Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all our children on the fantastic effort to promote our Book Week Parade last week. The children looked fantastic and the teachers excelled. I would like to thank all of the parents for supporting this initiative and personally thank Mrs Ryan (Dr Suess) for all her hard work. Attached to this Newsletter is a small selection of the photo’s taken on the day. We trust you will enjoy them.

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Next Tuesday is our P&C Meeting. All parents are invited to attend. We are trialling Tuesday nights for the remainder of the year.

Our P&C will be selling The “Note Tote” as a school fundraiser. The cost is $10 and this is a wonderful way of storing important notes. It is magnetic and can easily be attached to the fridge. These will sell fast. The minimum order is 200.

Attached to the Newsletter is an order form. Orders will be taken up until the end of term and after that date all orders will close.

All cheques need to be made out to “Tahmoor Public School P & C” and all money must be in a clearly labelled envelope with the child’s / family name, class and marked “Note Tote”. All staff will have them purchased for them to use in the classroom. This is a wonderful Christmas present as well.

My many thanks to our parents who are sending children now to school at 8.50am. Your support with this is greatly appreciated. I will be contacting parents next week who are still sending children early. Parents need to be aware that this will be referred to DOCS.

We are still taking names for Kindergarten in 2011. Please contact the school immediately to commence this process. Please be aware that a copy of your child’s birth certificate is needed.

A number of our children are bringing items of considerable worth to school. Please be aware that Ipods, DS, MP3 players should not be at school and the school cannot accept responsibility for their loss.

At present 12 classes are now in their newly refurbished rooms. Kindergarten are presently having their rooms refurbished. This should be completed by early Term 4. Mrs Pogson will be writing the next Principal’s Message. I soon will be joining Mrs McCarter at Pineview Public School in Ontario Canada.

Have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to catching up with people on my return.

Phil Harris
Principal

STAGE 3 NEWS

You may recall that at the time of the last newsletter Stage 3 students were preparing speeches. Last week 12 very clever and hard working students from each of the four classes presented their speeches in front of their peers. Congratulations to Katelyn Hine, Braidan Booth, Aimee Henry, Paige O’Hara, Caitlin Konzen, Jesslyn Pita, Brooke Baxter, Jade Sims, Jarrod Reede, Evan Ockers, Sam Nicholson, Allison Dodd and Gabby Hepguler, who all presented fantastic speeches. The job of deciding which two of these students would represent TPS and move onto the next level of the competition was incredibly difficult. Mrs Batros, Mr Booth, Miss Allard and I were greatly impressed by the calibre of each of the speakers and agreed that this year’s speeches
were the best we had seen for a good number of years. However after much deliberation Jarrod Reedeie and Jade Sims were chosen as our school's representatives. Good luck to Jade and Jarrod who go off to Thirlmere PS to compete later this term. Many thanks to those parents who have finalised their child's Canberra excursion payment. Also thank you to those parents who returned the permission / contact details / medical note so promptly. A reminder that if you have not yet done so, all money for our Canberra excursion needs to be finalised by the very last day of this term. Thank you also to those parents who have supported their Year 6 child with selling their crate of chocolates to raise funds for their Year 6 Farewell. This fundraising drive needs to be finalised by the end of next week. Please ensure that all money and unsold chocolates are returned by next Friday 17th September.

On Wednesday of this week, eight of our students represented our school at the Sustainable School's Expo. Our students learnt lots about caring for our environment and came back being winners of a worm farm. Well done Alex Coleman, Nick Fleming, Liam Hodkinson, Tiarne Smith, Kaitlyn Diessel, Georgia Daniele, Alyssa Mathias and Caitlin Konzen. Thanks also to the parents who transported our children to Belgenny Farm and stayed to assist them during the day. We certainly appreciate your time and your support of our children. Our Year 6 T-shirts have been ordered and will hopefully be delivered before the holidays. Shirts cannot be handed out however, until the full payment of $30 is made. We ask you to finalise this as soon as possible.

On the Monday of the last week of term all children will be involved in Student Led Conferences where you are invited to visit your child’s classroom to view their new room and to sit down with your child while they show you some of their learning and work from throughout the year. Please take this opportunity to come and celebrate your child’s learning and progress.

And finally, all our Stage 3 children are gearing up for Zonka Day. They are creating heaps of little craft items and organising lots of fun activities for the younger children in our school. The aim of this day is for our Stage 3 students to “give back” to our school and to think about the younger children. We are looking forward to a great fun fair on Thursday 23rd September. A note about Zonka Day has been issued this week.

Meredith Gow
Stage 3 Supervisor

STAGE 1 / ES1 NEWS

First and foremost we welcome back Mrs Pogson who has returned from long service leave and we hope she had a most enjoyable time on her travels.

EXCURSION: All places have been filled and no further money will be accepted. Further information on what classes will be attending on which day will be sent home today. Keep an eye in your child’s bag for this information. Monday: K6, 2P, 2RM and half of 1M. Thursday: 1G, KB and the other half of 1M.

HOT DOG DAY: If your child has ordered a hot dog and will be on the excursion on Monday, those students will receive their hot dog on Tuesday.

ZONKA DAY: All students will have come home with a permission note regarding Zonka Day. For $2 students will be issued with 20 Zonkas to “spend” at different stalls and activities run by the Stage 3 students. Zonka Day will be held on Thursday 23rd September.

Mrs Pogson
Stage Supervisor
ES1 & Stage 1

STAGE 2 NEWS

Children in Stage Two who have been attending swim school have been doing an excellent job. Swim School finishes at the end of this week. Thankyou to the parents who have been paying camp fees. A schedule for organisation of camp will be out to you soon. Children who are attending this camp demonstrate appropriate behaviour when they are out of the school. Teachers will be proud to take these children away for these few days next term.

Stage 2 have been working on procedures and working with skills in a writing a procedure. 3/4SN have made fairy bread and written the procedure for this. 3/4S have been writing a procedure in how to do a trick. Hopefully they will be able to play this trick on parents and friends.

Fourteen of our children have been especially selected to take part in a Drumbeat and Rock and Water activity at lunchtime for resilience building. This will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays at lunchtimes.

Congratulations to those children who have made it to go the Hockey Gala Day in Week 9.

Mrs. Sheehan
Stage 2 Supervisor

Holiday Workshops

The NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children is holding workshops at Hilltop Public School, Merrylands, on Tuesday 28th September and Tuesday 5th October. These hands on workshops include Light and Colour, Earth Science, Science Toys, gizmos and Lego Robotics. To book go to the website www.nswagtc.org.au
**PRACTICAL MATHS**

Our newly formed Practical Maths Group visited Bi Lo, Tahmoor this Tuesday to present Natalie, the store manager, with a thank you card. This was expressing the students’ gratitude for supporting their group with a generous gift voucher.

Through everyday practical experiences staff envisage the students developing a meaningful understanding of maths. Cooking has been a main focus. So far students have measured, counted, divided, tallied, subtracted, added, estimated, sequenced, spread, chopped, mixed, cracked, identified, smelled, judged, sampled and feasted in a variety of situations. This is also widening the students life experiences while having fun and gaining a great sense of achievement.

Students have created some exciting dishes so far, culminating last week in a yummy omelette containing chopped tomato, cabanossi, grated cheese, chives, parsley and pepper and salt. These junior chefs know how to present their creations too!

’House’, at Tahmoor have generously contributed a voucher for this set up as well and Tahmoor Centre Bake House supplied bread for our first class.

Thank you all from Heidi, Courtney, Lili, Ursula, Leyton, Josh, Blayke and Lachlan.

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**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS**

For every $10 spent at Coles Supermarkets, Coles Online, Bi-Lo and Pick and Pay from 2nd September to the 31st October, 2010, 1 Coles Sports for Schools voucher will be earned for our school. Vouchers are provided with receipt at the point of purchase. **It’s simple: collect more vouchers, get more gear!**

Our school leadership group count these vouchers each recess and add the number to our thermometer. To date (as of Wednesday) we have collected 703 vouchers. What a great start and we thank everyone who has supported this initiative so far and we look forward to your continued support.

Miss Allard

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**P&C NEWS**

Thank you to all those children who supported our Father Day’s stall. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Up and coming Fundraisers:**

Red Food Day Monday 13th September.
Note Tote - more information to come.
November Photo Day Mowbray Park - more information to come.

**P&C Meeting Tuesday 14th 7pm in the Staff Room. All Welcome**

**Uniform Shop**

Times we are open
Monday 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 8.45am – 9.15am
Friday 2.45pm – 3.15pm

There are some people still waiting on size 8 or 10 Jackets. We are still waiting on them from the distributor. I apologise for the inconvenience but the problems lie with them. We have got new track pants to go with our sports jacket. They will cost $17 dollars and it is pre order and pay in advance. The track pants we already have in clothing pool will be going up to $17 dollars at the beginning of term 4. Why not buy some before the price increase?

Mylee Durrant
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator
**KINDERGARTEN 2011**

Do you have preschooler ready for “Big School” next year? Do you have friends or family with preschoolers ready to start? Tahmoor's office ladies would love to see you - so you can receive enrolment forms.

We would love to have all enrolment information by September so that all Orientation Information is given out in October.

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

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**SWIMMING SCHEME**

70 Children are loving their daily swimming lessons. Significant improvements in swimming skills have been noticed by all the swimming teachers. Well done Swimmers!

Miss Gibson

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**From the Library**

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful day we had dressing up in celebration of the 2010 Book Week. The theme was “A Cross the Story Bridge”.

Thankyou to all the parents and grandparents and designers who put together the costumes. See the Photos in this issue to see more of the day or have a look on our website.

**Reptiles Up Close!** is a hands-on learning experience with lots of audience participation, laughter and excitement.

Date: Tuesday 5th October 2010
Venue: Picton Shire Hall
Time : 10.30am - 11.30am
Ages: 5-12 years
Cost $5.00
Bookings are essential limited places.

Ms Gibson

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**Shekere Beats** is a great exploration into the world of live music and a wonderful glimpse into another culture. Jonas offers ample opportunity or the audience to join in with his quirky African style, numerous drums and percussion instruments, guitar and uniquely African wood and seedpod Xylophone.

Date: Wednesday 6th October 2010
Venue: Warragamba Town Hall
Time: 10.30am - 11.30am
Ages 5-12 years
Cost $5.00
Bookings are essential limited spaces available. Bookings 46778300

Mrs Sharon Ryan  Teacher Librarian.

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**COMMUNITY LINKS**

**GIRLS DROP IN @ TAHMOOR YOUTH HUB**
Tuesdays 4pm - 6.30pm
Safe social group with fun activities for 11-18yrs
Under 14s need a permission note
For more information please phone Luke 46832776

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**Clever KG**

Every week KG stretch a sentence to include interesting adjectives.

This week we created a sensational sentence and thought we'd share it with everyone.

We turned “I saw a puppy” into

“I saw a small, brown, fluffy puppy in a huge blue box at the pet-shop on the holidays.”

I wonder what we'll come up with next?

Ms Gibson.
Canteen

Next Monday 13th September the canteen is having a Red Food Day. We will be selling cupcakes, jelly and red frogs. Prices will range from 50c to $1.00. Donations of cupcakes would be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Canteen Monday Morning.

Volunteers are needed for next term’s Canteen Roster for Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you can spare 3 hours, or an hour to make sandwiches once a month your help would be greatly appreciated. Please fill in the form below and return it to the canteen if you can help. Thank You.

Day Preferred:
Name:
Childs Name:

Hot Dog Day

All children who are attending the Mount Annan excursion on Monday will get their Hot Dog on Tuesday.