



Tunable Falls Community School

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Parent Update:

Welcome to Term Two! I hope you all return feeling rested and ready for another fun term.

The **Family Workday** on Saturday was a success, despite low numbers the school is looking spick and span. Is there anything more satisfying than a pressure cleaner? I don't think so! Once I began it was very hard to stop. The pic below gives you a bit of an idea of how much fun this job was 😊



Meanwhile, the orchards were mown, the gardens and pathways weeded, classrooms and verandas cleaned, and more. **There are still a few jobs remaining on the list**, so please get in touch if you can spare a few hours to finish them off. (I only completed one pathway – more fun to be had!)

Start of term is a great time to chat to teachers or committee about **Roster Day ideas**. This might be a regular day in the school helping in the classroom, garden or playground, a day in the kitchen preparing lunches, or more random input as projects come up throughout the term. Perhaps you can help after hours or on weekends if that better suits your schedule. Maybe you only have a few hours here and there – your input will always be welcomed. Remember, recording our Roster Days is our responsibility if we want to be credited at the end of term. The roster book is in the office near the sign-in book, make sure you tick off your days as you do them.

I was fortunate to get into the **School of Arts** over the break and see our kids' gorgeous artworks displayed. That chess board blew my mind! Judges were impressed with all the works from the school and **awarded the Children's Art prize of \$500 for the Buribi & Gooarang works "Birds of a Feather"**. The prize will go towards new art supplies for the school.



School Calendar:

- **Term 2 Ends**
Fri, 23 June 2023
- **Term 3 2023 Begins**
Mon, 17 July 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, 4 May, 3:15pm
Thu, 11 May, 3:15pm
(At school, subject to change)

Bug Soup Dinner

Buribi & Gooarang
Tue, 9 May, 5 – 6:30pm

Fingal Head Camp

Yuruugin & Guruman.
Wed-Fri, 17-19 May

Djanbung Garden Excursion

Buribi, Gooarang & Yuruugin
Tue, 23 May

Garden Day

Wed, 14 June

Winter Solstice

Thu, 22 June, 5pm

TERM 2 SPORT: Soccer

Ruben is running soccer drills on Fridays.

Drink Bottles:

All children are to bring their own drink bottles.

Especially important on Thursdays for CIRCUS.

Yuruugin and Guruman classes have a camp coming up 17th-19th May. Parents, think about how you can support our amazing teachers in this. We are so lucky to have their dedication and willingness to go the extra mile and make these camps fun and memorable. There's always plenty to do before, during, and after, and many hands make light work.

The Committee held their AGM on the 28 April. Welcome and thanks to our new and continuing committee members; Melody, Bart, Zach, Adjana and Blossom. You guys make it all possible!

Our annual **Winter Solstice celebration** will be held at the end of term on 22nd June. This special event in our calendar is always a wonderful night of coming together, celebrating our kids and community. **Parent involvement makes it a great night and can start now.** Come help with lantern making, event planning and preparation, cooking, and setup/pack up. **Get in touch** with a committee member or teacher for more info or to offer your energy.

Enjoy this beautiful Autumn while it lasts, Elowyn ☺



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 exciting to be starting Term 2 with the students ready and raring to go!

This term, our shared theme is **Insects**. As well as being the theme for our class learning, Insects will run through our investigation learning, STEAM, SEE and Fionn's teaching day on Fridays.

Our investigations of insects will be threaded through creative arts, literacy and numeracy learning where towards the end of term, we will make an information poster that identifies the distinguishing characteristics of an insect, identify the three main sections of an insect, their habitat and what they eat. If **families** have any insect themed books, samples, or knowledge, feel free to share them with us throughout the term.



We will also start to practice our **Winter Solstice songs** for our end of term celebration. They are catchy tunes; you might find yourself singing along! Recordings and lyrics are available on the school's website under the INFO tab; <https://www.tunablefallsschool.nsw.edu.au/winter-solstice-songs>

Towards the end of term, we will begin to **make our lanterns** for the celebration. We may need some **recycled supplies** for the lantern making, we will keep you posted. Any concerns or queries, please contact Ishta or Heather via the school phone, or via email.

Warm regards,
Heather & Ishta





Yuruugin (Years 3&4)

We are settling back into full swing wonderfully.

We are writing **information reports** this term. '**Micro-worlds Explored**' is the theme. We will be making **Kombucha** in the class, learning about the micro-organisms involved in the fermentation and learning how to structure our own information reports. So far, we have been writing information reports of our choice to see where we are at and starting Week 2 shall see the commencement of Kombucha making. The look into micro-organisms ties well into Emmy's unit on soil health.

The **main sound** for the next two weeks is '**or**'. Every new spelling has a short story that our students read, then they answer 10 simple questions to help them integrate the specific spelling.

In **maths**, for weeks 2 and 3, we are looking at **place value** up to 4-digit numbers for the year 3 students, and 5 digits for the year 4s. We will also be going into strategies to handle different multiplication and division problems.



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Lastly, **this term's camp at Fingal Head in Week 4, 17 - 19 May.**

This is a heads up for any arrangements and logistics that need attending, such as trailer duties, time off work, who is driving whom, etc.

We will be combining the camp with the Guruman class.

Thank you all!
Ruben



Guruman (Years 5&6)

The biggest thing happening for Guruman and Yuruugin this term is the **three-day camp at Fingal Head**, May 17-19. We are still looking **for drivers to take the camp trailer**, so please let me know if you are able to do so. At the camp, we will also need people to run the **kitchen**.

Making History is our focus this term, as an integrated **English/History** unit, examining the structure of non-fiction books, in particular Bruce Pascoe's Young Dark Emu. Students will collect historical artefacts and discuss their importance and relevance to our life. This unit will also be integrated with Emmy's STEM focus where students will build structures described within the Dark Emu text. We have some great new resources for looking at Australian history from indigenous perspectives.

Measurement in the kitchen will be our focus for **Maths**, which will also involve application of the scientific method to get the recipe right. Lots of taste testing involved. As well as working with multiple units of measurement, students will also master the power of division as an operation.

Soccer is our sport focus, with the goals all fixed and ready for play. In **Music**, we are looking at multipart music performances and hopefully performing new pieces at the Winter Solstice celebrations. In **Art**, we are experimenting with colour gradient with a variety of mediums and learning a variety of sketching techniques. In **Drama**, we have already started on **a new play**, the recording of which will be available soon on the school website.

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It's looking like a very busy and fun term.
Joe.



A heads up for next term's camp at Fingal Head in Week 4 on the 17th, 18th and 19th of May.
We will be combining the camp with the Yuruugin class.
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 Happenings

It has been such a great start to the term. A massive **thank you to Blossom** for your efforts in the garden and orchard over the holidays. The vegetable garden is beginning to produce and hopefully we'll soon be using it in school lunches. **Please consider being part of the cooking crew**, it brings so many positives to our school.



Loki showing true Tuntable spirit and skills.

I'm also busy helping to plan for:

- ◆ a Buribi/Gooarng Family evening (9 May 5-6:30pm),
- ◆ the Yuruugin/Guruman camp to Fingal Heads (17-19 May)
- ◆ Buribi/Gooarng/Yuruugin excursion to Djanbung Gardens (Tue, 23 May)
- ◆ Reconciliation Week (Wed 31 May, 9-11am)
- ◆ World Environment Day (5 June)
- ◆ installing wicking beds with Cawdor (6 June)
- ◆ Garden Day (14 June)
- ◆ and the Winter Solstice celebration (22 June).

It would be **wonderful to have parents involved or attending** these activities as they are such special experiences to share with your children.

Or if you have energy to **contribute to the garden**, it is always greatly appreciated!

And of course, you are welcome in any of our SEE/ STEAM classes.

I've only had one teaching day as the newsletter goes to press but there's still highlights:

- ◆ Harvesting bountiful cucumbers with **Guruman** and preparing them to share. Nothing beats kids enjoying fresh fruit and veggies.
- ◆ **Yuruugin** getting their hands dirty testing soil colours
- ◆ **Guruman** opening up to Aboriginal culture and why it's important to learn about our shared history.

We need:

- jars with lids (at least 300ml capacity)
- anyone with enthusiasm, knowledge or skills relating to soil or bugs (arthropods)
- parents to attend camps and events
- biochar
- manure
- wood chips
- corflute



Guruman love the kitchen.



A great day was had in Casino when our students participated in the soccer gala day. The kids had so much fun. Many thanks to the parents that came in support. The day would not have been possible without them.



Sport this term with Rubin will be the all popular soccer on Fridays.

More in our next newsletter.

Nicole ☺

Buribi/Gooarng Timetable Term 2 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
morning	Ishta Wilson, Heather Jessup	Ishta Wilson, Heather Jessup	Ishta Wilson, Heather Jessup	(Note- change of break times) Ishta Wilson, Heather Jessup	Fionn Quinlan Buribi Day Off
9:05-11:00	Investigations (includes Munch & Crunch & guided reading groups 10min each)	Investigations (includes Munch & Crunch & guided reading groups 10min each)	Investigations (includes Munch & Crunch & guided reading groups 10min each)	Circus	History/Geography
Recess 11:00-11:30				10:30-11 Recess	
middle	English	11:30 - 12:15 English	English	English	English -Handwriting 10min Fluency Pairs 10min
11:30-1:00	Maths	12:15 - 1:00 SEE/STEM - Emmy		Maths	Maths - measurement
Lunch 1:00-1:45				12:30-1:15 Lunch	
afternoon	SEE/STEM - Emmy	1:45 - 2:15 Library/Personal Development (Alternate Fortnights) 2:15-2:45 Whole school Sharing circle/ garden time (Alternate Fortnights)	Maths - Hands On	English - Fluency Pairs 10min Art	Sport
1:45-2:45					
Bus/parent pick up					

Numeracy

- 2D shape & symmetry explored through the symmetry found in insects and the natural world.
- 3D shape explored through lantern making.
- Whole number exploration
- Friends of 10, 20, 100
- Skip counting 5's, 2's, 10's, 100's
- Measurement exploration with Fionn on Fridays
- **Buribi** Whole number exploration through games, puzzles, song, blocks, found objects & nature.
- Whole number to at least 20
- Friends of 10
- Describing and comparing length
- Forming groups

Investigations

Investigations is a time for the kids to follow and explore their own ideas in a supported intentional environment.

Areas include:

- dramatic play
- small world play
- construction
- collage
- science and nature
- tinkering
- painting/drawing
- sensory play
- reading

Literacy

- Students will learn about the conventions of information texts.
- Information report writing – students will create informative posters about an insect of their choice, and present to the class.
- In regular daily sessions the students will continue to grow their language skills through word work, guided reading, and targeted grammar and writing sessions.

Buribi

Buribi will share with Gooarng literacy theme. Sharing thoughts and ideas sequencing ideas, responding to text, guided reading, oral language, and word work.

Excursions/Events

- Bug soup dinner 9/5 5-6:30pm
- Djambung Gardens visit 23/5
- Insectarium incursion TBC
- Garden day 14/6
- Winter Solstice 22/6 5pm

History & Geography - Fionn Quinlan

This term students continue to look at connection and place, what it is that makes it special and/or different. We will look at weather and environmental signifiers; the signs evident in plants, animals and insects which we can use to know what time of year it is and what food and medicine may be available.

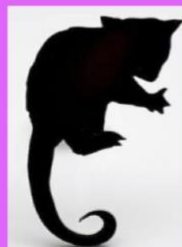
Sport

- Circus
- Ball games and skills

Insect Invasion!

Term 2 2023

Buribi & Gooarng



Science S.E.E - Emmy Jett

This unit has students delving deep into the life cycles, senses, needs and roles of bugs (arthropods, crustaceans, annelids and molluscs). Key questions include: what are bugs? Where do they live? What are their ecological roles? How do humans interact with bugs? They will investigate bugs as pollinators, decomposers, food, pests and soil aerators. Students will conduct bug surveys, research bug biology, create models of lifecycles and bugs and build bug habitat.

Personal Development

- Our differences and how we learn
- 'We are all different fish but in this school we swim together'

Indigenous Perspectives

- Acknowledgment of country
- Bundjalung language from NSW AECG Language App
- National Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June

Art

Insect inspired art

- Symmetrical squish paintings
- Nature insects
- Lantern making for winter solstice celebrations
- Wire and found object insect sculptures

Yuruugin Timetable - Term 2 - 2023

9:00	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
9:05						
9:50	Munch & Crunch	Munch & Crunch	Munch & Crunch	Munch & Crunch	Munch & Crunch	Munch & Crunch
10:00	STEM	Literacy	STEM	STEM	Numeracy	Literacy
10:30						
11:00	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
11:30	Literacy	Numeracy	Literacy	Literacy	PE: Circus	Numeracy
12:00	Numeracy	Numeracy	Numeracy	Numeracy	PE: Soccer	Numeracy
12:30						
1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:45	HSIE	Gardening/ Buddy Reading	PDHPE	CAPA: Visual Arts	CAPA: Visual Arts	CAPA: Music with Joe
2:00						
2:45						
	Literacy 30%	Numeracy 25%	Science & Tech (SEE & STEM 11%)	PDHPE 11%	CAPA 9%	HSIE 9%

Numeracy

- Place value: 4 and 5 digit numbers
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and decimals
- Money
- Patterns and algebra
- 2D Space
- Position
- Data and chance

Fast Math Program, Targeting Math Program/ workbooks, resources and games.

Literacy

Information Reports

This unit involves constructing information reports explaining the details of fermentation, and also the foods that are created through fermentation.

Resources: Birrung the Secret

www.happybellyfish.com: 'Best Fermented Foods from Around the World.' – The first resource that leads on to further resources on fermented foods around the world.

*Create an information report on a fermented food of choice.

Sounds Write decodable readers, classroom books, handwriting books and Phonics Sounds-Write Program

Term 2, 2023 Overview for The Yuruugin Class: Year 3 & 4



Micro Worlds Explored

Excursions, incursions /Events

- Whole school camp Fingal Head 17th, 18th and 19th May. Week 4
- Djanbung Gardens on Tuesday 23/5.

History & Geography

We will look at fermented foods from around the world. From miso paste in Japan, to Sauerkraut across Europe, we will look at the different fermented foods from different cultures. We will look at the cultural significance of these foods and the places they are from. We will make kombucha in the class.

Sport /PDHPE

- **Circus:** Thursdays, 11am-12:30pm
- **Values:** Curiosity, Kind Heartedness & conscientiousness
- **Soccer**

Science and Technology (Emmy Jett)

S.T.E.A.M

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics).

Soil science:

- Soil. What makes it healthy and why is it important.
- Micro-organisms. What they contribute to soil ecology.
- Aerated worm compost tea. An explosion of micro-organisms will be made to turbo-charge the life in soil.

Indigenous Perspectives

Traditions in Cultures:

The Palawa people in Tasmania made a beverage that used micro-organisms to ferment sugars in a drink called way-a-linah. We will look at what we know about the plant used in this beverage, and also native plants around Australia that have fermentable sugar content.

Creative and Performing Arts

Visual Arts:

- Lanterns for lantern parade.

These will be mixed media

- Bamboo
- Paper
- Paint

Drama:

- Play reading from Countdown and various improvisational drama activities

WEEKLY TIMETABLE for GURUMAN Term 1, 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
morning					
9:05-11:00	English (JL) 60min Munch & Crunch (5min)	English (JL) Sustainable Environment Education (EJ) Munch & Crunch (5min)	English (JL) Munch & Crunch (5min)	Maths Focus (JL) Munch & Crunch (5min) Morning Tea 10:30-11	English (JL) Munch & Crunch (5min)
middle					
11:30-1:00	Sustainable Environment Education (Science, HSIE) (EJ)	Maths Focus (JL)	Sustainable Environment Education (Science, HSIE) (EJ)	English (JL)	Maths Focus (JL)
afternoon					
1:45-2:45	CAPA - Music (JL)	Sustainable Environment Education (Science, HSIE) (EJ)	Sustainable Environment Education (Science, HSIE) (EJ)	Lunch 12:30-1:15 Circus (PE) (JL)	CAPA - Art (JL) PE / Sport (RD) 60 min

KLA Colour Key: Maths =4hmin(19%) English 6hr30min(24%) Science/HSIE 5hr30min(32%) PDHPE 3hr30min(16%), CAPA 2hr (9%)

Total Class Time: 22 hrs

Teachers: JL - Joe Landers. EJ - Emily Jett, RD - Ruben Davis

Numeracy

Maths in Micro

- Maths for Really Small Things
- Conquering Division
- Place Value at the creek
- Rocking with Multiplication and Division
- Factors and Multiples boardgames
- Measurement in Cooking in Cooking

Fast Maths program, Targeting Maths Books and various learning activities and games.

Literacy

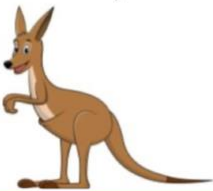
Making History

- Non-Fiction text structure
- Historical Objects / Artifacts
- Historical Perspectives
- How to be a Historian

Book Journals:

- Chapter Summary
- Character Development
- Plot Development
- Setting Development

Term 2, 2023 Overview for Guruman Class: 4/5/6



Perspectives

Excursions, incursions /Events

- Garden Day
- Winter Solstice
- Excursion to Fingal Head

History & Geography

- History of Colonial times from Indigenous Perspectives

Sport /PDHPE

- **Circus with Simon and Sarah**
- **Class games-** Soccer with Ruben

S. T. E. A. M

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics. and

S. E. E

(Sustainability and Environmental Education)

(Emmy Jett)

SEE/STEM with Emmy

The overall focus for Guruman students this term is to strengthen their personal skills, confidence, engagement and relationships while deepening and broadening their understanding of sustainability, science and the world through collaborative projects including:

- creating structures similar, but in miniature, to the indigenous structures that were in existence in European settlement
- **cooking** delicious and nutritious Mexican inspired **class lunches on Mondays**
- exploring the wonders, history, health, biodiversity and beauty of **Our Creek**

As part of their SEE/STEM time Guruman will also participate in **cross-school activities-** Garden Time, Buddy Reading, Sharing Circle, the Flatrock Camp, Harmony Day and Garden Day.

Creative Arts

In music, we will be exploring how to play music as an ensemble where there are different parts interacting in a musical conversation.

We will investigate how to create gradient in colour with a variety of medium.

YOUTH ART EXHIBITION



The Young Ones 'Rivers & Rainbows'

Thursday 11th May - Sunday 21st May
2023

Blue Knob Hall Gallery

Art Supply Prizes

We Invite Young Artists Of The
Northern Rivers

(Categories : Under 12s, 13-15, 16-18)

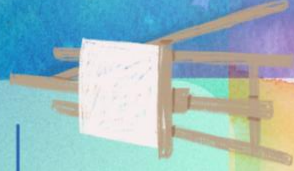
Opening Sunday 14th May 2:30pm
With Refreshments by BKHG Cafe

Performance by The Blue Knob Choir

Artwork in on Sunday 7th May 9:30-3pm
Prizes drawn Saturday 20th May @ 11am

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 Blue Knob Gallery



FAMILY FETE & BACK-YARDERS MARKET



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Saturday May 20th 2023
08:30 - 12:30

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 - Exhibition Prize Awards •
- Crystal Hunt • Nature Crafts • Fairy Gardens •
 - Fete Fun & Games • CWA Stall •

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