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From the Committee:

Hello Lovely Families,

How quickly the term is moving along. Fresh in my mind is the day in the sun on Friday at Kingscliff. The kids have had so much fun over the last two weeks during their **surf lessons**, and they improved so much!! Many thanks to Joe and Angie for organising and a BIG thanks to our wonderful parents for coming along and supporting with transport and bodies in the water. The children really did benefit from the extra hands out there in the waves. It meant a lot more children were being pushed onto those waves and provided more possibilities to stand and surf.

Sign up to the school's **Parent Portal** to see more great actions shots from the day! <https://www.tunablefallsschool.nsw.edu.au/>



Many thanks to our families who were able to come to the workday last weekend. We appreciate Saturdays are busy with activities so we will schedule another one for a Sunday in the coming weeks. This will provide an opportunity for those who want to come and help with the oiling of the playground timber and gardening work.

Being on the committee can be a very busy, stressful 😊 yet highly rewarding experience. After saying goodbye at the last AGM meeting, we would like to thank so very much Rom and Amanda for their tireless efforts. We welcome Blossom and look forward to working with her.

It is still a busy term ahead, so please keep an eye on the dates of events so as not to miss them.

Have a fabulous fortnight.
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:

- Guruman Camp, 24-25 May
- Yuruugin Forest Walk, 7 June
- Garden Day, 16 June
- Lantern Parade & Winter Solstice, 22 June

Committee Meetings:

Thu, 20 May, 2:30pm
Thu, 27 May, 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/athletics practice at school

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

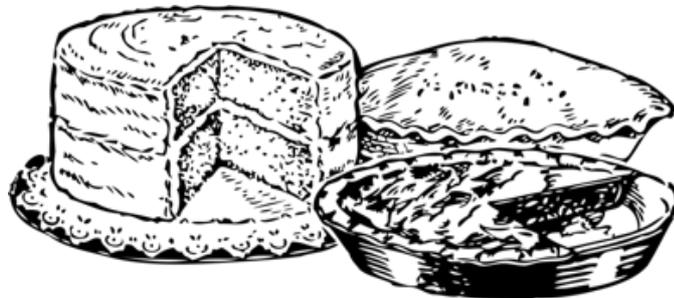
FUNDRAISING



Year 6 'Right of Passage' Fundraising.

The Year 6 children are busy raising funds for their 'Right of Passage' trip to Coffs Harbour at the end of the year. For those new to the school, this tradition started last year. It provides our older students with stories behind rites of passages from different cultures and why we are adopting it. The students develop their trip considering 3 challenges: psychological, physical and emotional, with the obvious growth and development of self throughout the activity.

This weekend the Year 6 students and families are busy catering lunch for the Tuntable Community AGM. As organised as they are, they would love our support.



If any family can **donate a cake or sweet treat** that can be served for dessert, please deliver to the school kitchen on Friday. Alternatively, if you feel lively, they could also use some help serving on the Saturday for lunch.

Contact Petria for more information: 0427 063 599.

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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Cushla Lobb	Secretary	0438 817 678	cushlala@yahoo.com.au
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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)

I hope everyone has been settling into this term, adjusting to the cool crispy mornings. The Buribi Class will be looking after the Chickens this week, a lovely way to start the mornings. We have been learning all about colour and made some beautiful rainbows to decorate our rooms and to run around with. We have been exploring the colour wheel and have been mixing new colours, watching them change by using just red, blue and yellow. Thank you so much to Aiti for helping with Art on Thursdays, we always love your calming company. Circus remains another bright flash of colour in our week, we all love Simon, Freya, Tanya, the ropes, trampoline and of course dodge ball!



As a class we have been enjoying some beautiful books about change and have just started looking at other countries and cultures. While we were quietly reading a book together, Arlo spotted a cheeky Ringtail Possum who was just outside the window. We knew he should have been sleeping because the sun was up, but we crept out on to the veranda to take a look. We called for the Gooarnj (possum) class to come and see. I snapped a picture while he jumped up branches. It was very exciting. Good spotting Arlo! We are becoming more familiar with rotating in small groups for some of our numeracy and literacy activities. This is improving our strategies to get along, solve problems and manage time together. It also means everyone gets a good turn with fun equipment such as 3D shape construction.

Please keep your reader folders in school bags so we can change them regularly. Thank you.
Looking forward to all the exciting events coming up.
Fiona.





Gooarng (Years 1&2)

What a wonderful fortnight of art!

Claudie and Rene came in for the Walk Draw Map project and it was a great day spent exploring the creek and school environment. We experimented with mark making and finding out what colours and marks different plants, rocks, bridges and roads make. We found tiny flowers that made a bright purple colour, flowers that made a pink colour that then turned to yellow, bright green leaves, black leaves, ochre from rocks and interesting textures.

After lunch we found leaves and fronds to use for mono-printing. The kids mono-printed onto calico and made a large calico sheet by spray painting over the found objects. We are looking forward to seeing the final installation in Lismore.



The kids have also done some great writing this past week. We have read *The Lorax* and the kids have been writing persuasive letter to The Once-ler, to convince him to stop cutting down the Truffula Trees.



In our sound work we have been adding -ing to words and will continue with learning about suffixes this week, adding -ed and -s.

In math the kids have enjoyed making their own clocks and learning to tell the time to the o'clock and half past. They have also been creating arrays to show 'groups of' to solve multiplication problems. This learning will continue this week.

Up we grow,
Ishta





Yuruugin (Years 3&4)

A huge thankyou to everyone for contributing your positive energy into the beginning of a fun-filled Term 2. One of my special joys of the week is those Tuesday and Wednesday lunches that create such a strong sense of school community. It is so lovely to share a nourishing meal with all the staff.

Well done to Lieka and Sebastian for getting through their very first NAPLAN exams! Thank you to Iris and Amanda! Your effort and support made this a smoother experience for them both.



Surfing was an absolute blast and a huge effort by all. There were many conquering moments. I'm still smiling at the image of Theo charging into the water, board under arm and a huge grin across his face. Thanks to all the drivers and support team that helped make those days as enjoyable as they were.

Holly's writing workshops are so much fun on Wednesday mornings. The class love *'The Adventures of Ezekiel'*. Holly read the first chapter of Series 3 last Wednesday, which had us all totally captivated. We can't wait for chapter 2, next week.



Cold mornings – if any parent feels like prepping our fireplace with kindling, newspaper, logs, splitting logs and/or even starting the fire when those cold mornings come back, we would love that!



Record player – Yuruugin have been gifted a record player which has sparked so much curiosity and enjoyment so far. It is fascinating to experience the development of technology and explore topics of both old and new. We are now kindly accepting record donations to build our classroom collection.



Sewing skills – Any seamstresses out there that could whip up our classroom cupboard curtains, please come forward ☺. We have the chosen fabric and measurements ready to go... just no one to sew!



- SoundsWrite: ai ay ea a-e / e ea ee y /Suffix –'ing', 'ed'
- Maths: Fractions, Time and Money
- PE for Yuruugin and Guruman will be Athletics on school grounds

Warm regards,

 Angie

We love when Ishta pops her head in to say hello.



Guruman (Years 5&6)

I know for my class that the highlight of the last two weeks was definitely the surfing at Kingscliff. We were so lucky to score two beautiful days with sun shining and warm water (says someone would wasn't in the water for two hours). The students were bouncing with appreciation after both days, and it was great to see them having so much fun. With regards to learning, I was continually impressed to see them trying persistently at the activity, accepting failure and trying again and again until they got it. It is such a strong and important quality in the students at our school and carries over into many other activities.

The day could not have happened without the generous giving of time and effort from parents and staff, in driving the considerable distance and then in spending two hours in the water supervising and supporting the children. Thank you especially to Angie who inspired the idea with her love of surfing.

Back at school, Guruman are making impressive progress in their Emotional Intelligence focus, particularly in their ability to map out the emotional journeys in stories that we have studied, and they are now beginning their own narratives with this map as the starting point. So far, there are some very profound tales in the working. Hopefully some will soon feature in this section of the newsletter.

Joe.

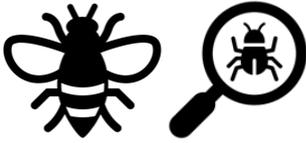
Guruman Art

We are continuing to print with our lino blocks that we carved last term. The kids are printing onto contrasting coloured paper to create a pop art inspired work.

Finally, we will print onto a shirt –

The Guruman kids need to bring in a plain white or bright coloured shirt they would like to print on.





SEE and STEAM with Emmy

This term has been whizzing along with lots of fun activities. I've been integrating SEE and STEM which I think is working well.

Buribi are a hive of activity as they learn about bees and important, they are to ecosystems and humans. We've made little native bee hotels, watched bee activity in the garden and started on paper mache bee models (not drying so great with all the rain!). It is great to see them supporting each other to learn new skills in the garden and maker space.

Gooarng are an excellent group of little scientists with loads of questions and observations. We've looked at how the insulate houses and are currently investigating natural plant dyes with valuable hands-on knowledge contributed by Amanda King and Blossom. Thank you!

After deciding to pause our work on the solar cooker until the weather is more favourable, Yuruugin are forging deep into the Borneo rainforest. The kids have made collages showing their growing knowledge of the rainforest and threats facing it. Next week we will begin making animal masks and exploring the reasons for deforestation.

Guruman are continuing to cook up delicious classes on Mondays (the coconut custard and passionfruit tarts were exceptional!) as well as working on their Aboriginal houses. We are also starting to get ready for a forest walk and camp Monday 24th- Tuesday 25th.

Garden time has shifted to Tuesday afternoon and it is wonderful to have so many hands weeding, planting, pruning and mulching. Any parents who have time to join us from 2pm on Tuesdays are most welcome. Donations of seeds, cuttings, seedlings, manure, mulch or cardboard are always happily received.

 Emmy.



Guruman kids discovering mating slugs in the paperbark tree.

Dental Health Visit

Australian Dental Health NSW will be visiting the school the week of 24 May.

If you have not already done so, there is still time to fill in a consent form at the office if you would like your child to have a dental check-up.



Fire Safety Storytime!



The Lismore Fire Brigade will be bringing their fire engine to Storytime!
We will be learning about and practising fire safety.

Goonellabah Library	Lismore Library	Lismore Library
Tuesday 25 May, 10.30am	Wednesday 26 May, 10.30am	Thursday 27 May 10.30am

For pre-schoolers with their parent or carer.

Please bring a hat and sun protective clothing.

Weather permitting we will be outdoors for some or all of these events.

Get ready for Fire Safety Storytime by joining in the Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt at Goonellabah & Lismore libraries now! Win a badge!

Richmond Tweed Regional Library
Connect. Discover. Escape.

Goonellabah Library
27 Oliver Avenue
Goonellabah NSW 2480
02 6625 1235

Lismore Library
110 Magellan Street
Lismore NSW 2480
02 6621 2464

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.*