



# Tunable Falls Community School

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Here we are in Week 6, Spring is almost here... buds are swelling and bursting into flower, the birds are busily chatting each other up, and the snakes are active! (Time to keep our eyes on the ground when out and about).

Starting on a more serious note, please have a chat to your little ones about **road safety at the Nimbin Central School bus bay**. The carpark is chaotic during bus times. Recently, Tuntable kids have been crossing the entrance to the parent car park to get onto the bus early, while it's parked on the hill between rounds. I recently witnessed a handful of TFCS kids dart across that road without paying any attention to traffic, which was banked up and busy. **Please remind your kids to stop and look both ways before crossing roads or driveways.**



**Please note that the NCS bus bay is unsupervised for our kids.** While there is often a Nimbin Central School teacher on duty, they're not responsible for non-NCS kids, and are focused on the buses arriving and departing down the bottom of the hill.

Now on to the fun stuff. **This Friday, 29 August, everyone is off to Lismore to see the Archibold Prize exhibition** (lucky ducks!) **and join in the Cross Country at Nesbitt Park.** Be sure to send plenty of water and sunscreen, it's really starting to warm up, (when it's not torrentially raining).

**Thursday, 4 September, is the Circus performance** at the Tuntable Hall, 4:45pm for a 5pm start. (performers to arrive by 4:15pm at the very latest please – face painting will be done from 3:15pm). Time to put the finishing touches on your costumes, ready for **dress rehearsals on Wednesday, 3 Sept.**

The performance will be followed by dinner at the Shop, **please get in touch if you can offer some time cooking, serving or cleaning up on the night** – this will count as a roster day. While the meal is free, the Year 6 kids will be holding a **fundraising cake stall** afterwards, so please **bring cash** to enjoy their delicious treats and help get them to their Right of Passage trip.

A Fete Committee has formed to organise **our annual Fete, held on Saturday, 8 November.** We need a volunteer to be **Clothes Co-ordinator, otherwise the clothes stall will not go ahead** - which would be a disaster! Please get in touch with Ginger or Roisin if you can help with this.

**Please make sure you save the date for the Fete.** All parents are expected to participate to help make the Fete a fun and successful day. The Fete Committee will be assigning roles at the start of Term 4.

## School Calendar:

- **Term 3 Ends**  
Fri, 19 Sept
- **Term 4 Starts**  
Mon, 13 Oct

## 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**

## Committee Meetings:

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fri, 29/8:** Whole school Cross Country and Archibald Exhibition excursion
- **Thurs, 4/9:**  
Whole school Circus Show
- **Mon, 8/9:**  
Wollumbin Dreaming cultural program
- **Thurs, 12/9:** Athletics Carnival

## TUE & WED

### **Closed Shoes**

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

## WED & THU

### **Hair Ties**

Important for safe participation in the kitchen and at circus.

I'll be running the badge-making stall again for the Fete, so I'm on the lookout for donations of wrapping paper, magazines, comics, or books with fun or interesting illustrations that would make great badges.

See the next page for some fun Book Week Parade photos!

See you all at the Circus!  
Elowyn xo



## Birthdays

We would like to congratulate the following student on their birthday. Happy birthday precious possum!











BOOK AN  
*Adventure*  
2025 Children's Book Week®  
16-23 August





# 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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# Roster Day Tasks – How to Get Involved.

## Top Priority Jobs:

- Firewood – split and box firewood, gather or cut kindling for Gooarng & Yuruugin classrooms
- **Pulling Bindis – get them before they start setting seeds in Spring!**
- Weeding the gully

## Ad-Hoc Tasks:

- Share your skills & class support – talk to teachers about how to help in the classroom
- Grant writing – look for and apply for grants (from home)
- Veggie garden – weeding, mulching, planting, etc. Talk to teachers about what needs doing.
- Weeding – playground, gardens, forest gully etc.
- Playground maintenance – rake sandpit, rake soft fall, sweep paths and steps
- Cleaning ideas – windows, cobwebs, gurney footpaths, lost property collection, wipe & rinse sinks by kitchen, toilets, and middle classrooms.

## Regular Tasks that need Dedicated Input:

- School Committee – weekly meetings + responsibilities (new members always welcome)
- Rubbish bins – Wednesdays, Thursdays. (Weekly – *Position currently filled*)
- Library – cataloguing, borrowing, cleaning, etc. (Weekly – *Position currently filled*)
- Kitchen coordinator – manage the kitchen roster and shopping for school lunches. (Weekly)
- School lunches – cooking, serving, tidying (Weekly from 10am – 2pm, The more the merrier)
- Washer – kitchen dish towels, tablecloths, school hats (Fortnightly, at events, at end of term. Washing done at home – *Position currently filled*)
- Newsletter article – one-page writeup (Fortnightly, from home – *Position currently filled*)

## Event Tasks:

- School event dinners – menu, shopping, prep, cooking, serving
- Excursions or camps – menu, shopping, packing trailers, helping with meals and activities
- Sport – helping at Friday school sport, or at gala days
- Fete – organising and running stalls

### **Contact Hannah for more information.**

Hannah Gash, Committee President - 0472 615 023

[Remember to sign the Parent Roster Book in the office when you come in.](#)

(Weekly Roster Day contributions are 2 – 4hrs depending on the type of task)



## Learning and Support News

### *Cyberbullying Tips for Parents and Carers*



Online Safety & Wellbeing.  
**By the Ctrl+Shft Coalition.**

### **CTRL+SHIFT**

The teachers at TFCS are taking part in an online safety program (Ctrl Shft Global) to help students and staff stay safe online. As part of this course, we will share with students and parents some tips to stay safe online. Please see some ideas to support older students below.

#### The Modern Parent's Toolbox

- **Teach Digital Emotional Literacy:** Help your child name what they're feeling, and recognise what others might be feeling, too.
- **Build an Agreement, Not a Rulebook:** Collaborate on device boundaries, online tone, and what to do when things go wrong.
- **Mentor, Don't Monitor:** You don't need to stalk their accounts. You just need to be close enough that they come to you first.
- **Know When to Escalate:** If someone is at risk of harm through threats, coercion, image-sharing, or stalking contact your school and the eSafety Commissioner. If safety is in danger, call the police.

Cyberbullying is complex, networked, and often invisible to adults. But connection is still your greatest tool. Your child doesn't need a perfect parent they need a safe one.

Whether they're the victim, the instigator, or both, your calm, consistent presence is what protects them most.

[www.ctrlshft.global](http://www.ctrlshft.global)

[hello@ctrlshft.global](mailto:hello@ctrlshft.global)

Have a wonderful week!  
Kate





## Buribi (Kindy)

At the half-way point of Term 3 the energy is really building up. The children have all now finished their **stories** and practised their typing skills on the computer! They are now ready to publish and illustrate. They have brought their characters to life with clay; we have Froggy, Cheeky the cat, the Cursed Ghost, Fox, Spider-Man and Sonic. They will now represent the setting of their story in mosaic pots they made. The settings are so broad, ranging from the forest, gardens, beach, space, graveyards and a poo party! Ewwww! They have thoroughly enjoyed this whole process and once finished will practice their own storytelling skills by reading aloud and impressing the socks off the preschoolers.



In **Maths** we have surrounded ourselves with exploring 'position' as a maths concept. This is always a hit with the kids as it involves basic map reading and treasure hunts.

**Important Information:** One week to go until the big circus show. Which will start at 5pm. There will be information going out to all families to arrive early but for the kindy's it's important they get some time away from the group after school on that day. I suggest you pick them up as normal, feed them, bath them, let them chill out for 30 minutes and then bring them back to the hall.

**Please arrive at 4:15**, not too early and not late. **Come straight up to the back of the hall**, where I will be waiting with their costume, help them get dressed and then I will be there to do their face paint.

They will be the last to get their face painted to avoid smudging.

There will be a matinee show on Thursday 4th at 11:15 for the preschoolers & grandparents or extended family who want to come, or if you can't make the evening time.







## Gooarng (Yrs. 1&2)

Hi families,

Amongst learning about Chinese New Year and the Indian celebration of Diwali we have had book week, circus rehearsals for the show and have been making clay bell chains for the fete.

For **Chinese New Year** the kids drew some impressive dragons and we had a fortune cookie each – that, amazingly, were very insightful and matched individuals personalities. For the celebration of Diwali, we painted mandalas and ate some dhal and papadums.

**Book Week** was a wonderful celebration of storytelling with our character dress up, parade, and the staff performing the book “The Travel Bug”. We also had an interactive incursion with Meerkat Productions. Plus, an author visit from Melaina Faranda, who told us a riveting, scary, funny, whimsical fairytale that we’re still talking and thinking about days later.

Please remember it’s our **excursion to Lismore next Friday** for a visit to the Archibald exhibition and the cross country run at Nesbitt Park. Kids will need to bring their lunch and water, sunscreen, and wear hats and running shoes.

Up we grow,  
Ishta







## Yuruugin (Yrs. 3&4)

Hi All,



Our writing has been going wild! We have been learning a few new tricks, and my repertoire has a new addition with writing warm-ups before our narrative writing sessions thanks to Luka who brought in a book with useful tips to teach children how to write stories. I picked out some warm-up activities straight away and they've been a useful way to get into the flow of putting thoughts to page with less second guessing. Then, an author, Melaina Faranda, visited our school during Book Week and gave a 'stream of consciousness' warm-up that fits in perfectly. Coincidence? Yes - and also, just perfect. Her visit helped make the process of not worrying too much in a first draft crystal clear.

We have moved into multiplication for maths. We are primarily focussing on the number family triangle to show inverse integers (the numbers that are multiplied by each other) and inverse division problems. The triangle makes it easy to figure out when we use it to make arrays (dot patterns that represent the sum). We are also using an easy read multiplication grid, when we choose to skip count to figure out the answers without an array. Next week we delve onto measurement in grams, kilograms, and millimetres and cm.



Ojo de Dios artworks have started and are coming along nicely. We have learned about the Huichol cultures use of them and design features. There are a few points of meaning, and we have learned they are primarily symbolic for protection of children through festivals and coming of age rituals. They have four points with an extra weaving on them to represent the four elements, air, water, fire, earth. If a child has all four points, they are 5 years old or more. They are called Tsik+Ri in the original language. This week we learn about the Bagua mirror in feng shui, and next week look at the Celtic triquetra.

Big day coming up this week with Cross Country happening in Lismore as well as visiting the Archibald the same day! That is, Friday the 29th of August.

Ruben

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Week 6** – Friday 29/8 Lismore excursion

**Week 7** – Thursday 4/9 Circus Performance

**Week 8** – Friday 12/9 Athletics Carnival





## Guruman (Yrs. 5&6), Acrostic Poems

Saintly personality

Oasis of knowledge

Fearless in some cases

Inferno if angry

Astounding

*By lyla*

Incredible at art

Nymph of the modern world

Different in a good way

Imaginative in life

*By Ari*

Definitely not a dashboard

Excessive eater

Xenophanic person

Too much appetite (if you know what I mean)

Easter bunny

Ranch lover

*By Astrid*

Jeep user

Eepy sleepy

Even flow

Very smart

Average height

Not very tall

*By Astrid*

Imaginatively creative

Youthfully young

Living to the fullest

Awesomely open and kind

*By Miela*

Abnormally good in art

Social intelligence

Talented in everything

Recommended to be your friend

Imaginative in all her creations

Decorative in her artworks

*By Kai*

Eager to impress

Sacrifices himself to the soccer ball

Carries the whole soccer league

Human calculator

Escher is Escher

Radical dude

*By Indi*

Tendency to talk about his obsessions

Encourages on video games

Obsessed with his headphones and music

*By Indi*