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From the Committee:

More new families joining us this week, how lucky are we!! I'd like to introduce Ronan and Max along with their parents Sarah and Vaughn Price. Once again parents, introduce yourselves and make them feel at home here at Tuntable Falls Community School.

An exciting couple of weeks ahead as everyone heads off on **camps**. The Dingoes and the Guruman classes are off to Midginbil glamping in the cabins, whilst Gooyarj class are getting down and dirty camping at Lake Arragan. Whichever ones the children are heading to, I'm sure magical memories will be made.

It was lovely to have the **Story Book Bus** with us once again. The children were captivated with the author Zanni Louise and her story, which had transpired through her creative way of getting her daughter to sleep in her own room. Zanni assisted the children to really get into their creative writing, with exciting stories featuring their own main character. It's a great opportunity for our kids to open their imaginations and watch their own characters grow upon the pages. Watching the author reminded me how lucky TFCS is to have our own author Holly, Ezekiel's mother to share her passion for story writing with our children.

I'd like to remind everyone of the **AGM** which will be held on **Monday 29th of March at 2.30pm**. Please feel free to attend.

Thank you to all those who attended and helped out on **Garden Day** I'm sure a beautiful day was had by all. I particularly enjoyed the leaf art that came home, a creative way to utilise a part of nature we find everywhere.

Happy glamping/camping everyone.
Cushla ☺

Basketball – Friday, 12th March (Wk 7)

Guruman - leaving school at 9:05am and returning to school at 10:15am.

If you would like to meet us at the Nimbin basketball court, please advise Joe or Angie sometime during the week.

* If you have not already done so, please make sure you have signed the *Basketball Excursion* and *Permission to Ride in a Private Car* forms. Spare copies are available from the office.

Dingoes - Basketball will be held at school during the afternoon session.

School Calendar:

- **Term 1 Ends**
Thu, 1 Apr 2021
- **Term 2 Begins**
Tuesday, 27 Apr 2021

School Bell:

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

Important Dates:

- AGM: Mon, 29 March
- Gooyarnj Camp
23-24 March

Committee Meetings:

Mon, 15 March, 2:30pm
Mon, 22 March, 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.

We are a *Nude Food School*. Please avoid using plastic wraps or packaged items in school lunches.

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 birthdays.
Happy birthday precious possums!!





Buribi (Kindy)

Our Class has been very busy with all the exciting school events lately. Autumn Garden Day was lovely. It was hot and humid and felt much more like Summer. The students were in their mixed age buddy groups and I had the pleasure of helping all of them with creating some marvellous 'Leafy Art'. Below are just some of the fabulous works that were produced on the day. Thank you to the parents who were there helping too!



I'd love to welcome our new student Max to the Buribi Class; we look forward to getting to know him. We have been learning more about one another through the **Kindy Home Visits**. Last week we ventured to Daisy's gorgeous home where we saw piglets and played with every toy probably ever invented. We had a terrific time together! This week we hope to visit Findlay, Gabriel and Azariah's homes. Thank you to the parents who have been able to help with transport. There is now a **Telegram group** for the Kindy parents. I have tried to add everyone, though you will need the application in order to join. This is simply a way for parents to communicate with each other and me. It isn't affected by reception, which is a plus. Please let me know if you need help with this. Information will continue to be shared through the usual modes.



Buribi Class at Daisy's Home, looking at the pigs and the cute little piglets!

Thank you Aiti for continuing to help with **Art** on Thursday afternoons. We have been painting with ink using feathers to create swishy, spidery lines and last week we made pom poms after learning about texture. We still adore our very special reading owls too.

Bucket filling and bucket dipping have been our focus lately while aspiring to be kind and friendly towards one another. If you would like to know more to continue these ideas at home, please feel free to contact me. Students are working towards filling their own and their classmates' buckets to earn 5 minutes of 'rainbow time' at the end of each day. This system is designed to encourage the group to get along by applying our agreed classroom practices: bubbles, buckets and taking turns to speak.

Warm wishes, Fiona ★





Gooyarnj (Middle class)

Hi Families,

It's been a wonderful fortnight full of garden days, story writing and puppet making!
The kids loved the visit from storyboard and have all started writing their own stories generated from this visit.

We are well underway with our puppets and the kids are loving them silly! Next week we will be starting to write our storyboards, starring our puppets.



In **maths** we have been practising counting and adding by 10 and understanding fractions. Next fortnight we will be focusing on the relationship between addition and subtraction.

In **Sounds-Write** this coming fortnight we are looking at the sounds *sh*, *ch*, and *th*.

If you have asked for **homework** you will find it in your child's bag this week. Please remember to return it every Monday to be refreshed.



Thanks.
Up we grow,
Ishta





Dingoes (Years 3 & 4)

What a fun few weeks we've had. Garden day was an abundance of energy, with Fiona and Freya doing their nature art thing so naturally, captivating the creativity of both young and old. We had Ishta with her head-chef hat on ensuring those ovens pumped out a nourishing feed. The kitchen swarmed with helping hands, and the garden sprung to new life with all that extra TLC. The sharing circle that was held in the afternoon enabled a chance for the whole school to see what all the classes have been learning so far. Safe to say - the creativity is most definitely oozing out from underneath those classroom doors.



The Dingoes' writing engines have roared to life as we have begun to explore writing paragraphs using adjectives, similes and alliteration. We are even beginning to see those sentences dance across the page with their newfound personification skills ;). The Storyboard incursion day helped to further inspire our budding writers.

I don't know what Emmy is doing in that maker space, but they are on an all-time high when they come back from STEM. Solar Powered Popcorn machines should be compulsory in the curriculum... they are LOVING it!

Our classroom is coming along, thanks to Dave for his Tim-the-tool-man ways and the constant improvements showing up on a weekly basis! He is in the process of building new backboards for the basketball hoops, which will be awesome! Speaking of basketball – thank you to the parents who trucked the kids down to Nimbin to use the court. The smooth surface, open space and challenging higher positioned hoop was enjoyed by all, even though the air was thick as custard. Thank the river gods for the full flowing creek that afternoon!



Our ship installation in relation to the First Fleet unit is beginning to take place - a HUGE thank you to Amanda and the Spain fam for foraging the bamboo needed to make the masts, and the cool op-shop finds found over the weekend. Love the teamwork, support and appreciation for what we are learning in class.

There have been some great class discussions happening at the moment, promoting critical thinking, developing perspective and bringing about curiosity amongst all. This is what I love about teaching!

We will be on camp this week, which is all too exciting: building rafts, canoeing, getting muddy – all the good stuff. Next newsletter will sure hold some great insight into what it was like... watch this space!

Warm regards, Angie 



Guruman (Upper class)

Another exciting fortnight at Tuntable for Guruman has involved a visit from Doctor Jacqui Boustany and a Storyboard visit by Zanni Louise. Dr Jacqui presented an interactive workshop on Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence, as part of their PDHPE focus on Active Empathy and Compassionate Communication. We have looked at the process of identifying, accepting and interpreting emotions, and attempting to work out their underlying purpose. We also visualized being trees connected to the Earth and floating like clouds. Students have reported feeling being much more relaxed and aware of their inner world of emotions.



Zanni Louise with Storyboard

Zanni Louise took the students through a well-structured writing course and showed them how to spice up their writing with more exciting words. The day has inspired them all to create some well-planned stories, soon to be edited and published.

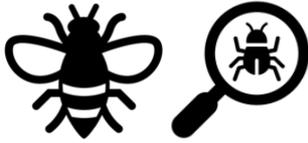
She presented a reading of her latest book which was a beautifully crafted story about friendship. She loves our school and will hopefully be back for an extended project next year.



Doctor Jacqui Boustany

And then there's the Midginbil camp.... very exciting!

Joe.



SEE and STEAM with Emmy

Last Tuesday's Garden Day was a fabulous Autumnal frolic. It was great to have Ginger in the garden with us, gently guiding as I find my feet in that new role.

The kids were super enthusiastic to harvest the sweet potato. We managed to get a decent amount that will be relished by hungry bellies.

We then started a new batch of biodynamic compost which will be cooking away nicely and complement the castings and juice from the fabulous new worm bath down next to the kitchen. We also planted out the circular garden bed with garlic and sowed some lettuce, spring onions and onions to sustain our successional planting.

It was great to have so much parental involvement and offers for help. Let's sustain that! Come talk to me or Blossom, or any committee members, about how you can get involved.

In our separate class sessions Buribi and Gooyarnj enjoyed nature treasure hunts where we collect a range of things from our beautiful landscape.

The Dingo class is continuing working on the parabolic dish popcorn maker which should hopefully come together next week.



We are also happy to have donations of:

- small/medium clamps for woodworking
- flower or vegie seeds
- animal manure for making more compost

Oh, and massive thanks to all those who have helped to mitigate recent water damage in the Maker Space.

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 Wednesday, 19 August 2020.

NSW Health requires schools to:

- exclude students and staff with even mild symptoms of COVID-19
- encourage immediate testing for any symptomatic children or staff
- prohibit return to school for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 until a negative COVID test result has been reported and they or are no longer symptomatic.
- *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. Not sending your child/ren to school if they have any cold or flu-like symptoms **and** obtaining a negative COVID test result before sending them back to school.
 - *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.*
2. 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.
3. not allowing your child to bring in toys from home.
4. ensuring you are packing a water bottle and enough food for the day. Students have fruit at munch and crunch, a recess and lunch. It is preferred that the bubblers are not used.
5. 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.*