



# Tunable Falls Community School

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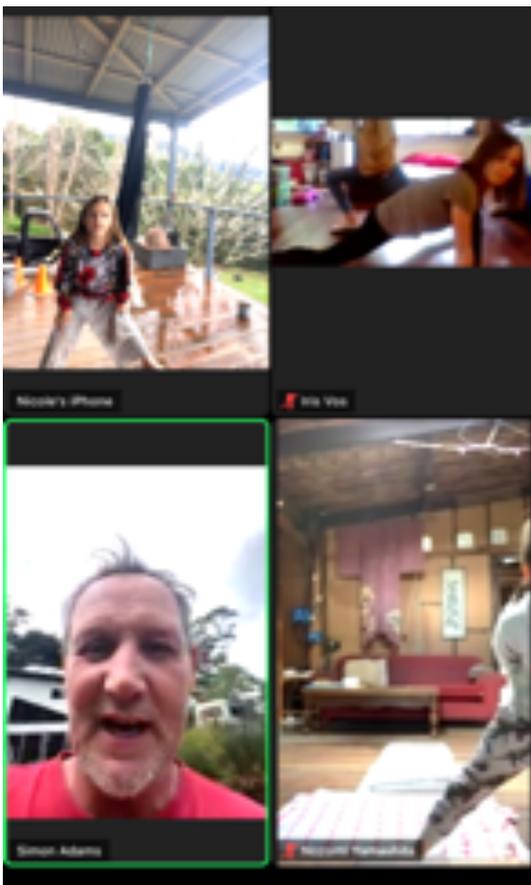
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## From the Committee:

Hello Dear Families.

Springtime!! Yeah. The ground is warming up and the days are divine. Such a wonderful time to be outside.

At the time of writing this I am sure we are all thinking the same thing. Will it end this week? Lock down? Schooling from home? As a school, we will be providing any information as we receive it. Committee, with Joe, meet weekly via zoom to discuss everything that ensures the smooth running of the school. I hope that you, as we do, feel that, as a school we have hit our groove. Our teachers are providing a fabulous range of activities for our children to complete while at home. The support is second to none. Our families can call our teachers or committee members for support anytime within school hours. They have access to zooms, whether one on one or small group, and can catch up with all of the students in their class with a whole class catch up zoom. The students are loving the extra-curricular zooms provided by Emmy and Simon; the practical science and circus lessons are something they look forward to each week.



We would like to thank our wonderful teachers so very much for their efforts. If you haven't already, take advantage of the zooms being provided. It's wonderful to see their faces and have that contact. It's not as scary as it seems.

Sadly, due to the current climate our wonderful yearly trip to Minjerribah and our Spring Fete have been cancelled. We can only hope that next year both of these events will be able to go ahead and be celebrated by our community. Without a doubt they are the most wonderful occasions and have been hugely missed. The production, "The Lorax", at this stage has also been put on hold. The children and staff have worked so hard on this extravaganza, and we can only hope that before the end of the year we will see them in action in one form or another.

Watch this space.

We hope our families took advantage of the "We Learn" grant that was available and that we will be seeing some amazing educational supplies coming your way. Have a fabulous week.

Nicole

## School Calendar:

- **Term 3 Ends**  
Friday, 17 Sept 2021
- **Term 4 Begins**  
Monday, 11 Oct 2021

## School Bell:

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

## Drink Bottles:

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

**Especially important on Thursdays for CIRCUS.**

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

**COVID - Level 4 Guidelines for Schools**  
**NSW Health endorsed Department of Education guidelines**

Parents and carers must keep children – across primary and secondary school – at home unless they need to be at school. Schools and outside of school hours care (OOSHC) services are open for any child that needs it. All non-core curriculum related activities are to cease on school sites.”

- From AIS COVID advice for schools.

The ‘stay at home’ rules are outline at the back of this newsletter, under Important Notices.  
*Please call the school, or your child’s teacher, if you need to discuss their learning or attendance.*

## Communication:

- 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.

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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## Birthdays

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





## Buribi (Kindy)

Everyone has been keeping busy with various activities. Thank you to those who share what they have been up to on our Kindy Telegram page. It is so lovely to see people helping one another with ideas and encouragement.

At Tuntable Falls Community School, the students come first and, thanks to our small class sizes and the community ethos of our school, the teachers are able to be flexible when providing support to those learning from home. We are so blessed to be able to still connect with one another, and I feel fortunate as a teacher that I can continue to provide individual learning support during this time. Spare a thought for other students in NSW who don't have access to the same opportunities.

There have been some wonderful learning packs available to collect at the office, including resources and instructions for fun, creative activities. I have found these activities can help students feel more inspired and motivated between practising reading, writing and number work.

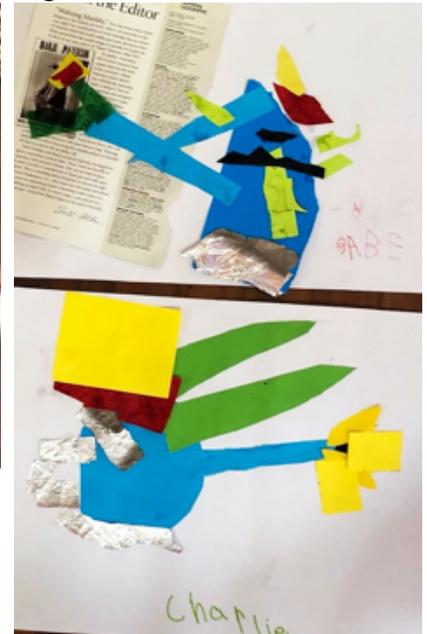
I have developed a **Wellbeing Booklet** that is full of simple quick ideas to help calm and focus during those frustrating moments. The activities come with examples, templates and some materials. They are perfect for when you can tell everyone just needs a little quiet break to do their own thing.



Twig puppets



Air drying clay, Spring inspired sculptures.



Still life collages

Thank you so much to Joe for managing this stressful and difficult adjustment for all of us so that we may continue with our teaching and learning. It makes all the difference when you're in a wonderful team of teachers, teacher aides and of course the fabulous René in administration. I am also sincerely grateful to the committee and to the lovely parents who are putting in such a massive effort at home and at school. The Committee work tirelessly between everyday life, being a parent, working and upholding our wonderful family values at Tuntable Falls Community School. Thank you!

Happy Spring,  
Fiona



Garden on a plate



## Gooarng (Years 1&2)

The Gooarng class and their families have been doing a wonderful job at learning from home. Here's a small sample of the great activities and the amazing stories being written!



You possums rock my world!  
Ishta

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Lilybelle and Sibella applying their paper plane making and measurement skills – I've been told the classic, dart design flew the furthest.



Juno with his beautiful still life collage.

## Magic Rollercoaster Worlds

By Miela Kaihua Spain



Beanie is a brave young man. He has to climb up the curvy high rollercoaster above the misty cliffs. When he got to his home base he told his rabbits "we need to find a new home because there is a wind storm coming."

The rabbits said, "you go and look and we can pack."

So, Beanie climbed further up the rollercoaster. He felt he couldn't do it. It was so high and curvy. Just then he saw a fox coming up to him. He was very happy he had never seen a fox. The fox asked him how he was going.

Beanie said, "I need help."

The fox said, "I can help you."

Beanie said, "there is a wind storm coming to my home and rabbits. I don't know what to do."

"I don't know the way to your home," said the fox.

"I know the way home," said Beanie. "I know a secret way," he said proudly.

"oh ok," said the fox.

Off they went down the big rollercoaster and across the big bottom lake. It took a long time. But they finally made it. It was the most beautiful thing you could think of. It was full of tall trees, orchid flowers and mossy rocks.

The fox said, "why would you ever leave?"

"Because I need to find a new home a wind storm is coming," said Beanie.

"Oh, you don't need to leave the wind storm won't wreck this place. I know a lot of things," said the fox.

Beanie said, "I will tell the rabbits we can stay."

"Can I stay too?" asked the fox.

"I would love you to stay," said Beanie.

The fox did a happy yelp. They all lived cozily ever after.

## Eddie the Penguin and the Oil Spill

By Teo Tully Tait

This story is about Eddie the little penguin. Eddie lives on the Lost Island. Many boats pass the island but never noticed it was there. He was the clumsiest little penguin out of all of them. Eddie went in the Lost Ocean which is a very dangerous sea. He returned at sunset. Eddie was finally home. Something was wrong. His home was destroyed!



Eddie was looking for a free nest on the sand. Then the sound of water was coming towards him. Suddenly he was pulled into the ocean! He tried to swim back to shore but the current was too strong for him. Blackness was slowly coming towards him! Then he realised what the blackness was. It was an oil leak! One of the most poisonous things in the world! Eddie looked down quickly and saw a jumper.

“maybe it will protect me,” Eddie thought.

He dived for the jumper and put it on. Suddenly the blackness washed over him, but the jumper had saved him! Quickly he swam back to shore and fixed his destroyed home.

**The end**

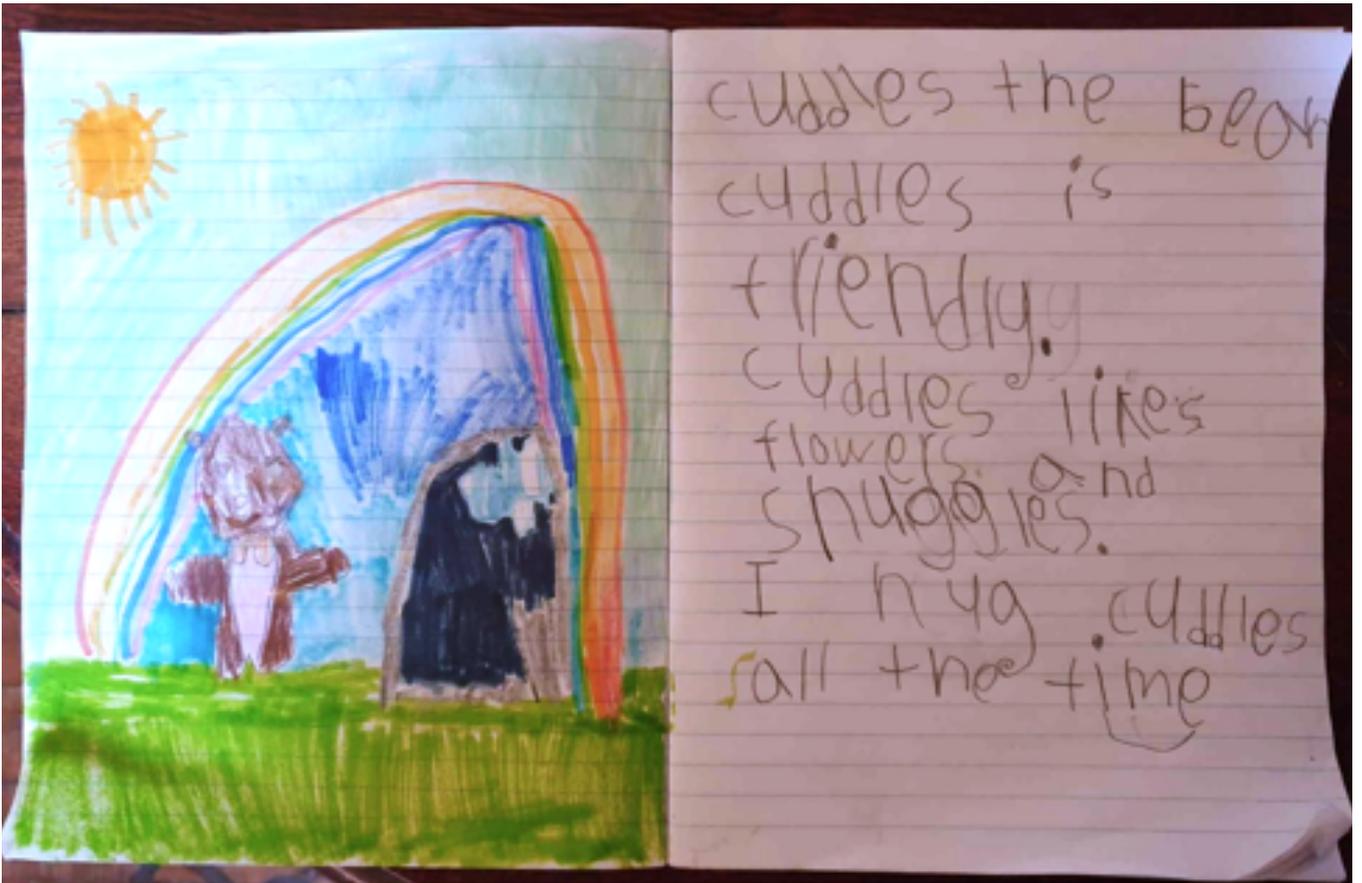


This is the real Eddie.

Our family adopted Eddie, so I wrote a story about him - Teo

## Cuddles the Bear

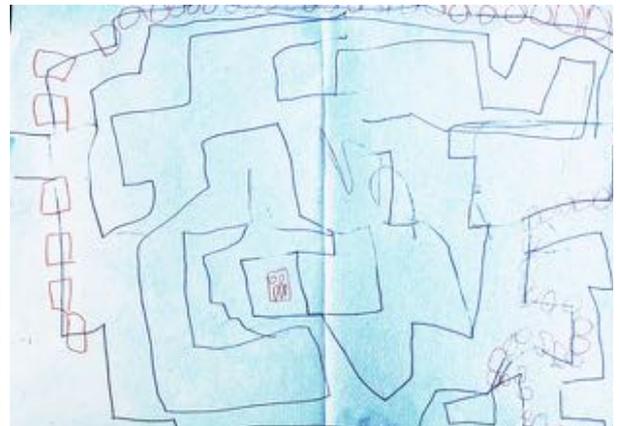
By Djuna Edson



## Panda the Guinea Pig

By Jeevan Herriot

There once was a guinea pig named Panda who lived in an old farmer's garden. The garden had a pumpkin maze that was stretching further and further. Panda was very fat and his friends were very fluffy. They were playing hide and seek, squeaking and making high pitched sounds in the maze.





## Yuruugin (Years 3&4)

Hello everyone, out there in the internet world. What a huge couple of weeks it has been! Thank you to the committee for the support shown throughout this drastic change, and to the staff for being their awesome, humorous selves. Thank you to René for holding down the office space in her true nature and a special thanks to Amanda and Cath for running the *behind-the-scenes* world so smoothly. Your ability to grasp random tasks thrown at you from all angles and have them completed so promptly does not go unnoticed. TFCS is lucky to have you!

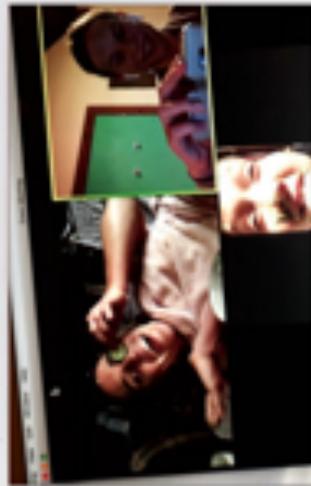
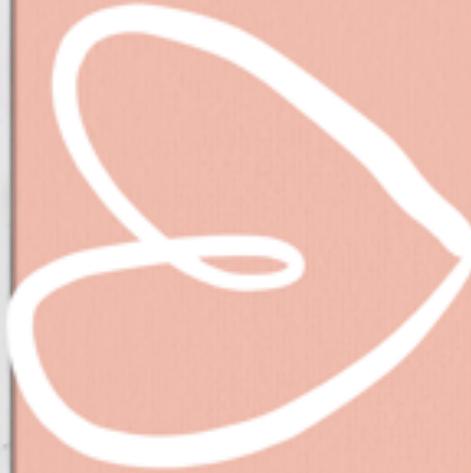
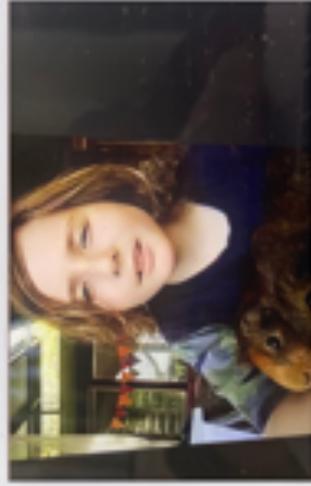
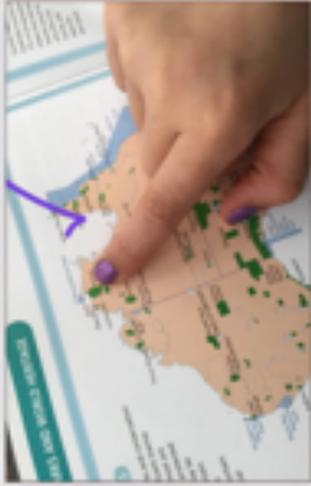
Lastly, a huge applause to the parents for your exceptional juggling skills. I am so proud of the work that is being sent back to me. It is lovely to see everyone approaching Remote Learning in their own unique way that works for them and their family. I have been kept well up to date across the wide array of platforms 🌀 . Knowing everyone is doing well, keeping healthy and staying happy keeps my heart warm. Well done everyone!

I do miss my motley crew.



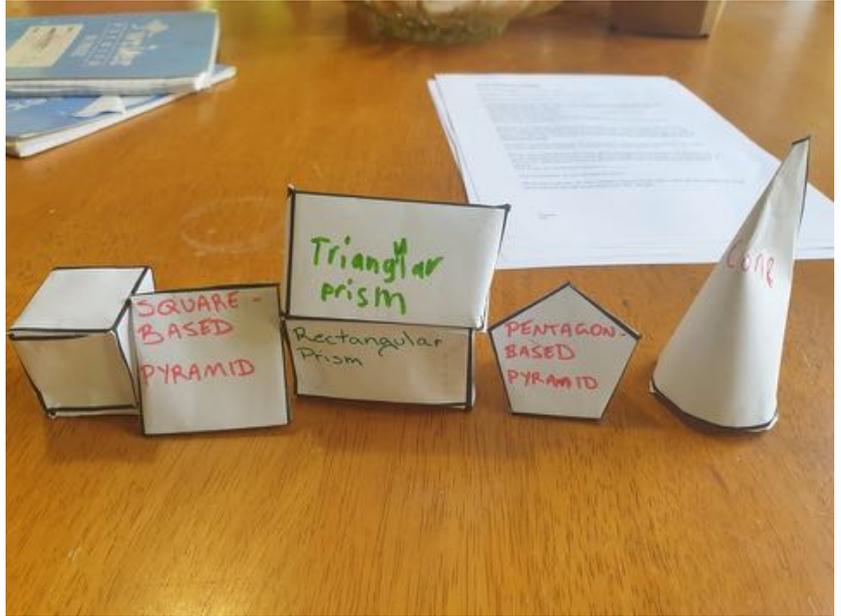
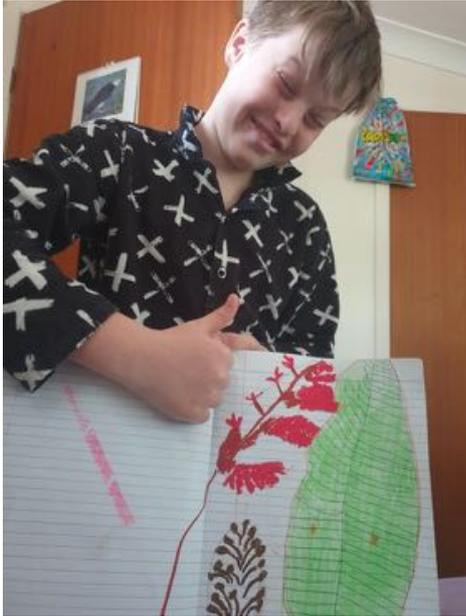
Below is a little collage of warm and fuzzies!

Angie 🐾





## Remote Guruman (Years 5&6)



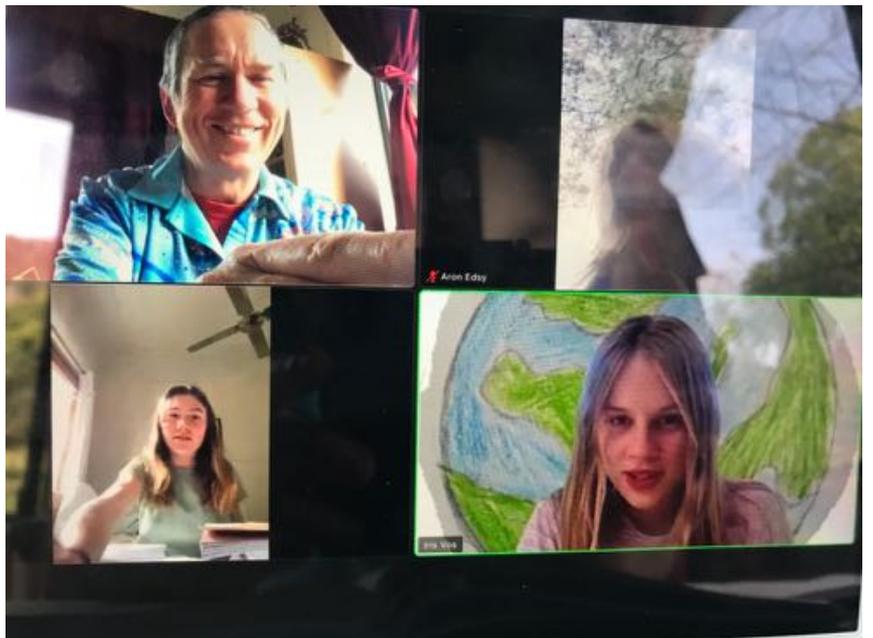
Preston has been working on his 3D shapes and drawing Australian fauna.



Maximus and River creating delicious sculptural chocolate desserts.



Winogradsky columns microbial ecosystems.



Catching up over Zoom.



Maximus and River experimenting with paper plane designs.

## Altruism Report

Altruism is being kind or helpful without expecting anything in return. Like doing extra dishes, making a care package for one of your friends when they don't feel 100% or mowing the lawn for one of your neighbours. Things like this can lift the mood of someone's day and make him or her feel special and loved.

Yesterday I found out that my neighbour was tired and couldn't go to work as a truck driver because of this, so I made a basket of nice things to cheer her up. These things include:

- Fresh eggs from our chickens
- Passionfruit and lemons from our garden
- Homemade cookies
- Flowers
- Lovely smelling soap
- And a card

When I gave it to her this morning, she was surprised and delighted, this also made me feel brilliant!

Amelia.



## SEE and STEAM with Emmy

STEM/SEE with Emmy

Spring has sprung and the school garden is getting going. Lots of lettuce, mint, strawberries, snowpeas and more self-sown mizuna to pick. The broadbeans are flowering, cabbages almost ready to pick, beans, raspberry and yacon are shooting up. I'm hoping that the kids will be back at school and munching on the awesome produce soon and tending the summer crops.

It's been great to see pictures and hear feedback about what the kids are up to at home. I feel so grateful for the incredible part of the world that we are lucky enough to live in and it fills my heart to know that our kids are not boxed away in suburbia or apartments.

Hopefully when we're all back together we'll be able to share even more stories of adventure and learning. Please join me on Wednesday (10am for the younger kids, 10:30 for Yuruugin/Guruman) for science Zoom sessions.

 Emmy

# Important Notices:

## NSW Health Announcement:

To protect the people of NSW from the evolving COVID-19 outbreak, new restrictions will be introduced for the Byron Shire, Richmond Valley, Lismore and Ballina Shire Local Government Areas, **effective from 6pm today until midnight, Saturday 28 August.**

Following updated health advice from NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant, stay-at-home orders will apply to all people who live in these areas or have been there on or after 31 July.

The rules for these areas will be the same as those already in place across Greater Sydney, as well as Tamworth, Armidale, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Port Stephens, Singleton, Dungog, Muswellbrook and Cessnock.

Everyone in these areas must stay at home unless they have a reasonable excuse to leave. They also cannot have visitors in their home from outside their household, including family and friends.

People still can have one visitor at one time to fulfil carers' responsibilities or provide care or assistance, or for compassionate reasons, including where two people are in a relationship but do not live together.

People also cannot enter the Byron Shire, Richmond Valley, Lismore, and Ballina Shire Local Government Areas, without a reasonable excuse to do so.

We understand this is a difficult time for the community and appreciate their ongoing patience and cooperation. We are asking people not to seek exceptions to the rules, but to ensure they comply with them so we do not see further cases of COVID-19 in the community.

### Stay At Home Rules:

For anyone living in a **locked down area** can only leave your home for essential purposes:

- Obtaining essential goods or services, including healthcare
- Exercising in your local area – it can only be within 10km of your home, and within 10km of your personal trainer's home if you are exercising with a personal trainer
- **Attending essential work or school and childcare for the children of essential workers or vulnerable children**
- Assisting a vulnerable person or family member
- Obtaining a COVID-19 test or vaccination

You should stay within 10km of your home whenever possible, but you can go further to achieve a permitted purpose. Exercise must only be performed within 10km of your home.

Details on these lockdowns can be found on the [NSW Government COVID-19 website](#).

Current as at: Monday 9 August 2021

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## 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. 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.*