



# Tunable Falls Community School

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## Parent Update:

Spring has sprung! Birds are singing and busily gathering nesting materials, the jasmine along the fence is blooming, filling the warm breeze with its heavenly scent, and the Bindis are suddenly growing large and bright green - but not yet dropping their seeds - the perfect time for Project Bindi Removal! Every year they sprout up around the place and the only safe way to remove them is by hand. I find a hoe or a small trowel work best - if anyone needs to keep their fees down this term by catching up on Roster days, please consider spending some time making our fields and playgrounds prickly-free for small footies.

We're suddenly past the half-way mark and the end-of-term busyness is kicking in:

- **Friday, 1st September, is the Athletics Carnival** - all are welcome to join. It was so great to have parents there supporting children through activities last year.
- **Tuesday, 5th September, is the Whale Watching excursion to Byron Bay** - look out for permission slips next week.
- **Family Camp is now just 4 weeks away**, please return your notes as soon as possible if you plan to attend, and please consider helping out with the preparations if you have time, extra hands for the packing day are always appreciated.
- **The Fete will be happening early in Term 4.** Our biggest Fundraising event of the year and always an enormously fun day, we will need all hands on deck to make it a success. The Fete Committee - Sam, Ginger, Roisin & Amy-Kate - can let you know how you can help.

The Committee would also like you to know that if you or your child ever has any struggles or difficulties outside of school that you feel might be impacting your child's engagement at school, please bring this to your teacher, office admin, or committee member so we can work together to find the best way to support your child. Opportunities to work collaboratively to support and care for children at this school is one of the best things about being part of a small, tight-knit community school. By working together, we can find ways to reach the best outcomes for our kids.



We are so blessed to have such a beautiful opportunity to be a part of our child's education at this level - having spent time in public schools with my older children, I really appreciate how rare it is.

With gratitude and love for our wonderful staff, committee, community, and most particularly, our amazing kids - until next time, enjoy the sunshine!  
Elowyn x

## School Calendar:

- **Term 3 Ends**  
Fri, 15 Sept 2023
- **Term 4 2023 Begins**  
Mon, 9 Oct 2023

## 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 (undercover area) 3:15pm**

## Committee Meetings:

- Thu, 24 Aug July, 3:15pm
- Thu, 31 Aug, 3:15pm  
(At school, subject to change)

## TERM 3 SPORT:

### Softball/Athletics

Ruben is coaching softball skills on Fridays.

## Yuruugin: Mt Matheson Walk

Wed, 23 Aug

## Week 7: Athletics carnival

Fri, 1 Sept.

## Whale Watching in Byron Bay

Tue, 5 Sept. Returning at 4pm

## Garden Day - Families welcome

Wed, 13 Sept.

## Drink Bottles:

All children are to bring their own drink bottles.

***Especially important on Thursdays for CIRCUS.***



## Birthdays

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

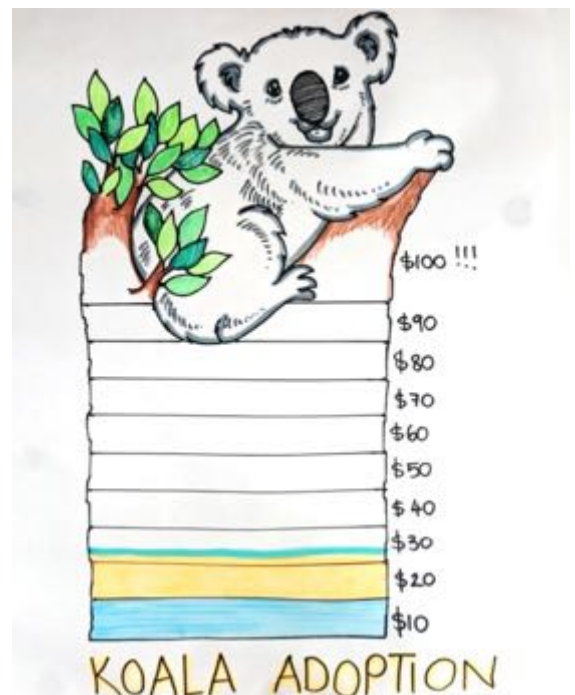


## Koala Adoption Update

Our Koala Adoption fundraiser is going well. The kids have already raised \$24 😊

Thank you to all the kids who have contributed.  
You are awesome!

Every little bit helps us reach our target of \$100.  
Please encourage your child if they want to do something to help contribute to the koala fundraiser. This could be anything from a lemonade stand, selling cookies, or even doing a few chores around the house to earn a couple dollars.



# Communication:

**Please visit our website for full details on the most recent  
COVID-19 advice from AIS NSW, issued 14 Oct 2022.  
<https://www.tunablefallsschool.nsw.edu.au/covid-safe>**

## 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.

Committee Member	Position	Phone Number	Email
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## Buribi & Gooarng (K, Yrs 1&2)

Buribi/Gooarng have loved the warmer days witnessing how the valley slowly comes back to life. We have seen a carpet python emerge from his Winter slumber and the bees swarming into a nearby tree. With this we have embarked on **our story writing quest**.

Story writing is my favourite as it's the perfect culmination of all the learning throughout the year. They have been surrounded in a wide range of creative stories to ignite their imagination. We had an outstanding **storyteller, Leanne Logan**, visit us and perform a theatrical story for us. The children were spellbound by how she created songs, scenes, and props to compliment her story. The children created the characters of their story from clay and painted the scene.

**Gooarng** are working towards writing a book whereas **Buribi/Gooarng** are building dioramas and making a stop motion series of their stories.

In **Mathematics** they have been **exploring time**. On the hour, half past and quarter past in analogue and digital form. Please encourage them to practice at home to build that bridge in knowledge.

**Megan** (Cello's grandmother) has also been visiting the Buribi/Gooarng class on Tuesdays to **explore music** with her wide range of string, wind, and percussion instruments.

*If you have any talents or skills, or just want to visit, you are always welcome in the classrooms.*

Peace, love, and carpet pythons.

Ginger



*Science Week binary code beading.*

*Meditation time with Gooarng*



## Yuruugin (Years 3&4)

Hello all!

In **English**, we are looking at conjunctions in compound sentences. In our story writing, we will have a focus on the '**show don't tell**' technique, where instead of writing "She was happy", we could say "She jumped up and down, high fiving her friends." We are also aiming to put coincidences in our stories, to add to the mystery. Some truly entertaining stories have been made so far. Next week, Week 7, we will be looking at the '**ew**' spelling, as sometimes it sounds like / **oo** /, but other times it sounds like / **y + oo** / (the current sound combination we are on).

In **Maths**, we will spend the first part of the week looking at **fractions**. We have really been working hard on this topic and the students have been enjoying the success at the end of last week. I want to make absolutely sure everyone gets to soak in their competence on the topic. Our next focus after that will be on **number patterns and multiples**.



**This Wednesday the 23 rd , we are off on our walk on Mt. Nardi** as a group of budding geologists. Friday of Week 7, the **1st of September** we will have our **school athletics carnival** at the amphitheater. We will be joined by Guruman.

Ruben



*Science Week activity – testing the strength of natural fibers.*



## Guruman (Years 5&6)

### WRITERS FESTIVAL - BANGALOW

My favourite parts of the Writers Festival were when Zanni Louise was speaking to us. She told a story with emus in her backyard, definitely my favourite story. She chased emu's...She said that it probably not a good idea, *but* I still want to try it to see what happens. – *Indikah*

I loved Oliver's presentation because he was very funny and has a good connection with children. He writes very amazing novels and short stories such as *Brain Freeze*, *What about Thao*, and *Thai-rific*. – *Escher*

Oliver Phomavanh was very energetic and interactive with the audience, but he threatened to kill a chicken. He also acted very childish. He brought a Sonic, Mario, and Shrek plush. He even recorded and posted a video of 50+ children without parent or guardian permission. – *Tarnae*



I loved Oliver Phommavanh. In the first session, Oliver Phommavanh came up on stage. He was talking about how he is a book worm. He is really funny and interesting. He wrote a book about embarrassing family situations and said that if you want to write a funny story, you have to be a little bit gross. That's why I thought that Oliver Phommavanh was interesting to listen to. – *Lieka*

I was only there for Zanni Louise. I liked the story about the Black Rhino that chased her dad. It made me laugh. I thought the fact that she had to give her cat away was very sad. I would have said no and kept her. I loved the enthusiasm in her stories. In one story, it was sad that a mum glider died, but it was nice that they then took the baby in. – *Astrid*

We saw three authors at the writers festival, Oliver, Zanni and Karen. Oliver Phommavanh is a funny and entertaining person. He interacts very well with kids. He is also a very good story writer because he adds jokes into stories. Zanni Louise writes from her heart. She is very open to her feelings. She tells stories about her family, like when she told the story about getting chased by a rhino.

Karen Foxlee believes in magic. She comes up with interesting characters and also writes from the heart. – *Luna*

The Writers Festival is a fun festival about creativity and talking to book creators like Oliver Phommavanh. I liked his funny stories about Sonic, Mario and Shrek plushies. But my favourite one was Karen Foxlee, who writes exciting stories about monsters. Also on the day, my friend Ezekiel and I played tips – *Theo*



## SEE and STEAM with Emmy

### SEE/STEAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Yuruugin** and **Guruman** braved the one wet day we've had to plant out our baby rainforest trees along the creek. **Huge thank you to Peter and Blossom** for your energy and time.
- With **Cameron's generous help Buribi/ Gooarng** popped in some edible natives on the slope between the swing and the garden shed.
- **Guruman** turned their hand to making beautiful carriers/ baskets from Bangalow palm fronds.
- **During National Science Week** morning of activities on Tuesday 15/8 the students rotated through three hands-on activities investigating the strength of rope made from natural fibres (banana stem vs lomandra), making fake meat (seitan) and using beads to create binary code. **Thank you to all our fabulous staff for being part of this.**
- **Guruman** cooked up a scrumptious Middle East Feast using lots of a fresh garden produce.
- **Gooarng** and **Buribi** harvested their first mushrooms and used them with greens from the garden to fill delectable dumplings. **Thank you, Akela, for your help!**
- **Guruman** continues investigating rockets and catapults and are starting to build larger catapults.
- And our **dishwasher** is up and running! It's fabulous! **Please read the instructions or ask for help** before using it if you haven't used a commercial dishwasher before.

