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Hey All - Summer is here!

We've been loving this run of lovely weather, while the heat is intense at times, the long afternoons of gardening, swimming and playing have been wonderful. I can't quite believe it's December already, it seems I've been doing a better job of blocking out the kids' Christmas Countdown than I thought.



The kids had a fantastic time at the **Swimming Intensive last week**, it's such a great boost to their skills as we head into the summer swim season.

With the last day of term being Wednesday 17th, we've still got lots of fun to cram into the next 2 weeks. **Garden Day** is this week, Wednesday 3rd - everyone is welcome to join in a day of creative activities and feasting.

The Year 6 Graduation is next Thursday 11th, 4:45pm for a 5pm start. It will be a wonderful evening of performance, feasting, and honouring the Year 6 class of 2025. I encourage everyone to come along, even if your kids are still small. It is an amazing experience to watch children grow. I've known most of this cohort since they were titchy little preschoolers, and it's beautiful to see them now as the confident, creative, competent tweens they've become. I wish them all the best of luck as they head off into high school – this place really won't be the same without them.



On a practical note – **Year 5 parents are preparing the Graduation farewell feast** as a pay-it-forward, please get in touch with the office if you're not sure where to be or when.

The Fabulous Melissa has joined our Admin team; she's in the office on Fridays. She has decided to hang up her bucket and gloves and move on from her role as school cleaner. This means **we need a new cleaner**, beginning Term 1 next year. It's around 15-18 hours/week, please pass this on to any fantastic cleaners you know.

I look forward to seeing you all at Grad, and hope you have wonderful summer holidays filled with adventure, and plenty of rest!

Elowyn xo

School Calendar:

- **Term 4 Ends** – Wed, 17 Dec
- **Term 1 Starts** – Mon, 2 Feb

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

- **Wed, 3 Dec:** Garden Day
Families are welcome to join in with activities, lunch, and the show & tell.
- **Thu, 11 Dec:** Yr.6 Graduation
4:45pm for a 5pm start.
At the school, top classroom.

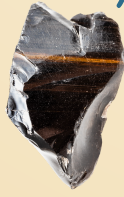
TUE & WED: Closed Shoes

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.

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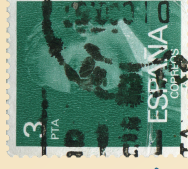
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Gathering Geologists

Whether you love to collect rocks, gems, fossils, LEGO, badges or stamps, Lismore Library is the place for you this school holidays.

View the full schedule of School Holiday Activities at our website, <https://rtrl.nsw.gov.au/>, or use this QR code



Richmond Tweed Regional Library

Connect. Discover. Escape.

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.

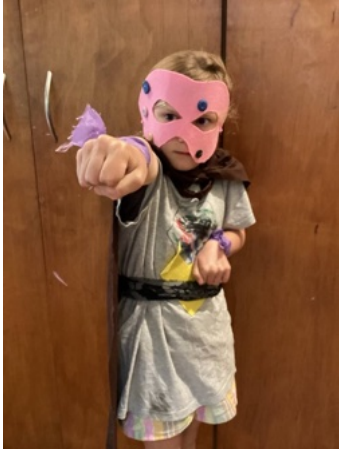
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Buribi (Kindy)

Alas, we are nearing the end of the year.

Our environmental superheros have loved designing their superhero outfits, creating their characters, and planning for our fight against the weeds in our playground.



Our **insect information reports** are coming to an end. They have worked incredibly hard on these projects, demonstrating their writing, scientific drawing and researching abilities. **We will showcase them to the school at our upcoming Garden Day**, which parents are welcome to attend.

In **Mathematics**, we have been delving into mass, and we will be making a start on time. At this age, time is explored on the hour and half past the hour only. We learn how to read analogue and digital clocks and discuss duration of time and sequence of events throughout the day (morning time, lunch time, afternoon time, nighttime). Revising days of the week and months of the year should also be done regularly at home.



Swimming lessons were very exciting last week, the Buribis did a great job of listening to their swimming instructors and learnt new skills each day.

Coming up this Wednesday is our **Garden Day**; a beautiful day that directly relates to our school ethos – celebrating the garden, making food and participating in activities outside. **All parents are welcome!**



Gooarng (Yrs. 1&2)

Hi families,

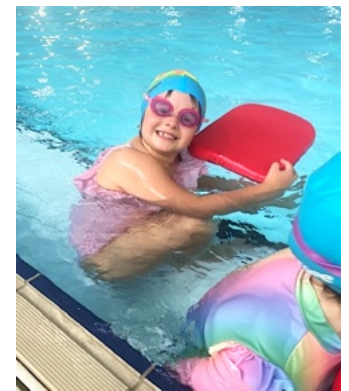
This last fortnight has been all about **finishing our houses**, learning more about the **structure of a paragraph**, and applying this to writing a descriptive paragraph about the dream houses. This coming week the kids will bring home all their design and writing they have done for their dream house, so take a look at it with them as it's always so beneficial to share, make links, and mirror importance of the learning between school and home.

In Maths, I have been targeting the kids' individual needs. This has seen many of the Year 2s working on gaining a deeper understanding of multiplication and division. While the Year 1s are working on different levels of understanding place value and applying this to solving addition problems. This targeted learning, and a focus on understanding word problems, will continue over the coming weeks.

Last week was all about swimming, swimming, swimming. The kids have all done well in their lessons. I hope you can see their learning as you hit the pool, creek and ocean over the holidays.

Now that our swimming is done, it will be a rapid few weeks leading up to the Summer break; with both Garden Day and the Year 6 Graduation & Dinner coming up.

Please let me know if you have any **questions or queries** regarding your child's learning as we come to the end of the year, or if you'd like a **little stack of readers** to take home for the holidays.



After the week of swimming an afternoon at the creek was called for. Some of the Gooarng girls created a Salon with bush hair treatments and massage. What a way to end the week.

I love our school! 💕💕
Up we grow,
Ishta



Yuruugin (Yrs. 3&4)



The packed home stretch.

We have been working at a brisk pace to make sure we have **posters** at presentation level for the final Garden Day Show & Tell of the year. We turned our research into mind maps to unpack what we learned and form our own texts. We scoured for images and put them all together with artistic titling. It has been a fun project learning about **celebrations worldwide!**

In other **English** news, I have been getting 9 letter target puzzles to be accessible by using grapheme scrambles and phonics symbol codes to solve word spellings. Yuruugin have found the 9-letter target to be accessible with such help, and it has been fun landing on a new activity for us to do for general variety. Always some learning for me too.

In **Maths** we are moving on from data into looking at angles as a primary structural component on many shapes and revising strategies to figure out the types of algorithms we have looked at earlier in the semester.

Emmy has been holding some in depth **plant based dyeing** lessons which make me want to be a kid in our class. The results shall be something to look forward to seeing very soon.



This is the last newsletter of the year. Thanks for all the support as we work together for the best outcomes for the children. It has been a fun and productive year in Yuruugin. Have a safe and happy holiday break!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Week 8: Wednesday 3rd Dec – Garden Day

Week 9: Thursday 11th Dec – Year 6 Graduation

Week 10: Wednesday 17th Dec – Last day for students



Guruman (Yrs. 5&6)

The biggest event over the last two weeks was obviously the **Year 6 excursion to Tangalooma Resort**. From all reports, it was an amazing experience, especially the snorkelling. Many of the stories will be coming out in the speeches at next week's Graduation Event, so I won't do any spoilers.



The **Graduation event** is taking most of the focus of our time for these next weeks, with students diligently preparing to present and perform for the school community. The challenge for most is not to find enough to say in their speech, but how to trim off some of it to fit within the time restrictions of the night. With a bit of difficult reflection, we are moving towards a very engaging afternoon of presentations.



And then there was the **Intensive Swimming**. Seeing the progress over the last few years, it is very obvious by the increased numbers in the top-level swimming groups that the program is working very well to get our children safe and capable in the water.



Boys' Group.

These two books were very useful in putting together the Boys' Group program. They are available for borrowing, please ask Joe.

Guruman's moving in leaps and bounds (and swimming strokes)!



SEE/STEM with Emmy and Akash

With swimming, the Rights of Passage trip and pesky germs we haven't had a lot of classes this past fortnight. Nonetheless there has still been fun and learning.

- Yuruugin discovered that jaboticaba skins dyed silk, cotton and wool a stunning vibrant purple
- Yuruugin also got their hands busy making some felt to fashion into slippers (a 2026 project)
- Year 5 Guruman students enjoyed the peace and quiet with Jericho while exploring the community and collecting clay to make figurines

It was wonderful to see the eggplant kasundi, jam and fruit leathers sell so well at the Fete. Thanks for supporting the kids in their culinary journeys.

Rites of Passage Adventure



Wow! Here's a few numbers that spring to mind as I reflect on the recent Rites of Passage adventure: 14 students, 2 parents, 1 extra (awesome) young person, 1 teacher, 4 days, 3 nights, 7 hotel rooms, 20 hotel room key cards, 2 snorkelling trips, 1 giant sand dune, 1 hammerhead shark, 1 elusive dugong, 1 turtle sighting, 10+ dolphins, 100s of fish, 16 re-sun screening sessions, 1 bubbly jacuzzi, 20+ coconuts, 6 kayaks, 2 SUPs, 2 ferry journeys, 7 sneaky Slushies, 2 adorable curlew chicks, 1000s of happy memories and at least 67 hash browns from the breakfast buffet!

It was an absolute privilege to share such an amazing four days with 2025 Year 6 students, Bonnie, Coco and Rom at Tangalooma Resort, Moreton Island.

The kids were fizzing with excitement as we farewelled families at the Bowlo and piled into three cars for the journey north to Pinkenba, where we boarded the Tangalooma Flyer. Leaving behind the murky brown Brisbane River we arrived in the azure waters off Tangalooma. The weather totally delivered the (sub)tropical paradise feel with bright warm days and balmy nights that made our frolicking all the more fun and so trouble free. Add in coconut palms (that Rom



managed get tasty coconuts from!), soft white sand and sunsets over the sea to complete the picture.

Our days were jam packed with activities thanks to Cushla's exceptional organisation. We snorkelled around the wrecks, went on a marine sightseeing boat tour, kayaked and paddle boarded, played beach volleyball, cricket and soccer, went tobogganing on sand dunes, and learnt about coastal ecosystems and marine creatures with Brylee, an engaging young EcoRanger. There was no time to cook but no worries, all our meals were catered, most buffet style and pretty tasty. The kids would probably say the pool, jacuzzi and the TVs in their rooms were also highlights!

While we were definitely living life luxuriously, there were still plenty of challenges for the kids. The intensity of so much time in a large group tested our more introverted kiddos, plunging into the deeper water while snorkeling and hurtling down the dunes also tested some nerves. Sharing the "support and supervision" role with Bonnie and Rom was a dream – their unflagging patience, empathy, clear communication and humour was very much appreciated. By far the best thing about the trip was seeing the kids share such a special time together. They came closer together as a group and strengthened bonds that will hopefully withstand the transition into high school and beyond. It truly was a fitting celebration for such a wonderful group of young people.



This year's Rights of Passage adventure will certainly be remembered as an epic success made possible by the enormous fundraising and organisational efforts by parents and support from the school.
Hip hip hooray!