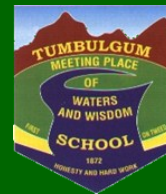


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Term 4 Week 8 – 24th November 2014

Principal: Mrs Samantha Rowsell

2015-2017 School Planning - Strategic Directions

Thank you to the parents that were able to come along to our meeting. As a result the school now has its Vision Statement for 2015-17 and two of the three Strategic Directions.

Vision Statement 2015-17

Tumbulgum Public School is a leader in the delivery of inclusive 21st Century Education. It is a vibrant school that possesses strong leadership of staff and students with active, ongoing collaboration of the community. Staff continuously engage with world class professional learning to create 21st century citizens.

Strategic Direction 1

Develop 21st Century citizens with a mastery of core academic subjects within dynamic learning environments.

Purpose:

21st century citizens possess a mastery of core academic subjects and personal and interpersonal skills including:

- creativity & innovation
- critical thinking and problem solving
- communication and collaboration
- flexibility and adaptability
- initiative and self-direction
- social and cross cultural skills
- productivity and accountability
- leadership and responsibility
- information, media and ICT literacy

Strategic Direction 2

Staff & leaders collaborate within and across learning communities to build their individual, and the professions collective capability, to personalise programs and develop 21st century practices.

Purpose:

A performance and development culture will exist that is characterised by a clear focus on improving 21st C teaching and leadership. Staff will know what is expected of them, receive frequent, useful feedback and access high quality support to improve the individual and collective capabilities of the profession.

2015 International Pilot Study

At the school planning meeting I mentioned an international study being conducted next year that will seek to assess problem solving skills and the extent to which a student is able to collaborate (a 21st Century skill). I am very pleased to announce that Tumbulgum PS, in consultation with the DEC's High Performance Unit, will participate in this international study next year, one of only 100 schools in Australia to do so. This is an exciting opportunity for our students and staff to be on the cutting edge of research into this area of education and shows we are already working towards our vision for Tumbulgum PS.

TERM 4	
Week 8	24th November - 28th November
Monday	2015 Kindergarten Transition 9am - 3pm
Tuesday	P&C Meeting 7.00pm
Thur/Friday	Yr3-6 Sunshine Coast / Brisbane excursion
Week 9	1st December - 5th December
Monday	2015 Kindergarten Transition 9am - 3pm
Wednesday	Christmas Celebration 11.30am (by Tweed Coast Uniting Church)
Friday	K-2 Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary excursion-\$23.50
Week 10	8th December - 12th December
Thursday	Yr 6 Farewell Dinner (5:00 - 6:30pm) K-6 Presentation Night 6.30pm
Friday	K-6 Fun Day Red Food Day
Week 11	15th December - 19th December
Wednesday	Last day for students K-6 Ringing of the bell 2.45pm
2015	
Week 1	26th January—30th January
Monday	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday	Staff Development Day
Wednesday	First day for Year 1—6 students
Thursday	First day for Kindergarten students

Tweed Children's Christmas Celebration - 3rd December

On Wednesday, 3rd December, our school will once again host the Children's Christmas Celebration. We are one of eleven public schools to host this Tweed community initiative, in its eighth year.

The whole school program will include three learning centres, celebratory songs, activities and craft with the theme "Christmas Lights" that will include references to Christ and Christmas. There is no cost. If you do not wish your child to attend please let your child's teacher or the school office know.

Presentation Night & Year 6 Farewell Dinner Thursday 11th December

Please be advised that we have had to change the date of the Yr 6 Farewell Dinner & Presentation Night. Some of our senior students have a sporting event on the Wednesday and so it was necessary to change the date. We hope this won't cause any inconvenience.

Yr 6 Farewell Dinner 5:00pm

Students from Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to this event. They will have dinner with staff at The House of Gabriel starting at 5:00pm. The cost of the dinner is \$20.00 and should be paid to the school office.

Presentation Night 6:30pm

Following the Yr 6 Farewell Dinner, we will hold our Tumbulgum PS Presentation Night in Mrs Rowsell's classroom. This night involves annual awards, presentations from both classes and the cutting of the Yr 6 cake. All students, along with parents and families are invited to attend. The evening usually concludes at approximately 8pm.

Fun Day Friday 12th December

As the name suggests this day is about fun! Students can wear "mufti" on this day. Following recess on this day, students have class parties and a video. Each child is asked to bring in a plate of party food (no lollies or fizzy drinks please) to share with their class mates.

After lunch, students put on swimmers with rash shirts and participate in "water play" with the teachers. Students are reminded to bring a towel and plastic bag for wet swimmers! All these events occur at school and there is no cost.

The Rugby League Clinic started last week and runs for 3 weeks



Children enjoyed the Swimming Program



Yr 3 to 6 Sunshine Coast Camp

We request that students be at school by 8.15am. The bus will depart at 8.30am sharp. Please be mindful when packing that all students must be able to carry their own luggage, sleeping bag and pillow on and off the bus.

We expect to arrive back in Tumbulgum on Friday afternoon at approximately 5.00pm NSW time.

K- 2 Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Excursion 5/12/14

Thank you to those parents who have already returned the permission slip and money for this excursion. The bus will depart school at 9.15am and return by 3.00pm. Students must be in full school uniform and have their broad brimmed hat, sunscreen and enough food and water for the day. The cost is \$23.50.

Samantha Rowsell
Principal



Value Awards—Week 6



Connor	Being involved
Zhaine	Being prepared
Natasha	Being prompt
Ben W	Being respectful
Chloe-May	Being responsible

Weekly Awards—Week 6



Ethan H	Improvement in mathematics
Zac	Excellent application to ICT tasks
Riley	Great effort and enthusiastic approach to maths
Lachlan	Working well in writing
Estella	Fantastic work in mathematics



Kindy Transition

Please ensure all library books are returned to school as soon as possible for stocktake. Borrowing has now ceased for the year. Thank you.

Please support the Tumbulgum Community Chest raffles on Friday nights at the Tumbulgum Tavern

Canteen

Friday 28th November

Regular Menu

Friday 5th December

Regular Menu

All food provided by the House of Gabriel

P&C News

Please come along to our next P&C Meeting tomorrow night, Tuesday 25th November at 7.00pm.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to food shop on a budget

Here are our 5 top tips for saving money at the checkout:

1. Create a weekly menu plan
2. Write a shopping list according to the menu plan + stick to it!
3. Compare unit pricing - often you will be able to save a lot of money this way
4. Buy fruit and vegetables that are in season- this can save you up to 35% than other times of the year- or buy canned/frozen where fresh is not available
5. Limit your purchases of processed snacks/meals - these are often unhealthy and expensive



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FUNDRAISER FOR MYA

Saturday 13th Dec 2:00-9:00pm
TWEED RIVER JOCKEY CLUB
Racecourse Rd, Murwillumbah 2484



Mya Hurst is a 15 year old girl who has been diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, a very rare connective tissue disorder which restricts her body's ability to produce collagen, the material which provides physical strength to ligaments, joints, muscles, skin, blood vessels and visceral organs. The condition causes severe pain and THERE IS NO CURE.



FAMILY FUN DAY

- ★ Children's entertainment supplied by Mad Sports
- ★ Henna Tattoo/Face Painting
- ★ Activity & Craft Tables
- ★ Jumping Castle
- ★ Silent Auctions/Raffles
- ★ Hot Food, Cakes & Coffee
- ★ Live Music by Local Bands
- ★ Licensed Bar

Admission: \$5 per family
Single entry, gold coin donation

Further enquiries: Eryn Young 0422 264 086

A crowd funding website has been set up at www.mycase.com.au (search for Mya)

NATIONAL HORSE & PONY RESCUE TRUST
Presents
Charity Movie Night
DESPICABLE ME 2
22nd November 2014
Brothers Leagues Club, Dorothy St Murwillumbah
Gates open 6.30pm Movie starts at 7.30pm
Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 for a family pass
There will be a 6 x 4 meter outdoor movie screen, pre movie entertainment for the kids, sausage sizzle, snacks and raffles
Please bring your own mats, bean bags and chairs
All of the night's proceeds will go to the National Horse and Pony Rescue Trust's rescue and rehabilitation programs



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INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - Australia's leading parenting educator

Making the most of these holidays

Often family differences are contained during the year but spill over when normal routines cease over the holiday period.

You don't need an instruction manual to make the most of the school holidays. After all, holidays are about kicking your feet up, relaxing and getting away from the usual routines. Right?

But the festive season can be stressful for many. For parents the prospect of keeping children occupied for up to six weeks can be daunting.

Christmas can also be a difficult and lonely time for some. Sole parents and step-parents usually experience particular challenges at this time of the year as family catch-ups cause conflict, and disputes can arise over who children spend their time with.

Often family differences are contained during the year but spill over when normal routines cease over the holiday period.

Here are some ways to help reduce tension over the festive season and make the holiday season enjoyable and fruitful for all:

1. Be creative with how festivities are organised.

If you are flexible with your arrangements as well as your thinking then the potentially tricky times will flow more easily. For instance, two or more Christmas dinners may be needed so everyone is included.

2. Mix up the routines.

The best part about holidays is the change from the routines of school-life. Some kids feel comfortable with the routines of school-life and can feel a little lost until the new holiday routine kicks in. Be patient with these routine-junkies! Also make sure you begin adjusting the routine as returning to school comes closer so kids are prepared for going to bed and getting up at earlier times.

3. Mix 'me' time with 'them' time.

Plan a mixture of outdoor activities or trips with quiet at-home activities where you can relax and recharge your own batteries. The holidays give you a chance to spend time as a family but you also need to take some time for yourself each day. It helps to let your kids know that you are having some timeout too.

4. Resist being your child's home entertainment machine.

Give children opportunities to keep themselves occupied or think of inexpensive, fun ways to keep themselves amused. "I'm bored" is an invitation for kids to keep themselves occupied rather than for you to keep them amused.

5. Team up with other families.

Whether it is sharing celebrations with other families or just holidaying with friends, holidays offer the chance to broaden your child's social circle.

Make sure you provide the three types of activities that children want with their parents – i.e. **rituals and celebrations**, including family mealtimes; **one-on-one activities** where you spend some time alone with each child; and **unstructured, impromptu activities** such as playing simple games, story-telling and walks around the neighbourhood. These are important relationship-building activities that bind families together and enable you to build up emotional collateral with kids as they move into adolescence.



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