School Stream App
Tumbulgum PS has recently signed up for “School Stream.” This will improve the way we communicate with parents and is in response to the growing and ongoing digital communication needs of our school community. School Stream delivers real-time information directly to parents on their mobile devices providing instant access to events, news, sport updates, newsletters, school travel information and much more. A detailed explanation of how to download the app to your iPhone, iPad or Android phone is attached. Our fortnightly newsletter can now be viewed on:
- School Stream App
- www.tumbulgum-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
- emailed to your personal address

As such, parents will now need to OPT IN to receive a paper copy of our newsletter. Please complete and return the slip attached to let us know if you would like to continue receiving paper copies.

Rural & Remote Grant
Last year, I mentioned at our Vision & Strategic Directions parent meetings that I had applied for a $20,000 DEC Rural & Remote Grant. I am extremely pleased to inform you that we were successful in our application! This is a joint application with Tyalgum PS and Manifold PS.

The project, “The 4Cs (Creativity, Communication, Critical Thinking & Collaboration) in 21st Century Teaching, Assessment & Leadership” has two purposes.

1. All members of the learning alliance will be trained to utilise mentoring and coaching as strategies to improve 21st century classroom teaching practice and leadership skills.
2. The learning alliance will be focusing on enhancing 21st Century skills in classroom teaching, learning and assessment.

This project will look at ways to teach and assess the 4Cs in our students. We will be working extensively with staff from the other schools as well as the DEC’s High Performance Unit in Sydney in order to achieve our purpose.

Additionally, our Year 5/6 students will be involved in an international study aimed at assessing online, problem solving and collaboration skills. It is important to note that Tumbulgum PS is one of only 100 schools in Australia chosen for this study!
**Student Reporting Processes**
As part of our 3 year Strategic Plan we are currently reviewing our reporting processes at Tumbulgum PS. This is to ensure we comply with DEC protocols, new syllabi and also to reflect our work with John Hattie’s Visible Learning research and 21st century learning. We are currently reviewing our;
- Report format
- 3 way conferences (Personalised Learning Plan meetings)
- “I Can….“ evidence folder

Staff are currently working on a new student report format that will be supported by a student work evidence folder. We believe the “I Can….“ evidence folder will enable students to take greater responsibility for their learning. The use of “I Can….“ statements in the classroom and the folder will enable students (and parents) see what they can do and where they need to go next.
We believe the student “I Can….“ evidence folder will give a more holistic picture of each child’s overall learning and growth as a whole person. We will be holding 3 way conferences (student/parent/teacher) in Weeks 1 & 2 of next term where students will show and discuss with parents their “I Can….“ evidence folder.

**Late to School**
Staff have noticed this term that a number of students are arriving late to school. This is disruptive to both their learning and the learning of others. It is important that students follow our “Be Prompt” school value. I ask for your cooperation in this matter.

**“Tell Them From Me” Student Feedback Survey**
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.
A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students in Yrs 4-6.

If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 6th March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

A “Tell Me From Me” survey for parents and staff will be conducted in Term 3, 2015

**Small Schools Choir**
Last Thursday, interested students in Years 4, 5, and 6 were given extensive information regarding auditions for the Small School’s Choir. The audition will occur this Thursday at Murwillumbah PS. I hope that our students will take the opportunity to be involved in such a wonderful experience that they will remember forever. Good luck to all those involved!

**Byron Bay International Film Festival**
**Tuesday 10th March - Years 3-6 Excursion**
Next week, students from Years 3-6 will travel to Murwillumbah Regent Theatre to view the Byron Bay International Film Festival. This will tie into their literacy work on multimedia texts. Another fabulous opportunity for our students.
A special thank you to the P&C who will be paying the FULL cost of the bus travel.

**Clean Slate - Playground Mural**
**Local Artist - Samantha Wortlehock**
This Thursday, a local artist, Samantha Wortlehock, will work with our students to gain their ideas and opinions on a school mural to be painted near the entrance of our school. The mural will reflect the local Tumbulgum area, including the Tweed and Rous Rivers, Mt Warning and wildlife.
We hope the mural will provide a more attractive and welcoming appearance to the entrance area of our school.

**Far North Coast Cricket Trials**
2 weeks ago Lilly tried out for the Far North Coast Girls Cricket Team at Mullumbimby. She was successfully selected as a reserve for this team. Well done, Lily! It is always wonderful to see students making the most of every opportunity offered to them.

**Free autism workshop for families in Tweed Heads**
Like all school aged students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and full time carers in our local community.

Details for the upcoming 2 day workshop:
**Dates**: March 24 and 25th 2015
**Venue**: Twin Towns Club & Resort
**Cost**: FREE- including resources, lunch, morning tea and refreshments.

Full details and online registrations at www.positivepartnerships.com.au This workshop is funded as part of an Australian Government Department of Education initiative to support school age children with ASD across Australia.

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Ride to School Day - Friday 13th March
We would love for all our students to participate in this healthy lifestyle activity. Students can ride their bike or scooter. Helmets should be worn. Students (and parents) should meet Mrs Rowsell and Mrs King at the beginning of the footpath on Riverside Drive (bridge end) at 8:30am. We will then all ride to school along Riverside Drive.

Mrs Faith Bandler
We were saddened to hear of the passing of a local identity, Mrs Faith Bandler. One of our Tumbulgum PS sporting houses is named in honour of Mrs Bandler. The following message was sent to all NSW Public Schools by the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, Protocol and Special Events Unit.

Mrs Faith Bandler (1918 - 2015)
"A State Funeral Service for Mrs Faith Bandler AC will take place on Tuesday 24 February 2015, in the Great Hall, University Place, The University of Sydney, Sydney, New South Wales.

In 1997, Mrs Bandler was awarded the Human Rights Medal and in 2003 she received a Centenary Medal. Mrs Bandler was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1984 in recognition of service to Aboriginal welfare. In 2009, Mrs Bandler was made a Companion of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to the community through the advancement of human rights and social justice, and by raising public awareness and understanding of the cultural heritage of South Seas Islanders, and to women’s issues.

Samantha Rowsell
Principal

Upcoming Events
Murwillumbah/Tweed Winter Sport Trials
Thursday 12th March
Students 8 years and over may try out for a place in the district team for rugby league, football (soccer) and hockey. Please ask at the school office for a permission note.

Murwillumbah ANZAC Day March & Service
Saturday 25th April 10:00am
Tumbulgum PS students are invited to march under the school banner in full school uniform. Students should meet Mrs Rowsell outside the Murwillumbah Post Office at 10am.

P&C News
Welcome to those new parents who became members of the P&C at our last meeting. I look forward to some new and exciting ideas from you. Remember that our AGM will be held on Tuesday 24th March. All positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will need to be filled. I encourage all parents to come along and get involved.

Election Day Stall Fundraiser
Saturday 28th March
Once again the P&C will hold a stall on Election Day. We are looking for volunteers to man the stall starting at 8.00am and finishing at 1.00pm. A roster will be put together at a later date with the time slots needed to help out.

We will also be looking for non-perishable items for a raffle hamper. It would be much appreciated if you could drop these grocery items off at the school office. Baked goods always sell out quickly on Election Day and I know voters look forward to purchasing yummy cakes and condiments. If there are any parents who can bake items to sell at the stall it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember that all baked items must have the ingredients listed. The P&C have labels for those parents needing them.

Thank you,
Alicia Morgan-President

Voluntary Contributions
Contributions are now due and an account is attached to this newsletter.
$35 per student
$50 per family

Canteen
The House of Gabriel has new owners and we are pleased to say that they would like to continue providing the school lunches. A menu is attached.

School Photos
Attached to this newsletter are the School Photographer envelopes. If you order a pack you will receive a class photo. If you require a whole school photo you will need to order the ‘Group Only’ photo. Family envelopes have been sent home to those parents with more than one child.
Vegie Prices dropped 10% since last year, according to the CPI. There’s never been a better time to increase your family’s vegetable consumption.

- Send carrot sticks, cauliflower or sugar snaps for Crunch & Sip
- Add grated carrot and mixed lettuce to lunch sandwiches or wraps
- Aim for at least one yellow AND a green vegetable on your dinner plate
- Half the plate should be yellow and green vegetables, a quarter meat/ fish/ chicken/ lentils/ beans and a quarter starchy potato/ rice/ pasta.
- Add grated or chopped vegetables to pasta sauces, stews and casseroles
How to get the school stream app on your mobile device

iPhone / iPad iOS 7.x - 8.x

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store search for School Stream
2. Tap the FREE button to the right of the School Stream listing
3. Tap the INSTALL button
4. Enter your iTunes password & tap OK
5. Wait for the install icon to change to OPEN
6. Tap the OPEN button
7. You will be prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select OK
8. Start typing your school name into the search then SELECT your school

Android / Tablet

1. From your mobile device go to the Play Store search for School Stream
2. Tap the School Stream listing
3. Tap the INSTALL button
4. Tap the ACCEPT button
5. Wait for the app to install then tap the OPEN button
6. Start typing your school name into the search then SELECT your school
7. Tap the DONE button in the top left
How Do You Receive Your Newsletter?

If you wish to continue receiving your newsletter as a paper copy from your child each week (we will give it to the eldest child at school), please indicate below.

If we do not hear from you, you will need to access the newsletter via
- email
- on the school website
- via School Stream.

If you are not receiving the newsletter by email and wish to do so, please return the slip below with your email address.

Yours sincerely,
Samantha Rowsell
Principal

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☐ I wish to continue receiving paper copies of the weekly newsletter.

☐ I would like to have the newsletter emailed to me each week.

My email address is: ____________________________

Parent Name: ____________________________