Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Wakakirri Success!**

Congratulations to our whole Wakakirri team who performed magnificently in Wollongong last week. The students were fantastic representatives of Tahmoor Public School and certainly demonstrated great school pride.

A special thank you to Mrs Marden and our supporting teachers and parents who did a splendid job preparing our students for this auspicious event.

**School Photos**

School photos will be taken next Wednesday and we request that all students are in full school uniform on the day.

If you have not placed an order for a school photo, and you wish to, it is not too late to contact the school’s front office.

**Grandparents Day – Book week Celebrations**

Next Monday 19th August grandparents/grandfriends are invited to attend our school and share a book with their grandchild.

We will meet in the Hall at 9am and then move to their grandchild/rens classroom. We have allowed hour so grandparents can move between classrooms if required. At the conclusion of the story reading, grandparents only are invited to morning tea hosted by Stage 3. (gold coin donation).

A Book Fair will also be in operation in the school Library. A special thank you to Mrs Marden who has coordinated this wonderful initiative.

Hope to see you on the day.

**Coffee Morning**

In Week 6 we will be holding another coffee morning session for parents. The topic being presented will be TOWN (Taking off with Numeracy) and will be led by Mrs Apps and Ms Howe. The coffee morning will be held on Thursday 29th August (9:30-10:30am). Hope to see you there!

**Homework Centre**

A reminder form Mr Ballango that Homework Centre is again in operation this term. If you wish your child to participate, please fill out a Homework consent form, so Mr Ballango is aware of who is attending the Homework Centre.

**Kindergarten Enrolments**

A reminder that we have started collating Kindergarten enrolments so if you know of any Kindergarten children ready to start school next year please encourage them to come to the front office and pick up an enrolment form.

**School notes**

We are putting all school notes on our school website for your convenience. Parents will be able to download any school note at your convenience.

David Schofield
Principal

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Kindergarten have been busy rehearsing their item for the Wollondilly Music Festival. The children are very excited to make their debut on the ‘big stage’. Please ensure you have returned the relevant permission notes and have ordered your tickets. If you have any problem organising costumes, please see your child’s
Please ensure that your child has all of the equipment which they require for the day. For example HB lead pencils, pencil sharpener, ruler etc.
Kind regards,
Stage 2 teachers

Stage 3 News

Year 6 Farewell Fundraising
The Year 6 Farewell is an exciting and important aspect to celebrate our students completion of primary school. The Year 6 students work hard each year to raise funds to pay for the farewell and a gift for the school. The students will be holding an ice cream spider days next week.
Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 students need to bring a plastic cup on Wednesday 21st August.
Years 3 – 6 should bring their cup on Thursday 22nd August.
The cost of ice cream spiders are:
* $1.00 for a small cup eg. Small plastic party cup.
* $2.00 for a large cup eg. Large collectable or McDonalds cup.
A reminder to all Year 6 students that donations of soft drink are needed to make this day a success.
Thank you to the school community for your support with our fundraising efforts

School Photos
School photos will be held on Wednesday 21st August.
Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform including school shirt. Sports shirts are not to be worn for photos.

Book Week
Next week is book week. Our students have the opportunity to purchase a book from the Book Fair. All grandparents are invited to celebrate book work with their grandchildren. Grandparents day will be held on Monday 19th August. A morning tea will be held in the hall at the completion of activities. Entry to the morning tea is by gold coin donation.

Lost Property
Please make sure that all clothing, hats, jumpers, jackets, classroom equipment etc, are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. If your child has misplaced any items or equipment please check out the lost property baskets.

Child Protection Notes
Just a reminder that our Child Protection lessons will be beginning in week four. The aim of child protection education in primary schools is to assist students in developing skills in recognising and responding to unsafe situations, seeking assistance effectively and establishing and maintaining relationships and strengthening attitudes and values related to equality, respect and responsibility. Child Protection lesson permission notes need to be returned as soon as
possible. If you require further information regarding this program please see your child’s teacher.

Stage 3 Camp
In September, Stage 3 (including 4/5H) will be going on a 2 night excursion to the Blue Mountains and Bathurst. This will reinforce classroom learning in the curriculum areas of Gold and Global Environments.

The dates for excursion are Monday 16 September – Wednesday 18 September 2013.

We will be visiting a number of exciting venues during the excursion including Bathurst Goldfields, Scenic World, Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens and seeing The Edge Movie. Students will also participate in a number of team-building plus personal development activities including orienteering and abseiling.

The cost of the camp is $240. Below is the payment plan for the camp:
- A deposit of $50 paid by the 17th May
- A payment of $40 by the 14th June
- A second payment of $40 by the 28th June
- A third payment of $40 by the 19th July
- A fourth payment of $40 by the 2nd August
- A final payment of $30 by the 6th September

All payments need to be finalised by the 6th September 2013.

Kind regards,
Stage 3 teachers.

Help Wanted
Do you like wrapping gifts? Covering books? We have purchased readers for our classrooms and require the assistance of our parents to contact these before they go out to the classrooms. If you can assist please contact Mrs Marden in the library.

Thank you for supporting our school.

P&C NEWS
FATHERS DAY STALL & RAFFLE

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On the day Year 6 as part of their fundraising will be offering a wrapping service for 50c
Please place your child's money in an envelope with their name clearly labelled and give to your child’s teacher on the day.
If your child would like to purchase more than 1 item there will be a chance for your child to come back on the Thursday after all classes have been through to purchase.
We are also running a Father's Day raffle which need to be returned to the canteen by the 27th August and will be drawn on the 29th August. First prize is a 4 burner BBQ just in time for summer!
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P & C Committee
All band fees for Term 3 are now due. This includes tuition and any instrument hire fees. Students need to pay any outstanding balances asap or tutorials will be suspended. Please make contact with us if there is a financial difficulty. Invoices are being mailed out now.

Ms A Testaz
Band co-ordinator
NSW State Government Pool Registrations

Council is undertaking a community awareness campaign to alert residents of Wollondilly Shire of the need to register their properties before 29th October 2013. If you own a property within Wollondilly Shire, and that property has a swimming pool and/or spa onsite then you have the option to:

1. Register your property via the NSW State Government’s website

   www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au

   registration will require you to ‘self assess’ the pool barrier and confirm that it is compliant. Checklists are available from the Council’s office and via State Government pool register website, or

2. Provide council with the necessary information to enable registration of your property. The information required is at

   www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au

   or you can obtain a checklist from Council’s office.

   The fee for this service is $10.00

Tahmoor Public School will be entering the Wollondilly Garden Competition and Mrs Wurm is planning to bring us home a prize.

Judging will take place the week of 16th – 20th September.

Any plants you would like to donate to the school would be gratefully accepted. They can be dropped off to the school for Mrs Wurm any time before the end of Aug so she has plenty of time to plant and establish any donations.

The Competition presentation night is Wednesday the 16th of October. A school representative will be attending. Thanking you in advance.

Sharon Wurm. GA