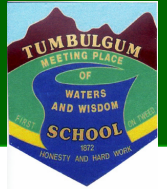


Tumbulgum Public School

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School Calendar

18/11	P & C Meeting 1:30pm
20/11	Kindergarten Orientation Day 2
25/11	Netball Gala Day
27/11	Kindergarten Orientation Day 3
3/12	PSC Ambassador visit
9/12	Combined Christmas Celebration co-ordinated by the Uniting Church
14/12	Year 6 Dinner / Presentation
16/12	Last day of term for students
17/12	Staff Development Day
18/12	Staff Development Day

Sports Ambassador to visit Tumbulgum School

Through our commitment to the Premier's Sporting Challenge, we will receive a visit from a sports ambassador associated with the program. Susan Pratley, one of the fabulous members of the NSW Swifts Netball Team, will visit our school to make some presentations and offer a coaching clinic for the students. This is great news for our school. Susan will be visiting on the afternoon of the 3rd December.

School Review enables school targets to be set

Thank you to the families who took the time to complete the surveys that were recently sent home. Your input into our review process really does help to make positive changes to our school.

This afternoon at the P & C meeting I held a forum to discuss resources within the school. Participants at the forum saw first hand how we manage the purchase, selection, use and maintenance of resources. Questions were then posed around those criteria as well as to see if the school provides engaging resources for students in the various Key Learning Areas. The P & C were also asked what type of resources they would like to see more of in the school. Responses from this forum will provide data for future direction in resource purchasing at the school.

A detailed outline of the findings of both the survey and the forum will be documented in the 2009 Annual School Report.

Values Education provides Six Kinds of the Best

This week Judy Parker and I have been working on the design of a new values program that marries well with our **Caring About Responsibility Education** program. The program is based on the following 'Six KINDS of the Best:'

1. Be KIND to yourself
2. Be KIND to others
3. Be KIND to the environment
4. Be the learning KIND
5. Be the achieving KIND
6. Be the community KIND

A scope & sequence has been developed to provide our students with lessons around these concepts. Posters, a student book and a parent booklet is also in the process of being developed. Parents will be fully informed about the components of the program as the design process continues.

School Netball Gala Day

For those students who have been selected to compete in the school netball team for the Gala Day on 25th November at Murwillumbah, a note is attached to this newsletter. The Gala Day is from 10am -2pm. A bus has been ordered for the day and will cost \$6:00 per student. All students must travel on the bus so we don't make a loss on the excursion. Please complete the permission slip and return it to school by this Friday. Students should ensure that they have recess and lunch, plenty of water, sunscreen and a hat. Full sports uniform is to be worn. The supervising teacher for the excursion will be Helen Hunt. Students in the netball teams are: Janayah Browne, Jaycob Hall, Nic Andreas, Charrissa Birtwell, Joshua Harper, Bree Percy, Jayden Yates, Emma Matsuto, Tomas Bartlett-Swales, Ben Hewitt, Jack Jeffery, Miranda Knight, Georgia Carter, Jessie Hingerty, Georgia Percy and Samantha Rossall.

Students inspired by a study of mythical creatures

Students in Oxley and Rous classes have been delving into the world of mythical creatures as a catalyst for their writing. Some great narratives have been written after story characters have been developed through art. Each narrative includes the central figure of a dragon and another mythical creature. Students have come up with some great descriptive language whilst constructing their settings, character traits and narrative problems and resolutions. We are about to review writing across the school but anecdotal evidence already demonstrates that our students have their fingers on the pulse. Being taught to be creative thinkers obviously assists in students becoming effective writers.

Some extracts from student writing include:

'...The ugly dragon was covered in moles. It had curly teeth, a fat belly and a really big roar....' Jayden (yr 4) and Samuel P (Yr 2).

'...Once in the deepest darkest forest, there was a gloomy castle covered in vines and thorns....' Matilda (Yr 3) and Kaitlyn (Yr 3).

'...The swamp is thick with sticky brown mud. Below the trees, is a house made of straw and tree roots. When Shrek walked out of the house the ground shook so everyone could feel it....' Samuel D-T (Yr 4) and Olivia (Yr 3).

'...This creature was named the one and only.....Spikester. He was known to loom around underwater caves and swim over the magical coral reefs and gorgeous, stunning fish of the ocean. They were swimming as if there was no end to this magnificent ocean....' Sarah-Jane (Yr 6)

'... Once upon a time there was a very, very feared creature, who was known to have the eyes of an eagle, the speed of a cheetah, the horns of a bull, the strength of an elephant, the fangs of a snake and the camouflaging skills of a chameleon. Emma (Yr 4)

'... Long ago as legend foretold, the world was ruled by dragons, big, small and fierce. Each dragon had a significant meaning. But there was one dragon that all the others were jealous of and his name was Sky. He could change colour like a chameleon but he usually stayed blue and he had giant wings with golden horns at the ends of them...' Georgia C (Yr 6)

Building Upgrades

I have recently ordered two tub chairs for the foyer with National School Pride money. These should arrive within the next few days.

The schematics for the new building have also arrived and these were presented to the P & C this afternoon.

I would also like to thank John Forbes from *Forbes Metal Roofing Systems* for kindly donating and installing new gutterguard on our C.O.L.A. Our school receives wonderful support from the wider community which we very much appreciate.

The new security lighting installed by Graham Stannard is also fantastic. Thank you to the P & C who have generously donated the money for this item. The security lighting makes a difference to keeping our site secure but also provides lighting for night functions held by the school.

Staff Changes

Mr Pritchard is currently away on long service leave until 3rd December. He is being replaced by Mr Quin.

Vicki Tolhurst
Principal

P & C News

School Fundraiser

The P & C Association has registered the school in a fundraising program with Identity Direct. Their Christmas catalogue was attached to last weeks newsletter. You can also browse and order from their website. The P & C receives a cheque for 20% of every order **as long as the school's unique code is included in your order**. This is an ongoing programme so if you have already done your Christmas shopping, think about the back to school items you will need in January and have a look at their great range of personalised labels, pens, textas and pencils.

Canteen Roster

Friday 20th Nov – A Perkins & J Radburn
Red Food Day

Friday 27th Nov – J Radburn & C Blackshaw
Friday Filler – Chicken & gravy roll, fruit jelly cup

RED FOOD DAY

Canteen Menu - Friday 20th November

Pies (beef or chick & veg)	\$2.40
Humble Pie cheese & spinach rolls	\$2.50
Sausage rolls	\$2.20
Party Pies	\$0.80
Tempura Fish Bites	\$0.40 or 6 for \$2.20
Chicken Nuggets	\$0.40 or 6 for \$2.20
Potato Smiles	\$0.25 or 6 for \$1.40

The regular menu is also available