



Tunable Falls Community School

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Hello everyone,

Hello and welcome to week 8.. What? Already?!

How are you all feeling about the end of spring? I love some parts of November, with its hot days and long afternoon swims, you can really feel summer and the holidays just around the corner.



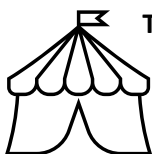
The flip side is all this steamy, gooey humidity, and the relentless



crazy busyness of the last few weeks of term. I'm beginning to look forward to a couple of weeks of no routines and long sleep-ins.

This Term has 10 weeks, so there's still plenty of school activities to be had. This week is the **Swimming Intensive** of course, with the major highlight of a trip to visit the Koalas on Wednesday.

Next Wednesday, the 6th of December, there will be a **Cultural Day Incursion** with Auntie Dolly and Uncle Blue.



The Circus Extravaganza and the End of Year Dinner is next

Thursday the, 7th of December, at the Tuntable Falls Community hall. Arrive at 4:45 for a 5pm start. Dinner is served at 6:30pm, so please feed your kids an afternoon snack before the show.

If you don't have your **child/rens costumes** ready - now is the time.

Check with your child regarding their character if you're not sure:

Circus - clowns, aerialists i.e. leotards, bodysuits and tights, or anything brightly coloured.

Laboratory Assistants - Clipboards, lab glasses and lab coats - four of each required.

Footballers - Football shirts - the kids are sourcing these but if you have a spare, let Simon know.

There are still a few **after-fete jobs** around the school if anyone needs a roster day (hay bale up to garden, pack up the waterslide, take away the second hand clothing etc)



Garden Day will be Wednesday the 13th of December- last one for the year. Please RSVP the school if you're going to come for the day and will stay for lunch; parents are always encouraged to come along.

Friday 15th of December is the last day of school. Reports will be at the office for collecting. Any remaining report cards after the 15th will be posted and emailed to families.



Lastly, a **staff feedback survey** regarding the length of our school holidays has been attached here and also emailed out. Please take the time to let the school know how you feel.

See you all at the Extravaganza Dinner!

Elowyn x

School Calendar:

- **Term 4 Ends**
Fri, 15 Dec 2023
- **Term 1 2024 Begins**
Thu, 1 Feb 2024

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, 30 Nov, 3:15pm
Thu, 7 Dec, 3:15pm
(At school, subject to change)

Cultural Day Incursion:

Wed, 6 Dec

Circus Show & Graduation Dinner

Thu, 7 Dec, 5:30pm

Garden Day:

Wed, 13 Dec
Families welcome! Please RSVP if you'd like to stay for lunch.

TERM 4 SPORT:

Swimming Intensive

- *Week 8, 27-30 Nov*

Ruben is coaching softball skills on Fridays.

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 student on their birthday.
Happy birthday precious possum!



Koala Adoption Update

Our Koala Adoption fundraiser went exceptionally well.
We have exceeded our target of \$100!
The kids have already raised **\$377.55** 😊

Thank you to all the kids who have contributed, especially the Buribi class, who made and sold their very popular fruity icy poles.

With every \$100 the children raise we can support *Friends of the Koalas* by adopting a koala for a year.

You kids are awesome!



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.

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YOUTH THEATRE INTENSIVE



STEP INTO A NEW WORLD THIS SUMMER

BANDJALANG COUNTRY EVANS HEAD

SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS 2-5 JANUARY 2024

PERFORMANCE IN PRACTICE 16 - 21 YEARS
THURS 4 - FRI 5 JAN | 1:30PM - 4PM | \$50

INTRO TO STAGECRAFT 13 - 16 YEARS
TUES 2-WED 3 JAN | 10AM - 4PM | \$80

ONTO THE STAGE 8 - 12 YEARS
THURS 4 - FRI 5 | 10AM - 12:30PM | \$50

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free kids
event

AUDIOBOOK LAUNCH !

COME ALONG TO A
FUN PACKED DAY
WITH LIVE MUSIC,
CRAFT ACTIVITIES
FACE PAINTING,
STILT WALKERS AND
MORE

GET YOUR
COPY

Nimbin Bush Theatre Sunday
December 3rd 11am-2pm
hollytutin.com



Buribi & Goarng (K, Yrs 1&2)



Wow! Here we are at the end of the year. What a wonderful consistent year of learning adventures it's been.

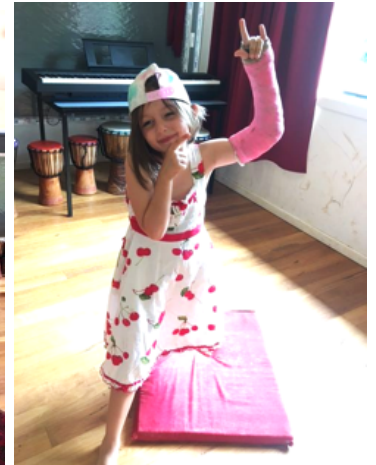
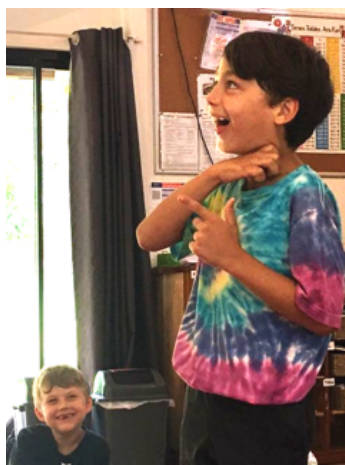
The last four weeks of **Thursday transition afternoons** have been a supportive way for all the kids to feel confident about next year. In the Gooarng transition we've had a fun time writing about and building robots out of clay, with bits and bobs from our tinkering.

With the whole school we've learnt about water safety with the **Beach to Bush lifesavers**.

And, as a combined Buribi/Goarng class enjoyed a **drama enrichment session** with Adjita. The kids played drama games and expressed themselves through improvisation and storytelling. The kids sculpted each other into clay statues, that then came to life picking their nose, growling or expressing what a stubby pencil they are.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our **circus performance and graduation dinner** next Thursday, 7 Dec. Arrive at 4:45 for a 5pm start. Dinner is served at 6:30pm, so please feed your kids an afternoon snack before the show.

Thanks to all for a wonderful year.



Blessings,
Ishta and Ginger



Yuruugin (Years 3&4)

Hello all!

In English, we will branch out in our **persuasive writing** on the topic of “Biodiversity, Here and Near”. Brumbies will still be included, but the option to use a broader persuasive writing text on the topic of ‘biodiversity’ will be an option. For the next two weeks we will be using our scaffold to make our final persuasive writing text, which will then be published in the final weeks.

In our **Sounds Write** program, we have moved onto the **/ai/** and **m/oo/n** sounds. The **/ai/** sound has 53 words, so the students working on that sound will see the year out on that one. The **m/oo/n** students will be in revision mode once the **m/oo/n** sound is cemented.

In **Maths**, we will be looking at ‘**chance**’ in week 9, then shall be in revision mode from then on. We will make our last efforts to remember our flashcards for our times table memorisation, and spending time on our maths mentals.



Our **felting** was fruitful. As we wrap up the year, we will be putting in our final efforts in completing our lamps. The wooden base will likely have the last touches in week 10.

Week 8 is a week with lots of shuffling around with our swimming schedule.

Our final celebration and graduation dinner is on Thursday of Week 9, 7 Dec. Arrive at 4:45 for a 5pm start. Come one come all for our end of year circus spectacular!

Ruben



Guruman (Years 5&6)

Guruman have had a busy and varied couple of weeks with doing a great collection of **Drama activities** with Ajita, learning about coding and the binary number system, and extending on their on-screen formatting experiences with talking heads, interviews, expert panel discussions and poetry readings.

The poetry was part of the **Byron Writers Festival Digital Schools Program** where Guruman were treated to the insightful presentations by Charmaine Ledden-Lewis and Solli Raphael. Solli gave us a very useful structure for writing poetry built on emotional awareness.

The videos of their poems will be available on the school website's Parent Portal. Students are now doing the video recording, directing, editing and auto-cueing themselves, which is very impressive to see.

Charmaine gave us impressive insights into how she **creates movement in her book illustrations** using dots and stick figures. She also showed us her approach to backgrounds for the illustrations, extending on the amazing pastel works that Guruman have done previously.

Preparation for their performance at the **End Of Year Celebrations** is very exciting and they are sounding and looking amazing. Year 5 parents will be cooking the graduation dinner feast on the night, which is even more exciting.



Leaps and Bounds, Guruman!
Joe



SEE and STEAM with Emmy

Alas we didn't make it to Ballina. I was really looking forward to exploring with the kids. Hopefully next year!

Highlights from this fortnight:

- harvesting goodies from the garden to make fancy focaccia with **Guruman**
- finally getting some time in the garden together and beginning to get the weeds in order
- planting trees with the kids and helping them to understand that it is one of the best things we can do for our planet
- exploring ecoprinting with leaves on cotton with **Yuruugin**
- felting with Courtney Heffernan and **Yuruugin**
- making mangrove and seagrass critter cookies with **Buribi/Goaang**
- learning about the Earth, Sun and Moon and their interactions with **Guruman**

Call out for help from families:

- lend a hand weeding in the veg garden. Even half an hour is an enormous help.
- come along to share Garden Day with the kids. Please RSVP if you'll be staying for lunch.
- manure for making compost.

