Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Programs
All classes are generally settled and are working hard and well. Classes 1 – 6 are currently undertaking an action research project in the area of Writing. The text type being studied this term is exposition. An exposition text is a persuasive text and gives one point of view.

The structure of an exposition text is as follows:
- Introduction that states the topic and the writer’s point of view;
- At least 2 arguments with supporting evidence.
- Conclusion that restates the introduction.

Some of the grammatical features for an exposition include:
- A new paragraph for each new argument
- Paragraphs should begin with a connective, eg Firstly, next, secondly, finally, in conclusion.

Taking Off with Numeracy (TOWN)
Our school will be participating in the outstanding TOWN program. This program will involve every student 3 – 6 being tested and then plotted on the Numeracy continuum. From this data we are able to ascertain exactly where every student is on the continuum and where to next. Teaching learning programs are based around this information.

Phase 1 testing will occur this term. The Phase 2 teaching and learning component will occur during terms 2, 3 and 4.

Homework Centre
Homework centre has started and again I would like to thank Mr Ballango, Mrs Marden and their group of volunteer parents for their support and hard work of our students.

Thank You Mrs Wurm
I would like to thank Mrs Wurm for her outstanding efforts in her capacity as our relieving general assistant. The school grounds look terrific and presents our school as a showpiece within the local community. Thank you Sharon!

Have a great fortnight
Dave Schofield
Principal

STAGE ONE NEWS
Just a reminder that each child in Stage One will require a Handwriting and Mathematics book. The school has placed a bulk order in order to enable a reduction in price. Please forward $28 to cover the cost of these texts. Your child will receive them shortly after payment.

Also, Stage One are learning about ‘The Sea’, particularly the animals within the sea and we will be visiting the Sydney Aquarium on Monday 8th April 2013. We will be departing right on the morning bell and will return before afternoon buses leave. The cost of this excursion is $26. To secure your child’s seat on the bus please forward payment as soon as possible. If you have sent in the volunteer slip please be patient, we will be in contact with you soon.

Thank you to all the parents who have already sent in payment. We appreciate your support.

Year 1 and Year 2 teachers

SPORT

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS
Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers in Years 3 – 6 to lead their house at the swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals

ANEMBO
Captains – Lachlan Kennedy & Annalise Fardell
V Captains – Ben Hair & Courtney Robinson

BARDUK
Captains – Wil Holz & Krystal-Lee Holdsworth
V Captains – Rocco Napoli & Gypsie Brooker

ELOUERA
Captains – Lachlan Coleman & Stephanie Nellestein
V Captains – Zac Fleming & Tylah Harris

WOLLOMBI
Captains – Dane Arnold & Rachael Cager
V Captains – Riley Morris & Sarah Nield

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
As we were yet to hold our presentation assembly for our swimming award winners prior to publishing our previous newsletter, I am able to congratulate the following students who were awarded Age Champions

Junior Boy – Jake Harris
Junior Girl – Emma Matthews
11 Year Boy – Scott Rogers
11 Year Girl – Kate Moroz
12/13 Year Boy – Lachlan Coleman
12/13 Year Girl – Sade DuBois & Stephanie Nellestein (after a recalculation of points)

The house competition was very close this year with the final event deciding the winning house:
1st – Barduk
2nd – Elouera
3rd – Wollombi
4th – Anembo

RAZORBACK SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Thursday 28th Feb and Friday March 1st, 28 students represented Tahmoor at the Razorback Swimming Carnival at Picton Leisure Centre. Their behaviour was excellent and their performances were outstanding. Many of the competitors swam faster at this carnival than at the school carnival, with some students taking between 10 and 20 seconds off their time.


A special mention to the following students who made finals in events: Lachlan Coleman, (50m free, back, fly and breast) Kate Moroz (50m free and back) and Tyler Darby (50m free). The senior girls and senior boys relay team who would have made the finals had there been finals.

Lachlan was successful in finishing 3rd in the 100m freestyle, 3rd in the 50m backstroke and 1st in the 12 year 50m freestyle and will now represent Razorback at the SSW carnival later this month. We wish him all the very best.

RAZORBACK PSSA TRIALS
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to trial for several Razorback teams over the past weeks or coming days:
Basketball Boys – Karis F, Wil H, Tyler D
Basketball Girls – Nyimarilli C, Julia B
AFL – Wil H, Lachlan C, Karis F
Rugby League – Clive H, Patrick K, Brandan C, Josh J

Yours in Sport
Miss Allard

P & C MEETING
13 March 2013
9am in the Teacher’s Centre
All welcome - hope to see you there!
P & C meets every 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Teacher’s Centre at 9am.
Commonwealth Dollarmite Banking is Wednesday mornings. If you would like your child to participate please pick up an application form from the front office.
Reminder that chocolate money is due back ASAP. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

UNIFORM SHOP
Dear Parents/Carers
I have been advised that school uniforms will be arriving at the factory at the end of this week. Please check at the uniform shop from next Wednesday 13th to see if your orders are ready for pickup. Thank you for your patience.

Kind regards Sharon Mordue
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Monday 2.15 – 2.45
Wednesday Mornings 8.30 – 9am
Friday 2.15. – 2.45pm