



Tunable Falls Community School

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Parent Update:

Term 1 is absolutely flying by and there's still lots more fun to come. This **Thursday, 23 March, is the first Parent Dinner** for the year, serving the famously delicious veggie lasagne with salad and dessert from 5:30pm. Come along to spend some time together, and get in touch with Blossom if you're available to help on the night (0497 800 148).

Garden Day will be next week on **Wednesday, 29 March**, and parent participation is always encouraged. **Please RSVP by Friday, 24 March**, if you can join in for a fun day in the garden and a beautiful, shared lunch prepared by the children.

Budding filmmakers - as part of the upcoming Aquarius 50th celebrations there will be a Youth Film Festival, check your emails for more info.

The inevitable happened - **Pokémon cards have been banned from school time**. I have to say I both chuckled and breathed a sigh of relief when I saw the text message, (sorry kids!) They have proved too troublesome for the teachers to try and manage. I'm sure there's an interesting lesson about barter and trade in there somewhere but the fighting afterwards is just too disruptive.

The soccer gala day at Casino has been rescheduled for Monday, 3 April (first week of our school holidays). If there's still enough interest from students a group of parents will support them to go. See the Sport page of the newsletter.

We will be saying goodbye to the beloved school chickens. The cage needs repair and the chickens will be re-homed for now. Get in touch if you have fantastic chook-fortress-building-skills.

The Family Camp subcommittee have begun planning for the **Spring holiday Family Camp**. Please let the school know if your family plans to come along.



Great use of the creek on a hot afternoon.

If you haven't had an opportunity to **see your child's teacher this term**, book an interview with them. A fabulous way to touch base and see how they are going.

The Committee send out big thanks to all parents participating in Roster Days this term- reclaiming the garden, helping out in the classroom or the library, writing grants and newsletter content, shoppers, launderers, coming in to prepare and cook lunches and dinners, and all the tasks that go along with getting camps back on... This is what makes our school so special.

School Calendar:

- **Term 1 Ends**
Fri, 31 March 2023
- **Term 2 2023 Begins**
Wed, 26 April 2023

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

Committee Meetings:

Thu, 23 March, 3:15pm
Thu, 30 March, 3:15pm
(At school, subject to change)

Parent Dinner

Contact Blossom if you can help with prepping, cooking, or serving.

Thu, 23 March, 5:30pm

Garden Day

Families welcome.

Wed, 29 March

TERM 1 SPORT: Volleyball

Ruben will be organising sport on Fridays. The nets have been set up and the kids are excited about learning a new sport.

AGM: 28 April

All are welcome to attend. Now is a good time to consider if you have the capacity to join the committee.

Drink Bottles:

All children are to bring their own drink bottles.

Especially important on Thursdays for CIRCUS.



Birthdays

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



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.

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/tunableschool%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.

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Buribi & Gooarng (K, Yrs1&2)

Hello families,

It's hard to believe that the first term is already coming to an end. It has been wonderful for the Buribi and Gooarng children to share their learning through the investigations unit where exploration, discovery and wonderment has provided opportunities to build friendships.

The term has included many great opportunities for social and learning experiences, with circus being a great place for self-expression that combines gross and fine motor skills. Other activities included the bush walk on the Mount Matheson Loop (thanks Emmy), garden afternoons, buddy reading and the school camp to Flat Rock. Marley and Aedan have settled into their new school environment with the whole school embracing them and guiding them with not only the 'Buribi way' but the whole school community routines, games, and community outlook.

A big thank you to parents and families who have contributed towards the school this term, both inside and outside of the classroom. It is wonderful to see the garden in action as well as lunches as an option for the children.

If parents and families would like any additional information on home readers or are interested in homework for your child, please see Ishta or Heather.





Yuruugin (Years 3&4)

Hello everybody,

In English, we are working on the 'l' sound, moving onto the 'or' sound towards the end of week 9. We will be writing stories to be published with the theme of 'Two Worlds Meeting'.

Parent Participation:

Seeing as reading groups start at different times in the morning, I am sending out a less time specific invite than in the previous newsletter. Our class is always open to any parents coming to listen to children read during any morning sessions any morning of the week. Even if you have 10 minutes, we can work with that!

For Maths we are looking at number patterns, which involve working out if there is an addition, subtraction, or multiplication pattern in number sequences. Students have been keen to use an interactive number chart to help them solve these types of problems so far to help spot patterns. We will also be looking at chance and data, and time to finish off the term.

In History, we will continue to explore 'two worlds meeting' with the story of William Buckley, an escaped convict who ended up spending 32 years of his life with the Wathaurong people in the early 1800s. He claimed to have seen a bunyip which has created some very interesting discussion amongst our class.



Lastly, **a heads up for next term's camp at Fingal Head in Week 4 on the 17th, 18th and 19th of May**. Details such as time off work, who is driving whom, trailer driving, and such are things that are best given attention sooner than later. We will be combining the camp with the Guruman class.

Thank you all!
Ruben





Guruman (Years 5&6)



In Maths the class has been getting to grips with building and representing complex numbers.



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Permission slips will be going home later this week and we'll be working with parents to organise who is driving whom, trailer packing and driving, and other camp details.



SEE and STEAM with Emmy

SEE/ STEAM highlights

Guruman are gathering momentum and will hopefully have the upcycled chess set ready to play for Garden Day next Wednesday.

Yuruugin have realised that a giant marble run is challenging, and we are rethinking our approach and building resilience and capacity for independent work.

Buribi and **Goarng** are moving into some fun science experiments based around fairytales.

Whole school creek splashes replaced Garden Time on our last sweltering Tuesday afternoon. It is such a blessing to have the beautiful creek. Fingers crossed for a successful Junior Landcare grant to assist us in further regeneration.

The reclamation of the veg garden from the weeds is picking up momentum. Massive thanks in particular to Róisín and Phillip for your efforts.

We have also decided that our wee flock of school chooks need a happier life, and so they will be rehomed while we reconsider keeping animals at school.

Family members are invited to join us for **Garden Day on Wednesday, 29 March**. Your assistance in the morning sessions is really valuable, and after lunch we will be showcasing some of the term's learning. *Please RSVP by Friday, 24 March, if you will join us for lunch.*



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interested in planting some koala
friendly trees on your property.

Nursery Enquiries:
nursery@friendsofthekoala.org





As you are aware the **Soccer Gala Day** was cancelled due to the heat. It has been **rescheduled for Monday, 3 April**. This unfortunately sits inside the first week of our holidays. If your child is still interested in playing, please let René know. I have no doubt there will be enough parent support to get your child there if you can't make it. If you haven't yet filled in your permission form, you will still need to do that to attend.

This is my 8th year here at Tumble Falls Community School, and I never get tired of watching Simon in action. How lucky we are to have such talent in our midst. In addition, we have Sarah and Tanya to support so that we have the full range of circus activities for our children to practice and perform.

Next term sees the school preparing **for Cross Country**. This is a great opportunity to start **RUNNING** :)

If there are parents out there who would like to start or be a part of a morning/lunchtime run club, give me a call (0432 429 296).

I know that Angie started a lunch time running group last year and it was building momentum. It can be as simple as a jog to the Amphitheatre and back, or be inventive. We have a beautiful space to utilise.

Cheers,
Nicole

