



Tunable Falls Community School

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Hello All, how are you enjoying this busy time of year? It seems like every day there's another party, excursion, meeting, celebration. Some days there are several!

The fun continues with our **Annual Fete, this weekend Sat 4th**. Please put your name down for helping out with set up and a task on the day. We're calling all makers and bakers to deliver the goods - baked goods, jams, biccies etc for the cake stall are welcome, and all donations of clothes, books and bric-a-brac (good quality only) need to be at school by Wednesday. The raffle will be drawn on the day at 1:30pm, so please sell those last few tickets and get them in to the school asap.

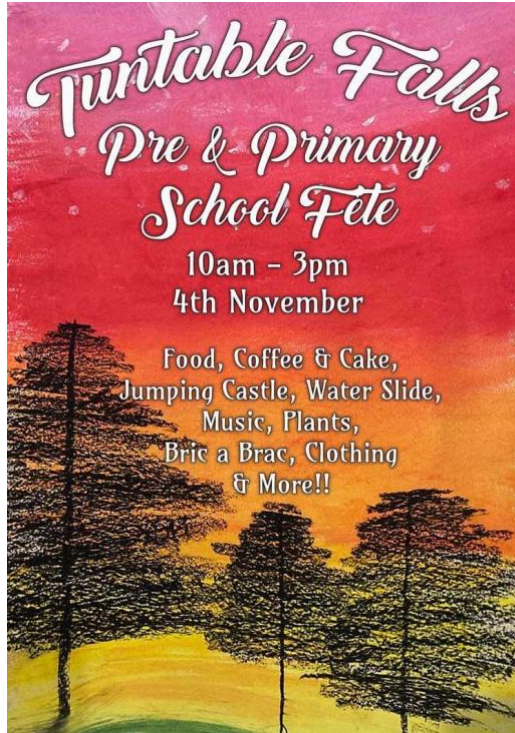
After securing a **\$25k upgrade grant**, Nicole has been managing the install of a new dishwasher to the kitchen and new windows/doors/screens to the office, Ruben and Ishta's classrooms, and the kitchen. These much needed changes add visual space, deflect sound, provide airflow, and prevent insects and animals entering rooms. **Nicole**, you are a wonder, and we are so blessed to have you. **Thank you for your extraordinary efforts.**

We have also been successful for the **National Student Wellbeing grant** that will start in 2024 and will provide \$6890 in funds for 4 years.

Ballina estuary excursion is happening on **Tuesday, 7th November**, and is fully subsidised by the school. Make sure you have your permission slips in and please remember this will be a **later pick up time of 3:30pm**.

This will be followed by a **Beach to Bush Incursion** on **Tuesday, 14th November**, when the mob from Beach Safety Hub will provide ocean safety training in the comfort of our bush surrounds. Surf Life Saving NSW offers students in regional areas of NSW an introduction to surf lifesaving, focusing on beach and surf safety along with being safe around dams and inland waterways. Students from regional communities are often less familiar with the potential dangers of the surf, their program aims to reach those children before they head to the coast with their families. I'm super interested to hear more about this one, it's such important learning as we head into summer.

The next **School Dental Visit** will be in **Week 6**, on either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 13-16 November, so make sure you have returned your dental consent forms if you'd like your kids to have a check-up (extra copies are available from the office).



School Calendar:

- **Term 4 Ends**
Fri, 15 Dec 2023
- **Term 1 2024 Begins**
Thu, 1 Feb 2024

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 (undercover area)**

Committee Meetings:

- Thu, 2 Nov, 3:15pm
Thu, 9 Nov, 3:15pm
(At school, subject to change)

School Fete: Sat, 4 Nov

Please remember to put your name down for a shift 😊

Ballina Excursion

Tue, 7 Nov. Whole school

Beach To Bush Incursion

Tue, 14 Nov. Whole school

Dental Health Visit

Week 6, on either 14, 15 or 16 Nov.

Circus Show & Graduation Dinner

Thu, 7 Dec, 5:30pm

Garden Day:

Wed, 13 Dec

TERM 4 SPORT:

Swimming Intensive

- *Week 8, 27-30 Nov*

Ruben is coaching softball skills on Fridays.

Drink Bottles:

All children are to bring their own drink bottles.

Epecially important on Thursdays for CIRCUS.

We'd like to thank the parents who have come in this term to prepare some delicious, nutritious, and colourful school lunches. A great big thank you to Motoko, Petria, and Kate. You are appreciated!

Last but not least, this week we welcome **our new LaST** (Learning and Support Teacher), **Kate Dempsey**. Welcome to our beautiful school, we look forward to getting to know you!

See ya all on Saturday, much love,
Elowyn



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 exceptionally well.
We have exceeded our target of \$100!
The kids have already raised **\$208.85** 😊

Thank you to all the kids who have contributed, especially the Buribi class, who have been selling their very popular icy poles on Thursdays. You are awesome!

For every \$100 the children raise we can support *Friends of the Koalas* by adopting a koala for a year.

Please encourage your child if they want to do something to help contribute to the koala fundraiser. This could be anything from a 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=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.

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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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2023 Tuntable Falls School Fete


Saturday, 4 Nov.


Step right up and join the excitement! Our small, tight-knit parent-run school nestled in the heart of our unique alternative community is gearing up for an unforgettable School Fete Fundraiser, and we need YOU to make it a smashing success!


Picture a day filled with laughter, joy, and endless fun as we come together to support our children's education in a way that's as unique as our school itself. We're not your ordinary institution; we're a vibrant hub of creativity and individuality, and this event will be a true reflection of our special community.


Let's unite to create a magical day where you can:

 **Explore Stalls:** Our talented students are making things to sell alongside Bric a Brac, Clothes and Plants. Support our community's creativity while picking up one-of-a-kind treasures.

 **Experience Whimsical Activities:** From face painting and hair accessories to live music, waterslide and jumping castle, there's something for everyone.

 **Savor Delicious Food:** Coffee and cake available. Our amazing kitchen crew have delicious lunch planned, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options. It's a feast that celebrates our community's diversity.

 **Contribute to Our Future:** Funds raised will directly benefit our school, ensuring that our alternative education philosophy continues to thrive.

 **Connect with Fellow Parents:** Meet like-minded parents who share your values and passion for a progressive education. Form lasting bonds within our tight-knit community.

This is more than just a fundraiser; it's a celebration of who we are and what we stand for. Join us in creating an unforgettable day that will not only make a significant impact on our school but also create beautiful memories for your family. We ask that all families attend on the day and choose a suitable volunteer shift. We need donations of Bric a Brac, Quality clothing and cakes to sell. Instructions for dropping off donated goods will be in the next newsletter. Please start collecting 😊

Raffle Tickets:

Raffle tickets will be sent home for families to sell before the fete.

Tickets are \$2ea or 3 for \$5.

Please return booklets by Friday, 3 November, at the very latest. Extra booklets are available from the office.

Save the date, invite family and friends, and be ready to immerse yourself in the enchanting spirit of our unique parent-run school. We can't wait to see you there, ready to embrace this extraordinary adventure with open arms!

Please let **Roisin 0457 370 396** or **Sam 0429 806 228** know which job you prefer and your time



Buribi & Gooarng (K, Yrs 1&2)



The Buribi and Gooarng kids have been doing a great job getting ready for the **circus show** at the end of the year. They have been practicing their balance, tumbling, physical comedy, hoops, spinning plates and ribbons. If you're at the fete, you'll get to see a sneak preview in the morning as they perform in the undercover area.

Getting ready for the fete has also seen the Buribi/Gooarng creating mosaic pots for succulent gardens. And in Gooarng we have become expert play dough makers; and we've all contributed to making plaster animals for kids to paint at the fete.

I am grateful to the Gooarng kids this week as through our study of water they called in the rain with their beautiful rain art and improvised rain dance. Thanks kids, we needed that!



Ishta & Ginger





Yuruugin (Years 3&4)

Hello all!

We have been dialling in our understanding of how to **plan a paragraph in the body of a persuasive text**. By now, everyone should know what P.E.E.L. stands for (point, evidence, explain, link). Thinking of distinctive points for any given argument isn't super easy though. To keep up the practice, if your child wishes to persuade you on anything, you can help them practice by identifying three separate points before they make their case. It is often easier to explain straight away, but finding three points beforehand gets the cogs going.

We are moving onto the /ou/, as in 'cloud' and /o/, as in 'cough', sounds in our **SoundsWrite** program. I have been creating some new and practical resources to make learning the words even easier, and the feedback has been positive.

In Maths, we have will be looking at fractions and decimals, as well as length and area. Having already started fractions and decimals this week, I notice quite a few more students feeling more comfortable with decimals, much more so than earlier in the year. We are growing!



Bismuth making has been fun, and at times challenging, but what would learning be without challenge? We shall wrap up the week hopefully with some beautiful bismuth geodes to sell at the fete.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- This Saturday, 4th of November, is when our **fete** will be held.
- **Ecoprinting with Emmy, Monday, 6 November, please bring a white or pale cotton shirt.**
- Next week, Week 5, 7th of November, we will be travelling to **Ballina's mangroves** to do some surveying for our biodiversity unit.
- In Week 8, Monday, 27th to 30th November, we will be **swimming at**

Goonellabah Aquatic Centre for four days in a row.

As per usual, we always start our days with writing. Tuesday and Friday mornings are pure literacy for the entire first 2 hours and are where literacy rotations are found at an accessible time. Any time a parent has, even if it is for ½ an hour, is more than welcome to join us in class.

Ruben





Guruman (Years 5&6)

Lights! Camera! Action! Guruman's latest on-screen production (available on the school website's Parent Portal) has been the *Talking Books Show*, with each student being interviewed about their favourite books. They have all had to get their reviews organised and written up while their interviewers have been refining their questioning skills. They have then needed to practise their lines, working out ways to make their presentations have greater expression.

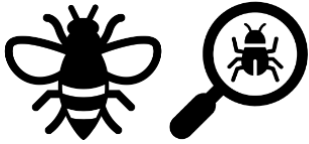
We observed some videos of talk show interviews, with particular attention to camera angles and speaking directions. With this awareness, we experimented with seating positions and screen framing. Without an Autocue, we improvised our own version of cue-ing, creating the allusion (we hope) of a face-to-face natural dialogue.

As usual, there was some wonderful surprises for me when I saw some of the great improvisations in the filmed presentations. The next step will be to take on the filming, directing and editing themselves.



We also squeezed in a session on bees, native and non-native, with Peter Lewis, a bee expert from Coffs Harbour. Peter had some amazing insights into the history, habits, and hives of bees, and also some tricks for tracking them down. Most importantly, he started a barrage of Bee puns that continued well beyond his time with Guruman.

Leaps and bounds!
Joe



SEE and STEAM with Emmy

How good was that little bit of rain!
Soothes the soul as well as our soil.

- **Buribi/Gooarng** continue to investigate how we use water and its physical properties.
- **Yuruugin** were fascinated by Sue Bingham's visit where she shared her knowledge about natural fibres and demonstrated how to card and spin yarn. The banana and pineapple fibre is so soft!
- **Guruman** continue to cook great healthy dishes and expand their palates.
- **Guruman** are applying their skills and knowledge to fix and finish projects including a native solitary bee hotel, our upcycled chess set and signage for the worm farm and wicking beds
- We've been enjoying exploring felting with **Buribi/Gooanj** making felt water molecules, **Yuruugin** needle felting bunting and **Guruman** making planet Earth (with the sun and moon to come).

WE NEED:

- manure for making compost
- parents to help weed and water the veg garden
- **Yuruugin**: Please bring a white or pale cotton, linen or silk top for ecoprinting on **MONDAY 6th Nov**



Buddy reading.



Bobby on the spinning wheel.