



# Tunable Falls Community School

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## From the Committee:

Hello Lovely Families,



What a fabulous time the kids had at swimming last week. The longer sessions were great and provided an opportunity for much growth. I'm sure you will hear all about it from their teachers within the newsletter. We almost couldn't wait to book the school in for next year.

While on the topic of swimming; I hope you would remember the news that we joined the North Coast Independent Sporting Association (NCIS). With this comes the ability for those families and students who love sport, to represent the school in such things as Athletics, Cross Country, Swimming and on Gala Days, or other fun team sports like touch football etc.

With no history of competing in such sporting events, it needs to be said that participation is a choice. Over the years, many parents have requested more sport through our parent meetings and yearly feedback forms. This is a way to ensure that we are listening to and supporting everyone by providing opportunities for those who want it.

Our first '**swimming carnival**' will be Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in week 5 of term. This will be a day at the Lismore Memorial Baths where all our students will be given an opportunity to swim in the various strokes. It will also be a fun day. The **NCIS swimming carnival** will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February in Alstonville, where students from the age of 8, can then swim against other students in the region. Communicating with NCIS has been so wonderful. They assure me that participating and having fun is the most important thing, whilst giving children the opportunity to participate in sport.

***If you would like your child to participate in our very first swimming carnival, please fill in the form attached to this newsletter and return it to the office. It is very important that we have numbers for our booking.***

On another note... the community has been asking about the **bikes in the shed** at the front of the school, as they think about its use. We would like you to have a look and see if you have a bike left at the shed. If so, can you please take it home. They seem to be getting vandalised and left all over the school, community and even in the creek. They are becoming unsightly. We will be taking all the bikes left at the end of the school year to the tip shop.

This will be our last newsletter. WOW, what a crazy year. Many thanks to you all for your understanding. The committee and staff have continued to work through the term to ensure the smooth running of the school. We look forward to a fresh start in 2022.

Nicole

### School Calendar:

- **Term 4 Ends**  
Tue, 14 Dec 2021
- **Term 1, 2022 Begins**  
Tue, 1 Feb 2022

### 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

### Important Dates:

- Garden Feast  
Wed, 8 Dec

### Committee Meetings:

Thu, 2 Dec, 3pm  
Thu, 9 Dec, 3pm  
(Subject to change)

### Drink Bottles:

All children are to bring their own drink bottles as part of COVID hygiene measures.

***Especially important on Wed & Thu for CIRCUS.***

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

# Communication:

## COVID - Level 3 Guidelines for Schools

### NSW Health endorsed Department of Education guidelines

Under Level 3 settings masks are required indoors for staff. Masks are strongly recommended indoors for primary students. Changes to self-isolation rules for close contacts NSW Health have made changes to self-isolation requirements for people who are identified as close contacts who are fully vaccinated. Close contacts who are fully vaccinated must self-isolate for 7 days (and limit their movements for the next 7 days). Close contacts who are not vaccinated must isolate for 14 days. Specific advice will be provided to individuals identified as close contacts based on their specific circumstances. Casual contacts need to get tested and self-isolate until they get a negative test result - even if they are vaccinated. A reminder that anyone who has the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms must get tested immediately and self-isolate until they get a negative result - even if they are vaccinated.

More information is available on the NSW Government website.

## Absentees:

- It is important to **call the Office by 9:30am** if your child is unable to attend school for any reason.
- 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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SHARE A TOY, SHARE A SLIDE,



SHARE THE FEELINGS DEEP INSIDE,



BUT NEVER SHARE A HAT OR COMB,



OR LICE COULD MAKE YOUR HEAD  
THEIR HOME.



## Head lice are about.

Please do your part to prevent the spread by checking your child(ren) daily for the next few weeks, and on a regular basis thereafter. Lice infestation is much easier to treat if caught early.

If you should discover a case of head lice, please notify the school and the parents of your child's playmates. This is the best way to protect your family and community.

For further information on head lice and how to treat them, please visit <https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/a-z-health-reference/head-lice>



## Birthdays

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

Tirta  
29 Dec

Azariah  
21 Dec





## Buribi (Kindy)

We were very lucky to have Cathryn and her dog Lu Lu come into our class and listen to the children read. Reading was made more special by having a soft, cuddly audience. Thank you for your very special visit, Lu Lu and Cathryn.



Lettie having Lu Lu cuddles



Findlay and Tirta playing Shops.

It was a very successful swimming week at the pool and now we are feeling ready for some safe summer swims over the upcoming holidays.



Some serious swimming from Arlo



Portrait of Lu Lu by Tirta

Buribi have been improving their reading skills with lots of persistence and practice. We have enjoyed writing steps and instructions. We are looking forward to sharing our skills and teaching them to each other as part of our understanding procedural texts.

Please read as much as you can at home to help your child consolidate the sounds we are learning at school. Remember to pop the **reader folder** in your child's bag on **Mondays** for a change over when you need a fresh book. Please return any overdue Library books so that new ones may be borrowed.



Thank you & keep smiling,  
Fiona



## Gooarng (Years 1&2)



Wow, here we are at the end of the year! I've got to say, despite this year's challenges, it's been such a pleasure to teach the Gooarng kids. I'm so proud of how much they've all grown and learned this year. Their individuality, self-expression, care for each other and smiles fill our learning days with fun and joy.

Talking about growing... we were all so surprised on Friday morning to see how much Leafy, one of our resident spiny leaf insects, had grown overnight. Here's a picture of her with her shed skin (before she eats it!). When the kids handled her, they measured her, and she is now 16cm

long. Her little friend, Silky, hasn't had her next growth spurt yet... maybe it will happen this fortnight...



Swimming was great – the kids said:

- "I really like diving practice" – *Escher*
- "We learnt safety. We were in the big pool, floating, and everyone was splashing us." *Kai*
- "What I learnt, and was fun, was backstroke." *Djuna*
- "I learnt breaststroke, freestyle and diving to the bottom for a minute." *Miela*
- "I really liked it when we were trying to keep our chins out of the water – treading water." *Indikah*



For our final fortnight (and 2 days) we will be focusing on the sound /oo/ as in 'book', finishing our information reports, revising addition and subtraction strategies, and making a 2022 calendar.

If I don't see you before, have a love filled, relaxing and enjoyable holiday.



Up we grow,  
Ishta



## Yuruugin (Years 3&4)

Yuruugin are a few steps closer to being able to comfortably battle the beach and creek this summer with all the wonderful swimming they've been doing! While GSAC staff supplied great feedback about how much they loved Tuntable Falls students.



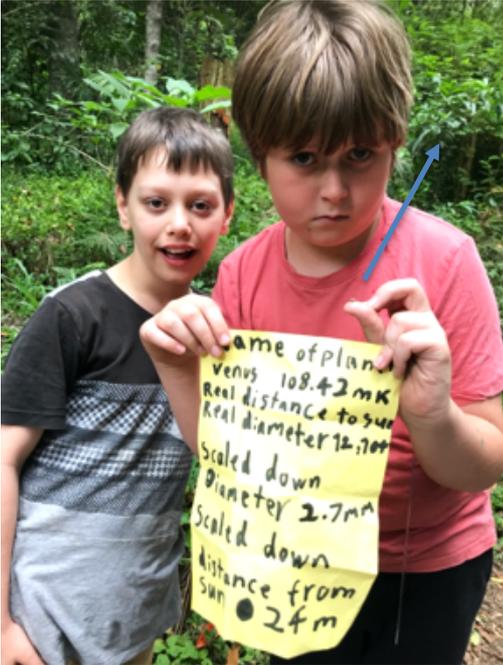
Yuruugin have this week completed their personal letters to our local MP, Janelle Saffin. After a group discussion about the ocean, and the vast interconnectedness of our earthen home, we came up with a list of things that concern us. There were so many issues, and they were so big, that we then decided we should write a letter. We asked our local MP to explain what she was doing to help with these issues. We are all eagerly awaiting a reply!

Unfortunately, this is my last week for the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my brief time filling in for Angie, and look forward to seeing the staff, parents, and students in the new year.

Sincerely, Fionn



# Guruman (Years 5&6)



These weeks have been full of lots of fun and learning. Joined by the Yuruugin class for a lesson, we continued our focus on scale and, as well as scaled down distance, we looked at scaled downsize of planets if the school was the Sun and Neptune was 1km away (1:4475million). Most planets were ballbearing-size or less.

We also continued our focus on Angles, with the Guruman class coming up with some great dance moves incorporating acute, obtuse, right, reflex and straight-line angle poses.



In our Persuasive Writing focus, we looked at the Ocean Clean-up Campaign with Sapphire modelling in the photo a pair of the sunglasses made from the recycled plastic collected from an Ocean Garbage Patch.

As a self-directed project last week, Guruman created an



installation art piece on the Maths aspect, Volume, with measuring the size of the 3D under-table space utilising Guruman students as units of measurement. We discovered that the volume of the space beneath the table was 9 cubic Guruman.



## SEE and STEAM with Emmy

While swimming took up last week, highlights of the past two weeks include:

- admiring the crazy plant growth. If you can't find me, I may have been snared by the beans or pumpkin in the garden. I love our climate!
- assisting Guruman with designing and conducting little experiments such as measuring hair strength/width and questioning the maths in flowers.
- guiding Guruman through nature-based art activities inspired by the work of Judy Watson and John Wolseley.
- watching the kids relish the flavours and textures of the kimchi that Gooarnj made
- leading Buribi and Gooarnj into the age old Tuntable Falls tradition of making protest signs (to raise awareness about caring for the creek)
- helping Yuruugin construct educational artworks around the idea of saving the oceans
- signing a contract for another fabulous year to stand in for Ginger and continue on with the STEM project.

Bring on 2022!

 Emmy



Dexter enjoying a rice paper wrap with the kimchi Gooanj made.



Ava and Sapphire investigating the strength of human hair using a Newton spring balance



Guruman hiding in the bean fence

## 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.

### REMEMBER TO CHECK IN

**Use the QR code or sign in at the office.**

From Monday 12 July 2021 the Service NSW QR code will be mandatory at all workplaces and retail businesses, including all early education and care facilities.

Adults entering the premises need to check in using the Service NSW QR codes. This means staff, families, and visitors to the school. Children are excluded from this requirement.

### 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.*

- 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](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

### We ask you to help us by:

1. ***dropping off and picking their kids up from the school gate/entrance.*** Parents are not meant to be coming onto school grounds unless for committee obligations or to see Admin.
2. ensuring you are packing a water bottle and enough food for the day. Students have fruit at munch and crunch, a recess and lunch.
3. on arriving home, getting your child/ren wash their hands and change their clothes to avoid spreading anything to your family.
4. We understand that some children need help settling in on arrival. If you need to help settle your child on arrival, please do not stay any longer than is necessary. not allowing your child to bring in toys from home.

*\*Please contact staff or a committee member if you have any questions or concerns.*