



Tunable Falls Community School

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From the Committee:

Hi Lovely Families.

This will be the last newsletter for the term. We hope you have a fabulous break and enjoy the winter and what it brings. Coming up, we still have plenty going on.

Garden Day is this week's highlight, and we will soon be preparing for our next wonderful event – the **Winter Solstice Celebration next Tuesday**. This is a beautiful night to share as a community and watch as the children sing and walk with their light creations at dusk. Please contact Petria (0427 063 599) or myself (0432 429 296) if you can lend a hand preparing some hand-warming soup and apple crumble, or with serving dinner. *Please make sure you have your children at school no later than 4:45pm.*

Many thanks to the dads who came in over the last two weeks to chop our wood. It's been so lovely to see the smoke coming from the chimneys knowing that the rooms are being warmed by the lovely fireplaces. The ambience and warmth they create reminds us of home.



We'd like to thank Gellic who has done an amazing job as **kitchen coordinator**. Unfortunately, she can no longer continue in this role next term. *Please contact the office if you can take on this essential role, or if you can help with food shopping for school lunches.*

The committee have their **Strategic Planning** meeting next Friday and will be using all the feedback from last year's Parent Surveys to support us in our decision making. *At the back of this newsletter, we have prepared a short survey for the children.* Please return this by Wednesday as we would also like to include the children's insights in our conversation.

This is a great time to remind you that Tuntable Falls Community School will continue its tradition and head to **Minjerribah Campground** from 4 to 8 October. Please start thinking about whether your family will be coming 😊 This camp is a wonderful time for our families, children, and staff to come together in an informal setting.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays.
Nicole

School Calendar:

- **Term 2 Ends**
Fri, 25 June 2021
- **Term 3 Begins**
Tuesday, 20 July 2021

School Bell:

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

Important Dates:

- Family Workday, 20 June
- Lantern Parade & Winter Solstice, 22 June

Committee Meetings:

- Thu, 17 June, 2:30pm
- Thu, 24 June, 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

Touch football for Guruman at the Amphitheatre.
Athletics practice at school for all other classes

Can all parents please label clothing & gear to reduce lost property.

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 upcoming birthdays.
Happy birthday precious possums!





Buribi (Kindy)

These last few weeks have been full of learning, making and fun. We had a Multicultural Day where we celebrated different cultures. We were treated to some Estonian language, thanks to Aiti, who planned for us to colour and draw traditional clothing and patterns from Estonia. Aiti told us how to say hello and thank you in Estonian, and we found it on our big globe. Johnny came in and made us all happy and calm with his wonderful music. We sang along when he played our days of the week song too. There were also some great games and dances from Estonia. We all love sushi, so we celebrated some Japanese culture and made inari as a pre-lunch snack and made origami Totoros. We played a memory game with lots of international clothing and read some wonderful indigenous stories about koalas and bees.



Thank you to Nicole for our new tactile cushion, we love taking turns on it, and it's so nice to touch it and get a massage or balance on it. Everyone has been word building with magnetic sounds and playing some sound games like 'spin it' and 'swap it'. We are improving our sounds and getting better at reading. Active Maths has been a good winter warmer for those brisk mornings. We have been doing a counting obstacle course, developing our fine and gross motor skills with a variety of activities to keep us thinking and moving. We have been enjoying our Show and Tell and are increasing our listening and sharing skills as well as thinking up good questions and identifying statements. We are working on our group listening in Circus and have been improving while Simon and Freya help us learn some routines for the upcoming performance of The Lorax (Term 3). We have nearly finished our Lanterns for the Winter Solstice and are very keen for Garden Day this Wednesday.



Please ensure your child has their reading folder in their bags every Monday, if not daily, to ensure the appropriate home readers can be provided.



Warm wishes, Fiona.



Gooarng (Years 1&2)



Hi Families,
Holidays are approaching but, before then, I hope we get to see you all at our **Winter Solstice Celebration**. We have been busy making beautiful lanterns with pressed flowers and leaves as a feature.

We have been finishing our **sustainable house/village designs**, imagining a world where we live in harmony with all of nature and imagining the designs that will help this happen. The kids will be putting the finishing touches on these designs and completing their written description in the following weeks.

- In our **word work** we are learning some different spellings of /e/ - 'ee', 'ea', 'e', and 'y', and continuing to practice our blending and segmenting skills to decode and write words.
- In **maths** we will be learning about money and continuing to explore the patterns with 5's and 10's and how these patterns can help us add.

Importantly, the **Walk Draw Map** installation will be opening on 26 June, and will run for the duration of our holidays. We are all invited to the opening (Flyer included in this newsletter).

Gooarnj families are invited to a special walk through, just for them at 11am on the 15th July. I will be there on the 15th and if anyone is able to attend, it will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to fully appreciate their art and the creative work of so many people working together.

@ELEVATOR gallery 16 King St Lismore



On Tuesday we had a visit from the fire truck.

Up we grow,
Ishta





Yuruugin (Years 3&4)

Hello wonderful families,

Last Monday, the fearsome Yuruugin pack banded together, wrapped in woollies and bags packed with bushwalking essentials. Max had his head torch ready to lead us through any threatening fog. We were presented with a closed road leading to the Mathieson loop. After collective discussion and alternate route scouting, we decided to press on with great determination. Theo helped drag his teacher up the final crest of the daunting hill, whilst Sunny bellowed cheers of encouragement to his fellow friends. Noah, Luis, and Max leapt ahead to ensure safety awaited. Lieka and Cerid supported each other with arms linked tight and Tarnae rattled off bird names as he caught glimpses of movement in the trees. Molly dug her toes in deep to grip the soil beneath as she persisted to climb. Emmy seamlessly held the moral high with her impeccable knowledge of Mount Nardi and the surroundings.

The troops assembled at the top of the hill, staring down over the Nimbin valley. Water bottles clinked and the sounds of panting breath began to subside. It was a moment of conquest for all. We proceeded with the walk with great enthusiasm and excitement, and relished in the natural world around us. Thank you to Louise and Jessie for joining and supporting us on this fantastic day out. Thanks again, Emmy, for sharing your wisdom. Tuntable is lucky to have you!



A huge welcome back to the beautiful Molly. We are thrilled to have you join Yuruugin. Molly brings with her a burning passion and love for the garden - we hope to get our hands dirty over the coming weeks before we embark on holidays.

This week brings the joyful Garden Day followed by the Winter Solstice evening next Tuesday. We can't wait to share in a beautiful time with you all over the final weeks of term.

Ange 🐾



Guruman (Years 5&6)

This week, we began the interview stage of our 40th Anniversary of the School project. The students have previously created a set of interview questions for teachers and students, and their parents, from 40 years ago, the first years of the school. They refined their questions down to the best thirty questions, with some variations depending on whether the interviewee was student or not. We aimed to, wherever possible, have open ended questions, with a focus on comparing the school then to how it is now.

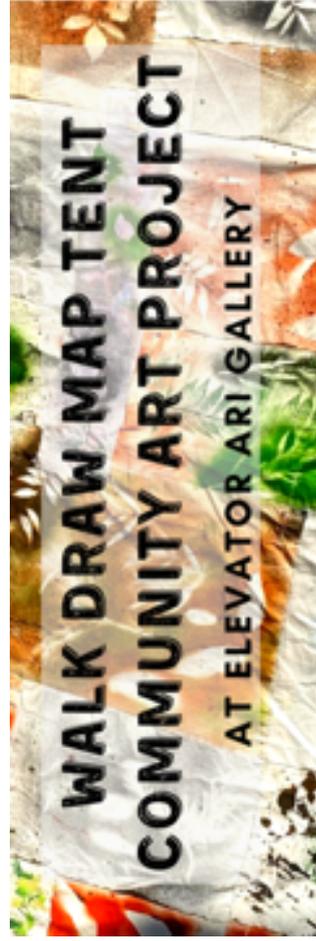
With the help of Megan James, we gathered contacts and sent requests, and starting last Friday, we began the actual interviews. With desk and chairs set up on the veranda in the sun, pairs of students presented the questions to the interviewee and discovered insights into life at the outset of our school. Some have talked to the students by speaker phone and some by Zoom, with all of its technological challenges.

So far, we have had six people interviewed, with more booked in. So, in all, we have approximately four and a half hours of very interesting listening in audio recordings. The next part of the exercise is transcribing the audio files to text to be able to collate the series of interviews as a booklet. The students are doing an excellent job in the reporter role, showing their impressive communication skills and strong empathy with the subjects of their study.



Joe





YOU ARE INVITED TO THE EXHIBITION OPENING OF

WALK DRAW MAP TENT ON SAT 26 JUNE AT 2PM

AT ELEVATOR ARI GALLERY, 3 RURAL ST, LISMORE NSW 2480

ON SHOW FROM SAT 26 JUNE UNTIL FRI 16 JULY 2021

The Walk Draw Map Tent Project

Is a socially engaged community art project lead by Northern Rivers artists **Claudie Frock and Renè Bolten**. Over the last 8 months the artists have worked with 10 school and community groups, creating quilts made through a process of walking, foraging natural materials and utilising techniques such as drawing, printmaking and stencilling. The artists are also working with local seamstress

Bec Massey from Thready Set Co.

The young artists, their educators and families became art and nature detectives, creating pieces for a series of beautiful calico quilts, that have been sewn into a large tent and will be installed in Elevator ARI, an artist run gallery located in the heart of Lismore CBD.

Walk Draw Map Collaborators

- Channon Public School
- Jiggi Public School
- Lismore Preschool
- LRG School Holiday Group
- Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School
- Maeve's Backyard Birthday Buddies
- Rainbow Region Home School Group
- The Clubhouse Lismore
- Tuntable Falls Community Primary School
- Tuntable Falls Community Preschool
- Vistara Primary School

A message from Claudie & René

We had the most wonderful time with you all during the Walk Draw Map project and are so grateful for your contribution to the Walk Draw Map Tent! As well as this invitation to attend the exhibition opening on Sat 26 June 2021, we would like to offer your school or community group an opportunity to visit Elevator ARI and spend time with the artists in the tent, when it is installed the gallery space; telling stories and participating in a chalk mosaic drawing workshop.

The exhibition runs from Sat June 26 until Friday 16 July 2021

Please let us know a day and time during this period that your school, group or family may want to visit Elevator ARI Gallery and we can arrange at booking for you.

For more info and bookings

Contact Claudie Frock

M: 0432 400 753 (Call or Text)

E: frockony@yahoo.com.au

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

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.*

Student Perspectives 2021

Please take a moment to sit down with your child and help them to fill out this short survey.

We really value your child's insights and feedback.



1. What are two things you *love* about Tutable Falls Community School?

1. 2.

2. What are two things you *don't* like about Tutable Falls Community School?

1. 2.

3. Do you feel like you are involved in decision making at school?

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4. What is your favourite class or subject? Why?

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5. Is there something missing from Tutable Falls Community School that you wish we had or taught?

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6. Is there anything else you would like to share?

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Thank you