up to perform our individual improvised Mime performances where the audience had to guess the story or character afterwards. Last Thursday we helped Daisy celebrate her 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday and she treated the class to some very special birthday cupcakes.



I wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday. Enjoy some special times.

Warm wishes, Fiona ★



## Gooyarnj (Middle class)

Hi Families,

We have had a great fortnight of learning. All the kids are moving forward in their reading and writing. They are all showing how well they can listen and hear the sounds through a word and doing some great spelling and writing.

We have had some **good discussions** about how we are all different, unique and special. We discussed how we learn and how this can be different for everybody; and how it's important that we all appreciate each other and our different learning needs and paces.

The kids are doing a fabulous job with their **puppets and altered fairy tales** and will all be practicing their puppet show in the coming weeks, ready to perform for the preschool in the final week of term.

This fortnight we are focusing on the sounds **wh**, **ng** and **ck** and learning about time.

As you know **our camp has been cancelled** due to the rain. Instead, we will be doing some fun activities and having a sleepover at school. Please refer to note that went home today and return the permission slip to school asap.

Thanks.

Up we grow,  
Ishta



Top left: Goldie Hope and the Three Bears, by Lilybelle and Sibella

Top right: The Virus Attacks, by Juno and Teo

Bottom left: Goldilocks and the Three Bears, by Kai and Jeevan



## Dingoes (Years 3 & 4)

We had a whole lot of fun at Midginbil camp. The canoeing-turned-capsizing competition was an absolute blast for the Dingoes, as was the raft building activity. The kids got down and dirty, learnt to tie knots, to think about various solutions and even swim their first attempts back to shore to try new strategies. The instructor had us hiking across the incredible landscape and Ezekiel continued to match presented permaculture facts with his own impeccable knowledge, which had us all rather impressed. The camp flowed incredibly smoothly thanks to all the helping hands. It was a huge thing for some kids to spend two nights away from home, and I must say everyone did exceptionally well.



The rain has unfortunately prohibited us from trying out our new-found basketball skills in town. However, we have been making the undercover area work as best we can. Both Dingoes and Guruman are improving their hand-eye coordination skills, dribbling, passing, shooting and, most importantly, I have seen a big improvement in teamwork. I am looking forward to sport in Term 2 as we have a whole lot of fun ideas on the horizon.



Our class delivered the sharing circle last Tuesday afternoon on the topic of Resilience. We unpacked the concept by looking at the cactus plant. We then practised scenarios in which we could show resilience like the cactus, followed by a bright and playful drawing session with oil pastels. We learnt the importance of “making lemonade out of lemons”.

Over the holidays, I will be putting together a bookshelf for our classroom. If anyone has ‘How-to-Draw’ books, animal fact books, any kind of fact books, Where’s Wally, or old puzzles and is happy to part with them, they will be lapped up with much appreciation!

Thanks to all for a fabulous start to the year!

Warm wishes for the fast-approaching Easter break.

Angie



## Guruman (Upper class)

What a big fortnight!

Midginbil was amazing to see all of the students stepping up to new challenges and making stronger connections. The raft making was one of my favourites because I had the chance to step back and see the teamwork skills kick in under pressure, with students jumping into leadership roles through clear communication or demonstration. It certainly floats their boats. The problem-solving exercises also brought out some great qualities of being able to learn to work together and ask for help when needed. They all got by with a little help from their friends. Archery was interesting to see in action because students had to follow a lot of detailed strategies to get the best technique happening and to be safe with a very dangerous implement. Erik Three-Balloons shone through with a very casual but accurate style that earned him his title. With Thomas as our guide, we learned a lot about the local trees and the rainforest, which is very handy for identifying Bloodwoods, Tallow-woods, Stringy Barks, Camphor Laurels, Grey Gums, epiphytes, lichen, creek insects, glider habits, Morton Bay figs, calderas, etc. I was very impressed with the engagement by our students and the amazing extra bits of knowledge and wisdom that they confidently added to the discussions. The Trivia Night showed up that most of the information had been absorbed.



Another very impressive quality that shone through at the camp was the students' enthusiasm and competence in helping in the kitchen with the serving of the food and the clean-up process. Their hospitality skills were of a professional standard. The snake show was very interesting, and students showed great respect and gentleness for the animals that they had the opportunity to hold. As a teacher, it was such an enriching experience to see the students thrive in new experiences.

Since the camp, we have created another Podcast of a story, Whose Peaches, which is available for listening to on the new website page, along with lots of photos from the camp. There is also a song that the Guruman have recorded about the Planets with an interesting interpretive dance by the Gooyarnj.

It's been busy. It's been fun.

Joe.



## SEE and STEAM with Emmy

There have been so many special moments with the students over the past couple of weeks. Sharing adventures with the older kids on camp was wonderful. I had a good laugh as they became mud monsters and the instructor said he'd never seen kids quite so into wallowing! Watching them play, explore, be challenged and grow is incredibly rewarding.

Back at school I feel like Buribi is starting to become a gentler class and more engaged with learning. We had great fun making buns in the shape of living things (see picture of Lettie and Charlie with their respective turtle and bird buns). Hilarious discussion around what living things come out of eggs... "A cheetah!"



The Dingoes are still plugging away at the solar parabolic cooker as well as doing some chemistry experiments.

Goojarnj are starting to really hone their observation skills and we've just started with some fairy tale inspired experiments.

Guruman are beginning to delve in native food plants, including murnong, and building an Aboriginal village inspired by Bruce Pascoe's Dark Emu. We've also been strengthening skills in the kitchen. This week we made delicious dumplings.



The garden hasn't had much time thanks to all the rain. However, we have been able to do a little weeding, sow some murnong and start more compost. Also, great to have some greens ready to harvest for our scrumptious lunches. Sadly, we had to farewell one of the gorgeous new chooks after it was attacked by a goanna. As always, help from parents and family is always welcome. Let me know how you'd like to be involved.

Emmy



# Puppet Shows & Workshops with Sydney Puppet Theatre!

## Puppet Shows

Wednesday 7 April  
Lismore Regional Gallery

### A Package for Granny

Meet Granny and all the wonderful creatures who come to life in her world.

11.30am - 12.05pm

For young children 3 years and up.

### Oh Rats!

The magician's assistant is besieged by rats, sausages and a duck with a personality crisis!

1.30 - 2.10pm

Appeals to all ages.



## Puppet Workshops

Thursday 8 April  
Lismore Library

### Puppet Pals

Use imagination and design to create a unique rod puppet.

10am - 12.30pm

## Peek-a-Boo Pop Up Puppets

Transform a paper cup into a delightful pop up character.

2 - 3pm

Suitable for 4 years and up however under 7 years need to be accompanied by a carer for the full workshop.

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Richmond Tweed  
Regional Library  
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city council



This program has been generously supported by The NSW Government Festival of Ideas Summer Fund Create



# On Tour Tennis

## Holiday Tennis Clinics

## @ Lismore Tennis Club!

Wk 1: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Wk 2: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Full day: 9am – 3pm, \$50/day or \$140 for 3 days

Half Day: 9am-12pm, \$33/day or \$90 for 3 days

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS**

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

The program is aimed at juniors from 5 – 15 years old who are beginner's right through to regular players. Run under current covid-19 guidelines.

Enquiries: Dean 0414826318 or Bianca 0429390701, ontourtennis1@gmail.com

Lismore Tennis Club, 82 Ballina Rd, Lismore

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

- BYO Lunch & snacks

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# Nimbin Holiday Club Autumn Program



Now operating in **Nimbin Central School hall, Thorburn St, Nimbin**, we are running from **9am – 3 pm, with extended hours 8:30 – 4:30 available on request**. We provide a range of indoor and outdoor activities each day, for children aged **5 -12**, including local excursions around town.

The basic fee is \$12 per day and more for our out-of-town excursion days.

Please book to avoid disappointment, by emailing [nimbinholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:nimbinholidayclub@gmail.com) texting or calling Kylie **0487376281** or NNIC **66891692** (between 10 am and 4 pm).

**Please ensure your child brings food & water for the day, and wears appropriate clothing, shoes and hat.**

Please note: We have a large range of resources, such as sports equipment, craft materials, lego and games available every day to play with. Our scheduled daily activities may vary slightly because our service is child directed.

Date	Program	Cost
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	We will be doing some Autumn craft and going to the Nimbin Art show for some inspiration.	\$12
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	We will be doing acrylic paint pouring on canvas	\$12
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	We will be playing drama games as well as making friendship bands and iron beads	\$12
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	We will be going to 7 Sibley St to get muddy and do some cob building with Steph	\$12
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	We will be colouring and designing with fabric pens, a small bag will be provided but please bring along anything you would like to add some colour to, eg. shirt, pillowcase	\$12
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	We will be doing face painting and dress-ups, there will be some costumes and props provided but please feel free to come dressed up in costumes from home	\$12
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Excursion – Lismore Roller Skating and Art tour We will be doing an Art tour of Lismore Gallery and the back alley gallery, before heading off to Rollerworld to do some roller skating	\$25

Funded by NSW DEC



Booking's essential! Head to [www.ontourtennis.com.au](http://www.ontourtennis.com.au)

pizza & prizes on the last day!! pizza & prizes on the last day!! pizza & prizes on the last day!!



## Important Notices:

- No toys, sweets, money or mobile phones are allowed to be brought to school or on the bus.

**Please be aware that the school may need to go back into lockdown due to a rise in COVID-19 cases in NSW and QLD.**

**Should this happen, staff will provide assistance and learning materials to support your child's learning at home.**

### **COVID Precautions:**

In addition to the hygiene and safety measures we have already put in place, the NSW Health have made the following recommendations to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in NSW school communities.

*These measures will be effective as of Thursday, 4 March 2021.*

### **NSW Health requires schools to:**

- In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.
- NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.
- Students and staff with flu-like symptoms need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.
- **Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.**
- Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition.
- **If any person in your family has been tested, then all members of the family must stay home until a negative result is obtained. No student is to be at school if a family member has been tested and is awaiting their results.**

More information can be found at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

### **We ask you to help us by:**

1. trying to make the settling in process as quick as possible so as to avoid too many people in the school. To help us limit the number of children and adults in the school setting, please don't hang around and try to avoid bringing other members with you.
2. not allowing your child to bring in toys from home.
3. ensuring you are packing a water bottle and enough food for the day. Students have fruit at munch and crunch, a recess and lunch.
4. on arriving home, getting your child/ren wash their hands and change their clothes to avoid spreading anything to your family.

*\*Please contact staff or a committee member if you have any questions or concerns.*