Dear Parents and Carers,

**Light Up Tahmoor**

Our Light Up Tahmoor committee have held several meetings and they have again decided to launch our non-perishable food item donation drive. Hampers will be collated and distributed through Community Links to needy families within the Tahmoor District. Please support this wonderful initiative as we attempt to make this time of the year as pleasant as possible for all families in our community. Donations can be sent in to the front office or handed in to your class teacher. Alternatively donations may be brought in and placed under the Christmas tree on the night. Thank you for your anticipated support.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

The first of our three Kindergarten orientations is next Tuesday 11th November. This first meeting will take place in our school hall and will run from 9.30 – 10.30. We are still receiving Kindergarten enrolments so if you are aware of families who have not enrolled children who are ready to start Kindergarten, please encourage them to do so.

**Pleasing Academic Results K - 6**

I recently held an evaluation meeting with my School Director and it became an opportunity to talk about student growth right across the school K – 6. Too often school’s get pigeon-holed to account for school growth based only on NAPLAN data.

The big picture for Tahmoor Public School has been one of outstanding growth right across the school.

- In Kindergarten our L3 results have reflected 95% of our students have reached school benchmarks in Reading and a large proportion of these students achieving well above school benchmarks.
- Across Year 1 and 2 all students have demonstrated pleasing progress in the TEN program. Pleasing progress has also been reflected in guided Reading running records.
- Year 3 NAPLAN Reading results have indicated our school is above State average in the highest band.
- Year 3 – Year 6 students have made significant progress in the TOWN program and this has also been complemented with pleasing Reading data. Students who are not reaching school benchmarks have been identified and will receive student learning support.

Some reasons for these pleasing results have included:

- Intensive professional learning of our staff.
- Implementation of several Action Research projects including “Problem of the Day” and “Writing genres.”
- Setting of class Learning goals
- Tracking of student data through the implementation of a Data Wall.
- Quality teaching learning practices.

To sum up our school has experienced tremendous academic success in 2014 and this will be built upon in 2015. Our aim is for all of our students to become literate, numerate and engaged learners. This is happening!

**Have a great fortnight**

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