Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**OC Information**
Thank you to Mr Booth and his students for providing and hosting an outstanding OC Information Evening last Tuesday.

If you are interested in applying for the OC class and your child is in Year 4 please note the following key dates:

- Online application opens: 29 April
- Paper version available from front office - 6 May
- Return of paper applications to front office - 17 May
- Test centre advice received by parents or carers - 10 July
- Opportunity Class Placement Test - 24 July
- Parents advised of outcome - October 2013.

**Teacher Professional Learning**
Since Term 2 has commenced our staff has undertaken systematic instruction in the following areas:

- The new Australian Curriculum with a focus on the new English syllabus and the new Mathematics syllabus;
- NCI training;
- Focus on Reading training and:
  Some staff members have been undertaking additional training in Guided Reading and in our new school initiative, TOWN. (Taking Off With Numeracy).

**NAPLAN**
Next Tuesday (14th) - Thursday (16th) our school will be participating in the annual NAPLAN examinations. Please help support your child/ren by ensuring they have a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast. Each NAPLAN test will commence in the morning and should be finished by lunchtime.

Please note the following timetable:

- Tuesday (14th) - Language and Writing
- Wednesday (15th) - Reading and;
- Thursday (16th) - Numeracy

**Cooler Weather**
As the weather begins to cool down please ensure your child/ren have a warm jumper in their bags. The weather is quite unpredictable and changes from being warm to very cool quite quickly.

**Staff Car Park**
A friendly reminder that the staff car park is not to be used for morning drop offs and afternoon pick ups. Staff are worried that students crossing through that car park area is an accident waiting to happen.

**Congratulations Clive Haselhuhn**
Clive was recently selected for the Sydney South West Opens Rugby League team. This is a fantastic achievement as Clive will not only be representing Sydney South West but also Razor Back District and Tahmoor Public School. This is a wonderful achievement and on behalf of the Tahmoor school community I would like to wish Clive all the best at the State Trials.

Have a great fortnight
David Schofield
Principal

**STAGE ONE NEWS**

We hope you had a wonderful break with your child during the holidays and are ready for an exciting Term 2. The children have returned to school very settled and eager to continue their learning.

We were extremely pleased with the behaviour of the children during our excursion to the Sydney Aquarium last term. We would also like to say thank you to the parents who attended the excursion. Both the children and staff appreciated your assistance.

**Gymtastics** begins on Thursday 16th May. The program will continue for 7 weeks and will cost $28. The cut off
day for payment will be **Wednesday 15th May**. If your child has not paid by this date they will NOT be able to participate in this valuable program.

**Stage 1 Sport Day** will be on Fridays this term. Please make sure your child wears their sports uniform on this day.

Stage One Teachers

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**SPORT**

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**Razorbac k Rugby League**

Congratulations to Clive Haselhuhn who has been selected in the SSW Rugby League team to compete in Dubbo later this term. Clive played for Razorbac k earlier this week and did a fantastic job.

Congratulations Clive.

**State Knockout Rugby League**

The boys continue to train strongly in the lead up to our second round match against John Warby. I am in the process of negotiating a day to play and will inform parents as soon as possible.

**Razorbac k Netball**

Congratulations to Kate Moroz and Sarah Nield who trialled for the Razorbac k Netball last week. I have been told that both girls did a fantastic job in a highly competitive environment.

**Razorbac k Boys Touch Football**

Best wishes to Clive Haselhuhn, Karis Flores, Tyler Darby and Jarrod Harrison who are trialling for the Razorbac k Touch team today.

**State Knockout Soccer**

In a tough first round match against State finalist Camden South, our boys competed well and never gave up. Although the result didn’t go our way, the boys did a fantastic job, displaying the enthusiasm and sportsmanship we have become accustomed to.

Congratulations to the following students:

Karis Flores, Ethan Oddy, Tom Gradon, Riley Morris, Blair Smart, Lachlan Kennedy, Clive Haselhuhn, Tom Meredith, Rocco Napoli, Max Robinson, Adrian Furina and Ronan Preston.

Thank you to Mr Jacobs for coaching the team.

**Razorbac k Cross Country**

Best wishes to the 31 students representing Tahmoor at tomorrow’s Razorbac k Cross Country. I look forward to hearing how you all go.

**Gymtastics**

Notes and money for our Gymtastics program are due on **WEDNESDAY, 15th MAY**. If you are having difficulties meeting the cost of this program, please see your child’s teacher to seek arrangements for payment. This program is very worthwhile and is the only time students are exposed to the gymnastics component of the PD/H/PE curriculum.

**Life Education – Healthy Harold**

Notes will be coming home in the next week for payment for Life Education. I am due to meet with a Life Education official in the next week to set the students units and cost. Stay tuned for further information and please check your child’s bag for the note.

Yours in Sport

Miss Allard

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**STEWART HOUSE 2013 CLOTHING COLLECTION**

Stewart house is a charity organization which has, since 1931, helped to make a difference in the lives of 140,000 public school children across NSW and the ACT. This organization provides children with a wide range of experiences including a much needed holiday from sometimes difficult circumstances through to a full health screening.

Recently an empty Stewart House bag would have been sent home to you with your child. If you are able to fill the bag with clean unwanted clothing, shoes or linen and return it to school before **Wednesday 29th May** we would be very grateful as these bags help raise funds for Stewart House.

Last week an envelope was sent home. If you donate $2 you will have a chance to win a $4,000 FAMILY HOLIDAY.

Just follow these three easy steps.

**Step 1:** Write your child’s name, address, telephone number and school on the front of the Stewart House Donation envelope.

**Step 2:** Insert a donation of at least $2 into the envelope and seal it.

**Step 3:** Return the envelope to the office before Friday 17th may.

Looking forward to your participation in this very worthwhile charity. Mrs Newhouse.

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**SMENCILS FUNDRAISING**

As part of our plan to assist in fundraising for Wakakirri we are running a fantastic Smencils offer.

As you are aware there are many cost involved in running Wakakirri and your support of this fundraising drive will help to limit the cost of participating for students.
P & C NEWS

Thank you to all the parents that have already returned their chocolate money. We still have not received all the money due. This was due on the 6th March. Could you please send this money in ASAP as we need to finalise this fundraiser. We still have twenty eight boxes that have not been returned, a total of $1400!!

THE CANTEEN IS NOW SELLING MACARONI CHEESE FOR $3.00

CUP CAKE DAY
THE P&C ARE HOLDING A CUP CAKE DAY ON THE 16TH MAY AT LUNCH TIME CUP CAKES $1 EACH.
P & C meets every 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Teacher’s Centre at 9am. The next P&C Meeting will be on the 12th June at 9am in the Teachers Centre.

Volunteers
We are keeping the canteen OPEN on Monday and running it by volunteers. We need more volunteers to do this. Please contact Mrs Scott at the canteen or Kylie on 0424 952 003.

Commonwealth Dollarmite Banking is Wednesday mornings. If you would like your child to participate please pick up an application form from the front office.

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

HATS - NEW PRICE
Bucket Hat $10
Cap $8 (will be in stock soon).
Effective immediately.

CRAFTY LADIES
Meeting Monday 20th May 11.30 - 2.30 in the Teachers Centre.
Come and complete craft projects or start a new one. Please call Sharon on 0408809250 if you would like to attend.