



Tunable Falls Community School

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Hi all - Welcome to week 4 (that tricky two-day week 1 always confuses me, it's hard to believe it's week 4 already!)

It was unfortunate that wet weather cancelled the Swimming Carnival last Friday - I know I had a very disappointed kiddo on Friday. Won't it be fantastic when the new foot bridge goes in and we don't have to worry about that creek anymore!

There's plenty of great stuff going on for the rest of term to keep us all busy:

Mitch King will be joining the school for Indigenous Cultural education on Fridays for the rest of term 1.

This term sees the return of **class camps** - yay! **Yuruugin** Camp is next week, Tuesday-Thursday, incorporating the Re-Wilding Course with Scott Poad.

Guruman will head to Brisbane March 6th-8th, and **Gooarng** camp will be at Rummery Park March 13th-14th.

Please return your notes asap if you haven't already and think about how you can contribute to the shopping, packing, set up or pack down. Ask your class teacher if you're not sure where to start 😊

NAPLAN will be coming up in week 7 for years 3&5. Speak to your teacher if you'd like to know more.

Parent/teacher meetings will be coming up in weeks 5-7; look out for your teacher's availability timetable which should come home soon. These meetings are a great way to catch up with how your kids are going and connect further with teachers. I always get a lot out of them, so be sure to book in.

ROSTER DAYS - Parent help is needed in the veggie garden over the next 2 weeks to get it flourishing again. If you're stuck on what to do for your weekly roster day (2-4 hours once a week), please contact your child's teacher or a committee member. Teaming up with another parent can be a fun social way to get involved. The kitchen will be painted during the next holidays, so we also need someone/s to gurney the outside of the building and sugar soap wash the interior in preparation for painting.



Steve & Dorje at the joint preschool/school workday

School Calendar:

- **Term 1 Ends**
Fri, 5 April
- **Term 2 Begins**
Mon, 29 April

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, 22 Feb, 3:15pm
Thu, 29 Feb, 3:15pm
(At school, subject to change)

Yuruugin Camp, 2 nights

28 Feb - 1 March

Guruman Brisbane Excursion, 2 nights

6-8 March

Gooarng Camp, 1 night

13-14 March

Harmony Day: 20 March

Garden Day: 27 March

Family members welcome.

Closed Shoes

All children need closed shoes on **Wednesdays** for Garden & Kitchen time.

Drink Bottles:

All children are to bring their own drink bottles.

Especially important on Thursdays for CIRCUS.

The school tablecloths went missing after the end of year dinner last year - a bag of red and green tablecloths - does anyone know where they are?

There are lots of lurgies going around at the moment. If your child is sick, please keep them at home to reduce the spread. If kids are sick at school, teachers will call for you to pick them up. As we head into flu season it's a great time to remind your little ones about hand hygiene and proper nose-wiping and sneezing etiquette - into the elbows please!

Finally, a reminder to parents to **please use the top carpark for pick-ups and drop-offs.** Please do not park beside the creek in front of the stairs leading up to the office – this is a passing bay, not a parking area, which needs to be kept clear for community members. Thank you for everyone's cooperation.

Have a great fortnight - see some of you at camp next week!

Elowyn 😊



Birthdays

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



Communication:

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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Learning and Support News

Cooperative Learning in Action – Buddy Reading

As a school, we foster healthy relationships through weekly cooperative learning opportunities.





Buribi (Kindy)



The Buribi babies have been super busy bees in the classroom and visiting friends. We have embarked on our home visits, having already visited Eva's and Esther's lovely homes. Home visits are so exciting for the hosts but also can bring up a bit of emotions. Our upcoming home visits are to Perry's and Eleusis' homes, which are within walking distance to school.

In class we have been practising forming initial letters s, a, t, i, m. These sounds can then be blended and segmented to spell, read, and write words like 'sat', 'mat', 'sit', and 'sat' by the clever jarjums.

In Maths we are working on numbers. Counting forward and backward, days of the week, and months of the year. We do this through body movements, songs, bookworm, and games. Any opportunity to link that at home only embeds the knowledge deeper.

Please remember:

- **Shoes for Wednesday** cooking/gardening.
- **School finishes at 2:45pm** and there is supervision under the covered area only until 3:15pm.
- **Parents/teacher meetings** are coming up, so if you haven't selected a time yet, please do.
- **Library day is Tuesday** so bring back books to swap them over.

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Peace, love and Buribi babies.

Ginger





Gooarng (Yrs 1&2)

Hello Families,

This past fortnight the kids have settled in well. We have shuffled round our seating to find the calmest, learning-focused arrangement. We have also **welcomed our new class member, Owen**, who has stepped into rhythm with us beautifully. Owen, like all of us, loves exploring the creek and the fun and skill building of circus.

This week in **Circus** many of the kids had their **very first experience of the trapeze** where they hung upside down by their legs like little bats.

In **Investigations** we are looking forward to **welcoming Aedan's dad, Lewis, to assist the kids with tinkering** on Wednesdays. We will also be having a **new stop motion studio area**, at the instigation of Cello, where the kids can explore making their own animations.

In **Spelling** we are focusing on our consonant digraphs sh, ch and then th; and the kids have been enjoying their read-to-self time.

In **Maths** we are focusing on **whole number, and place value**. To assist your kids with their learning, it would be great to do some counting forwards and backwards with them between 1-120.

Keep your eyes open for **notes** coming home regarding our **camp being planned for week 7**. Please note that year 1 students must have an accompanying parent with them and that all attending parents must have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC).

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Up we grow,
Ishta





Yuruugin (Years 3&4)

We are all feeling settled in class, and our routines are grooving well.

We have been **constructing paragraphs for our persuasive text to Joseph Banks**, highlighting things he may want to know, or think about, when it comes to lessons from history we know now and indigenous knowledge about plants and animals for important food resources. So far, introduced plants and cultural burning has been looked at. Now we are moving onto the quality of the sandy soil as a point of concern for the first colonies.

For **Spelling**, we have been looking at the last of the initial codes, and the first of the extended codes as a starting point for learning how to use our resources for the year 3 students. At the same time, our **Year 4 students** have been working with suffix and prefix additions, modifying words and consolidating rules. In two weeks, students will be moving self-paced through the spelling progressions where a new web app will identify the trickiest words a student finds, and then provide assistance for them to master them before they move on.

In **Maths**, we are looking at addition, subtraction and length. We have started our regular routine of multiplication flash cards and some year 4 students are ready to head onto division flash cards.

The big item is **camp**, on next week **Tuesday 27th Feb - Thursday 29th**. I have scouted the 100 Tents site, and we will have access to a decent kitchen set up, with two fridges, an electric cooktop, all the chairs we need and an undercover area with some great recreational space.

There is a **telegram group** where the conversation about all matters camp related taking place. It is a great general line of communication too, so please join if you haven't already.

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Looking forward to it all!

Ruben





Guruman (Years 5&6)

The **Brisbane trip** is getting closer and closer, very exciting.

All accommodation is booked and paid for, drivers have committed (thank you very much), exhibition bookings have been made, rooms have been allocated, breakfasts have been booked, Urban Xtreme booking is complete.

The students are studying **Art History** at the moment in preparation for the visit to the galleries and getting to know the finer aspects of **structuring a Fairy Tale** in preparation for the visit to the GOMA exhibition.

Their amazing efforts at **Circus** will be preparing them for their Urban Xtreme adventures, so we are ready to go.

A note for Things to Bring will come out soon, and we will continue to have classroom discussions on expectations and clarifications for the days in Brisbane. There will be no need for students to bring money, valuables or any electronic devices on the excursion. We have no capacity to keep such things safe and there have been issues on previous excursions where things have been lost or broken.

In class, we are moving into some very challenging maths and literacy concepts, but all students are stepping up to the challenge.

Guruman moving in Leaps and Bounds,
Joe

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1. Rapunzel tower by Marshall



SEE/STEM with Emmy and Akash

With Emmy, **Guruman** are rolling along with their computer science unit. We've been diving into the clickety- clackety land of the Turing Tumbles, pulling apart laptops (Thanks Shannon!), surveying each other about computer use and discussing how computers have changed our world.

We've also been experiencing the joys and challenges of nature journaling.

With Akash, **Guruman** and **Yuruugin** have cooked up delicious pesto pasta, jam drop cookies and made creative cucumber creatures.

Yuruugin have also been exploring just how much we use plastic and how to make beads from milk-based plastic.

Gooarng are delving deep into questions about human origins and what makes us special, as well as baking more delicious jam drops with Akash.

Buribi made fabulous bread snakes and other creatures with Akash. With Emmy they've started to design their individual garden plots.

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Call out for parents:

We urgently need your help weeding and mulching the veg garden.

We potentially have promotional filming happening with the Stephanie Alexander Foundation **at the end of March** and it'd be great to have the space looking beautiful.

2024 REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN TO NEW & RETURNING PLAYERS

REGISTER AT [PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU](https://playfootball.com.au)

* IF YOU PLAN ON USING AN ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER, PLEASE HAVE THE VOUCHER NUMBER READY PRIOR TO REGISTERING

DATES TO REMEMBER:

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

SENIOR TRAINING FROM 6PM

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

MINIROOS / JUNIOR KICKAROUND @ 10:30AM - 12PM

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH

MINIROOS / JUNIOR KICKAROUND @ 10:30AM - 12PM



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JUNIORS**



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