



Tunable Falls Community School

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Hello everyone!

Hard to believe I'm already writing the last update for the term, it's flown by!

Last day of term is Sept 15th. I for one am beginning to look forward to the holidays - beach time!

For those who don't know already, **we will sadly be losing our LaST teacher, Ochitha, at the end of this term.** Ochitha has brought so much care and energy to all aspects of our school over the past year. We have so much gratitude for all your invaluable input and will miss you deeply. We wish you well on your next chapter filled with warm tropical sunshine and lots of coconuts.

The Spring Garden Day is next Wednesday 13th, all are welcome. Please come and enjoy the feasting. Please RSVP by Monday if you are coming so we have an idea of numbers for lunch.

Family Camp is just a couple of weeks away - September 16th till the 23rd. The family camp takes lots of organising to make it happen. **Please get in touch with the office to put your name down to help out.**

There will be children's artworks on display during the holidays at the Nimbin Town Hall for the **Spring Arts Fair.** Go check them out.

If anyone can, there's a multitude of **bindis** popping up at school that need pulling out. A little here and there can help or in the past some parents have got together for 'bindi and bebies' afternoons while the kids play.

Next term the annual **Fete will be held on the 4th of November.** All parents will need to help out with preparations beforehand and on the day, so start having a think about how you can contribute.

Enjoy these final weeks, see you at the beach!

Elwyn 😊



Book Week snaps

School Calendar:

- **Term 3 Ends**
Fri, 15 Sept 2023
- **Term 4 2023 Begins**
Mon, 9 Oct 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
- **After school supervision ends (undercover area) 3:15pm**

Committee Meetings:

- Thu, 7 Sept, 3:15pm
- Thu, 14 Sept, 3:15pm
(At school, subject to change)

TERM 3 SPORT:

Softball/Athletics

Ruben is coaching softball skills on Fridays.

Guruman: Landscape

Sketching

Thu, 7 Sept.

Garden Day - Wed, 13 Sept.

Families welcome to join us for Garden Day.

RSVP by Monday so we know numbers for lunch.

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 over the holidays.
Happy birthday precious possum!



Koala Adoption Update

Our Koala Adoption fundraiser is going well. The kids have already raised **\$32.85** 😊

Thank you to all the kids who have contributed.
You are awesome!

Every little bit helps us reach our target of \$100.
Please encourage your child if they want to do something to help contribute to the koala fundraiser. This could be anything from a lemonade stand, selling cookies, or even doing a few chores around the house to earn a couple dollars.



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=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

~ ★ Teacher Aide Appreciation ★ ~

Last week we had a small celebration to thank and acknowledge the amazing work that our teacher aides and other non-teacher staff do at our school. Every day our teacher aides support student learning and wellbeing in collaboration with teachers, whether it be in the indoor or outdoor learning environments, small group or individual maths or literacy sessions or during playtimes and before and after school. In the office René and Nina wear many hats in addition to their admin work including dispensing first aid for bumps, scratches, ticks and other bites, and regularly helping children choose colouring sheets at play times with consistent patience and care.



Thank you, Amanda, Cath, Lisa, Jericho, René, and Nina for doing a myriad of jobs every week supporting our students and us with positive energy and a warm smile.

To the whole school community,

I have loved working at Tuntable Falls Community School over the past 2 years. I would like to acknowledge the unique nature of this school that embodies community in such a special way, connecting with and caring for nature and each other.

Thank you to the staff, committee, parents, carers and most importantly the students, for making this school the wonderful learning space it is.

Have a safe and memorable spring holiday!



Buribi & Gooarng (K, Yrs 1&2)

I'm ending Term 3 feeling very proud of the young budding writers in the Gooarng class. They are officially authors after having created and written their own story books. Last week most of the kids got a chance to have a go at publishing their story on a computer, using a simple word or document program. This fortnight we are completing the process and illustrating our books. The kids have all been so engaged in the process, it has been a joy to be part of.

Today we have had a very popular visitor, Banjo, my new young dog. He acted as a reading assistant today in our 'Read to Self' time. The whole class enjoyed his calming presence as they read.

Investigations has recently seen kids trying to set a world record for blowing the tallest bubble tower through a straw, collecting data for graph making, tinkering with an old sewing machine; and today the computer/phone shop was transformed into an animal zoo.

Up we grow,
Ishta





Yuruugin (Years 3&4)

Hello all!

In English, we will be finishing up looking at the 'ew' spelling, and move into looking at the /oi/ sound, which can be spelled either 'oi' or 'oy'. We will also be looking at nouns in detail, specifically the difference between common and proper nouns and thus dialling in our use of capital letters.

In Maths, we will be looking at mass and time. As per usual, we have been working hard on our times table memorization.

Our art-based talismans are receiving their finishing touches for the art show in Spring. Each student will be either entering their 'ojo de dios' or their clay-based amulet.

Parents are welcome to come into the class at any time to view the work we have been putting in all around. I'm very proud of our efforts. For the next two weeks, our narrative writings will be published by the students to show their work in peak presentation form.

Ruben





Guruman (Years 5&6)

It's been a big couple of weeks with some amazing experiences, all following on from Marisha's guidance. Guruman have made some beautiful weavings of jellyfish and juggling balls, using a paper plate loom. They created the loom themselves which involved some detailed geometrical measurements of angles to ensure an even spread of the wrapped yarn. They are all now very capable in the use of protractors for measuring and creating angles between 0 and 360 degrees. The designs look great, and the students have applied themselves diligently to the creation process, some impressive mathematical advances.



Our morning Mindfulness sessions have continued to be insightful and effective, with the class's focus moving to their choice of technique. We have worked with lying, sitting and standing meditation styles, culminating in sessions now in the forest and by the creek, listening to the variety of bird songs and environmental sounds, such a beautiful way to start each day. Over the six weeks that we have so far been practicing, there has been a noticeable improvement in focus and self-awareness.

Speaking of self-awareness, last week we were visited by Jane McGowen from Adoles-sense, who discussed some very awkward but necessary topics. It was so informative that I don't need to discuss it any further, which my class is really happy about. There may be some ongoing questions though over the next few weeks as some very new topics were addressed.

Coming up soon, we have a tour of the local area to sketch landscapes. We will gradually get to know the geographical landforms that surround us. There's lots more but I'll save that for next time.

Joe





SEE and STEAM with Emmy

Highlights from the past fortnight include:

- **silkworms** hatching
- **mushrooms** galore (over 5kg harvested so far)
- **glorious greens** from the garden. The wicking beds are pumping!
- walking through time with **Yuruugin** at Mt Matheson. **Thanks Rom, Adjana and Nicole** for coming with us.
- flipping designs from catapults to trebuchets with **Guruman**. **Thanks, Andy**, for your skills and time.
- cooking up a storm with **Guruman**
- exploring forces in the kitchen, balloons, and paper planes with **Buribi/ Gooarng**



**PLEASE JOIN US NEXT
WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPT,
FOR GARDEN DAY.**

RSVP by Monday
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Requests:

URGENT: old satellite dishes for making mosaic bird baths next Wednesday, 13 Sept.

For Term 4: White cotton/linen or silk clothing for botanical dying (doesn't need to be pristine).

Whooping Cough



1 IDENTIFY

Anyone can get whooping cough but it can be deadly for babies

- Babies and young children can stop breathing or develop severe coughing bouts that end with vomiting or gasping for breath.
- People of all ages can get whooping cough and can spread it to babies.
- Adults often just have a mild cough that lingers.

2 PROTECT

Immunise your baby on time to get the best protection

- Pregnant women should get vaccinated in the third trimester (preferably at 28 weeks).
- Get your baby vaccinated on time at 6 weeks, 4 months and 6 months of age.
- Booster vaccines for children and adults stop whooping cough spreading.

3 PREVENT

Whooping cough spreads quickly when people cough in the early stages of the infection

- If you have symptoms, see a doctor fast and get tested.
- Stay home until you are no longer infectious. Ask your doctor when it's safe to return to work, school or childcare.
- Keep anyone with a cough away from your newborn especially until your baby has had 3 whooping cough vaccines.

NSW HEALTH



For further information visit the NSW Health website
www.health.nsw.gov.au/pertussis

Lismore Children's Library



Richmond Tweed Regional Library
Connect. Discover. Escape.

Opening Monday
4 September!

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Sunday: 1pm - 4pm

Located on the top floor
of Lismore Central
Shopping Centre

