



# Tunable Falls Community School

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Ahh Autumn, my favourite season is here. The evenings are just beginning to hint at becoming crispy, the blue of the sky is deepening (when it's not hiding behind clouds), and the end of Term One is almost upon us. I love this time of year.

By the time you're reading this, the **Guruman class** will be off on their much-anticipated **class trip to Brisbane**, with a packed itinerary - from laser tag to museum visits to fancy restaurant dinners (fancy for a bunch of bush kids from Nimbin, anyway).

**Gooarng** will also be having **camping adventures** at Rummary Park this week. It is such a momentous occasion for our younger students, who have been anticipating their very first class camp with great excitement!

These frequent and wonderful adventures are such a special feature of our school, as regular school camps have become quite rare these days. They require a huge commitment of time and energy from our teachers and parent helpers, something I'm incredibly grateful for. The experiences our kids share on camp, the bonds they form and the memories they carry forward, are an important part of the magic of Tuntable Falls Community School.

Historically, early in Term 2 we have a Whole School Camp, most recently held at Flat Rock in Ballina. Essentially this means packing up the entire school, all classes, staff and kids, along with most families, and relocating for a week during term time. While the Whole School camp is a lot of fun for the kids and a nice bonding time for those families able to attend, it's a huge additional task for our teachers who already commit a lot of their own time to the class camps. Additionally, camp organisation, meals and logistics are run by parents, often by the same small subcommittee who later in the year arrange the Family Camp during the September school holiday.

**This year, the committee has decided to cancel the Whole School Camp on a trial basis**, to allow everyone to focus on making the class camps and Family Camp as great as possible, without burning anyone out. *The Committee welcomes feedback about this decision*, and the camp may return in the future if the energy is there to arrange it, but for 2026 it will not go ahead.

With just three days at school next week, **Garden Day will be on Tuesday 31st March**. *Families are invited to come along to join in a day of gardening, crafting, cooking and feasting together*. After lunch we come together for a **whole school Show & Tell**. It's a really beautiful experience to see the kids proudly sharing what they've been working on in class during the term.

In very exciting news, construction of **the new Footbridge** is due to begin during the school holidays! Earthworks and footings should be completed during the holidays, with the bridge to be raised around a month after that! So even with some weather allowances, by the end of next term it will most likely be open, meaning the school will no longer have to close whenever the creek goes up. Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved in making this happen!

## SCHOOL CALENDAR:

- **Term 1 Ends** – Thu, 2 Apr
- **Term 2 Starts** – Tue, 28 Apr

## 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

- **Yuruugin Mt Matheson Walk**  
Wed, 25 March
- **Guruman Brisbane Trip**  
25-27 March
- **Gooarng Camp**, 26-27 March
- **Autumn Garden Day**  
31 March  
*Family members welcome*
- **Autumn Art Show**  
4 – 19 April  
*Nimbin Town Hall*

## 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.

**A note for any families who pick up or drop off from the Nimbin Central Bus stop.** You may have noticed there has been a lot of construction going on around the bus bay area. I bumped into the Principal and had a chat about what's happening. Due to safety concerns, the school is putting up security fencing around its entire perimeter. This includes the small student/parent carpark adjacent to the bus turnaround. This car park is on school property and is for Nimbin Central students and parents only. The area is more congested than normal with construction underway, and will become even less accessible once it is gated.

**Fortunately the fencing should be completed by the time we return next term.** I aim to speak to the school and Transport NSW to clarify the best location and method of drop-off and pick-up for non-NCS families. *In the meantime, please enter the bus bay area with caution and consider parking on Thorburn or Cullen Streets and walking down.*

Don't forget to pop into the Town Hall during the holidays to see the kids exhibit in the **Nimbin Autumn Arts Fair**. The school is still *looking for helpers to set this up* on Tuesday, 31 March, between 10am and 4pm. We will also need help to pack up the artwork after 19 April. Please contact René or Melissa at the office to volunteer.

Last day of term is next Thursday, 2nd April, Term two will begin on Tuesday 28th April (almost 4 weeks this holiday, yikes!)

Enjoy the break, Elowyn xo

**2026**  
**AUTUMN HOLIDAY**  
**HOCKEY & MULTI-SPORTS**  
**4-DAY CAMP**

**7th to 10th APRIL 2026**  
**ALL KIDS 5 to 18 YEARS**

HOCKEY SOCCER SOFTBALL  
MARTIAL ARTS TABLE TENNIS & MORE

<b>1 Child</b>	<b>\$145</b>	<b>2-Siblings</b>	<b>\$270</b>	<b>3 Siblings</b>	<b>\$375</b>	<b>4+ Siblings</b>	<b>\$440</b>
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Pricing is set for any or all 4 days of the camp

**FULLY FUNDED BY FAR NORTH COAST HOCKEY INC.**

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN**

0411 144 799 [summerlandershockeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:summerlandershockeyclub@gmail.com)  
[www.revolutionrise.com.au/fncchi/home](http://www.revolutionrise.com.au/fncchi/home)

**PLEASE NOTE**  
Price represents the Camp with NO normal Government funding. To ensure prices remain the lowest possible, we now can accept NSW Active Kids Vouchers

**ACTIVE KIDS**  
APPROVED PROVIDER  
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## The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Tuntable Falls Community School is excited to be participating!

### Celebrating 25 years of the Premier's Reading Challenge

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge! Since it began in 2001, millions of students across New South Wales have enjoyed taking part in this wonderful reading journey. [School Name] is proud to be celebrating this milestone and joining in the fun again this year!

### What is the NSW PRC?

The PRC is a statewide initiative that encourages students to develop a lifelong love of reading for fun and pleasure. It is not a competition, but a challenge to inspire every student to read more books and explore different kinds of stories and information.

All students who complete the Challenge and have their reading logged and validated by our PRC coordinator will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

### How many books do students need to read?

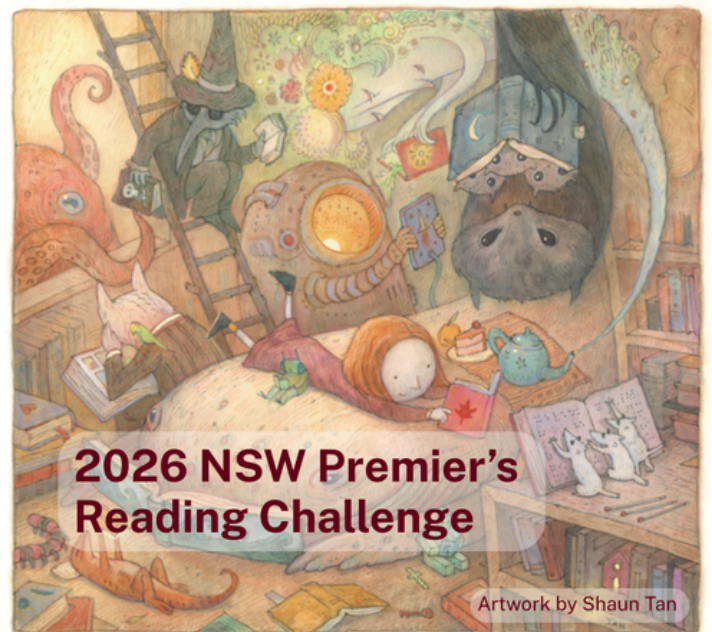
- **Kindergarten to Year 2:** Read or experience 30 books in total. At least 20 must come from the official PRC booklists, and up to 10 can be books of their own choice. Books can be read by the student, or shared with a parent, carer, teacher, or another student.
- **Year 3 to Year 10:** Read 20 books independently. At least 10 must come from the official PRC booklists, and up to 10 can be books of their own choice.

If a book is part of an approved PRC series, students can include up to 5 of those books on their Challenge list and up to 10 more from the same series as Personal Choice books.

Books must be added to students' online reading records by **Friday 18 September 2026** to be validated and qualify for a certificate.

### How do students log their reading?

Students may use the Personal Reading Log and submit this to the PRC Coordinator (Kate Dempsey) by Week 9 each term, who will upload the records for them.



## Step Into Magic at Lismore Library this school holidays

School may be out, but magic classes are just about to begin...

### **Fantasy Writing Workshop: World-building**

*Wednesday 8 April, 10:00 am-11:30 am*

### **Calligraphy for Maps and Spells**

*Thursday 9 April, 10:30 am-11:30 am*

### **Potions Class**

*Tuesday 14 April, 10:30 am-11:30 am*

### **Dungeons & Dragons One Shot**

*Wednesday 15 April, 10:00 am-11:30 am*

Additionally, Goonellabah Library is offering art and craft activities:

### **Intergenerational Craft**

*Wednesday 8 April and Wednesday 15 April, 9.30am-12pm*

### **Cyanotype Printing**

*Friday 10 April, 10:30 am-11:30 am*

### **Lantern Making**

*Date and time to be confirmed, please check with library*

Bookings for these events can be made on the Richmond Tweed Regional Library website or at your local branch.

**Richmond Tweed Regional Library**

Connect. Discover. Escape.



*All workshops are for children 6 – 13 years old.*

<https://rtrl.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/EVENTCALENDAR>



# 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=tunableschool%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/tunableschool%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.

Committee Member	Position	Phone Number	Email
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# Birthdays

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



**MURBAH YOUTH FEST 2026**

**Wants your creative talents!**

- Battle Of The Bands
- Talent Quest
- Cosplay
- Markets
- Workshops

**For Youth age 12-24**

**Sunday April 19th**  
**10am-4pm**

**Prizes To be won!!!**

For more information please contact:  
murbahyouthfest@gmail.com or 0266723003

Get in quick and express your interest! - Forms close 19/03/26:  
Youth Market Stalls and Youth Workshops: <https://forms.gle/hvEkkkPShjgmWm8nZ>  
Battle of the Bands, Talent Quest & Cosplay Contest: <https://forms.gle/r11PnKn32vbiIMDC9>



# Roster Day Tasks – How to Get Involved.

## Top Priority Jobs:

- Weeding the gully
- Classroom participation, i.e. reading with kids or helping with art activities.

## 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
- Firewood (Winter)– split and box firewood, gather or cut kindling for Gooarng & Yuruugin classrooms
- 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. (Every other week – *help needed*)
- Kitchen coordinator – manage the kitchen roster and shopping for school lunches. (Weekly – *Position currently filled*)
- 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)



## Buribi (Kindy)



As we wrap up the first Term for kindy 2026, I want to use this opportunity to commend this year's Buribi parents on their contributions to their children's transition to school.

As a parent-led school, we highly encourage parents to support their children's journey through primary school. It has been a pillar of our school since its inception over 40 years ago and it has a plethora of benefits for your child. This term we have seen the benefits of those connections in the form of parent assistance in our school in a wide range of ways.

Alex helps run our Wild Maths on Wednesday afternoons, which is so valuable.

Talia has been working on some school sewing projects at home. Kaali and Ben have helped out in other classrooms and also brush cutting around the school.

Lewis helps with the mowing in his own time.

Anna has helped with laundry at home and with Monday lunches, which have been so delicious this term. We have been privileged enough to sample meals from Japan, Mexico, India and Italy. If you'd love to jump on board with this well organised team for a few hours on a Monday, or if another day suits, that will be great.

Alternately, Emmy can also direct parents to gardening, to plant food that then gets harvested and cooked by the children and parents.

If you have experience writing grants, that's always helpful.

There is also opportunities for you to share something you are passionate about. Maybe you want to teach an art activity or sport or be part of the management committee. Come and see me, we can always find a place that suits everyone.

Don't forget to check out the children's artworks in the Autumn Art Exhibition at the Nimbin Town Hall these holidays!





## Gooarng (Yrs. 1&2)

Hi families,

The class is so excited for our camp this week! Thanks to you all for helping out and taking initiative in thinking about the menu, making damper dough etc. It's looking like the rain will stay away for a few days for us.

We have been having a great time learning about **symmetry patterns and capacity in our outdoor Maths sessions**. The kids have made nature mandalas, used and compared measuring cups to make play dough, used mathematical thinking to estimate the capacity of the sandpit boat, and counted the amount of buckets used to fill the boat using tally marks. The closest estimation was 200 and the final tally was 225 buckets.

**In writing**, the kids have been learning what a recount is and writing their own recounts of stories we've read. Their handwriting is constantly improving, and they are all keen to come and show their letter formation on the black board.

A lot of the girls have been practicing their gymnastics skills at lunchtime with the older kids and coming up with dances for their creation of **Tunable's Got Talent**. To show Simon their collaboration and choreography, the Guruman girls joined us at circus and the kids made pyramids, amongst other fantastic feats.

Up we grow,  
Ishta





## Yuruugin (Yrs. 3&4)



We have come to the end part of an incredible term. We have learned about the relationships in nature that help biodiversity continue and used this in our letters of advice to the First Fleet. We are doing final drafts in the last weeks so we can enjoy the progress we have made!

Our artworks have come to full fruition. Our pastel gradients shall cause wonder and hopefully discussion. I have overheard some thoughtful words being used to describe the shapes and forms from the artists themselves.

In Maths, we will have been figuring out how to add fractions together using segmented circles and placing fractions on a number line. We are now getting out the tally marks for data for the last 2 weeks, surveying each other for information on our lives.

The dates for our camp have been cemented. Monday – Wednesday, 17 – 19 August 17, Week 4 of Term 3, at Lake Ainsworth. More details will be provided closer to the time.

And now I am off for a bit; Jericho will take on the teaching duties until Week 3 next term.

Ruben 😊



### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Week 8:** Mt. Matheson Walk – Wed, 25 March

**Week 9:** Autumn Garden Day – Tues, 31 March



## Guruman (Yrs. 5&6)



### **Tunable's Got Talent – by Lilybelle, Eden and Djuna.**

*Tunable's Got Talent* is a talent show that is held on the top field every Tuesday and Thursday lunch time. It is judged by Eden, Grace and Yilla. The main teams are *The Cool Kids* (Charlie, Lilybelle, Djuna, Celestine, Esther, Alice, Daisy and Aveline) and *The Shadows in the Light* (Ruby, Lali and Skylah). The teams make up a new dance/gymnastics routine to perform for the judges, who choose a winner. If you win, you get a really cool certificate. It is both entertaining to watch and to perform in. Recently, *The Cool Kids* performed their gymnastics routine, that they have been working on for about 2 weeks, to Simon and he said that he will put it in the circus show this year!

### **Conflict resolution – by Bobby.**

At the beginning of the year, we had some trouble sitting in the back of the bus, in particular the middle. Sometimes it would escalate to some verbal conflict and it started to break up friend groups. So, the teachers suggested to make certain days for the boys and other days for the girls. So, one Thursday afternoon, we all agreed on an organized, fair system for the seating plan.

Day of week	Back row
Monday	Girls
Tuesday	Boys
Wednesday	Free-for- all
Thursday	Boys
Friday	Girls



Guruman have been diligently working on their artwork for the upcoming Nimbin Art Fair.



## SEE/STEM with Emmy

- Will Nissen volunteered his time to help place 3 habitat boxes with the **Guruman** class. Wonderful to have his skills and enthusiasm shared with the students.
- **Buribi and Yuruugin** are really shining in the kitchen as they hone knife skills, follow instructions under time pressure and learn new techniques.
- **Gooarng** were thrilled to sow and then plant out our first pea crop which they are tending diligently in the garden.
- For **Harmony Day**, all classes enjoyed talking and mapping where our ancestors came from, looking at foreign currency and discussing what makes a multicultural society such a wonderful place to live.
- **Guruman** had an excellent second visit to the NimBIN Chicken shed and worked hard to make frisbees, bookmarks and Desk Buddies



### PLEASE NOTE:

To participate safely in SEE/STEM classes all students need **covered shoes** for **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**.  
*Not Crocs.*

### **WE WANT YOUR LIDS!**

Milk/drink bottles/cartons. All colours. Clean.  
Pop them in the green collection bin in front of the office.