Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Photos
Photo envelopes were sent home last week, please see your class teacher if you did not receive one. Family photo envelopes are available at the front office. Your photo pack has your child’s name and class on the front, please drop the envelope with your money inside the money box any time before the date of photographs. You can also place your order online before the designated date.

Homework Centre
A reminder that Homework centre has commenced and will operate on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Homework centre is supervised by school staff and parents and there is no cost for attendance and participation in this school initiative. Students have access to library resources, the internet and assistance from teachers. If you are experiencing stress with the completion of Homework this is an ideal alternative. Homework centre runs from 2.50pm to 3.30pm and students need to be picked up from the Library. Students will not be allowed to wait outside the school, they must be picked up from the school Library.

Parliament Induction
The official opening of our school parliament and the induction of our Front Bench will take place shortly. We will advise the specific date and time as soon as possible. We are currently attempting to align our special guests for this important ceremony.

School Fees
Thank you to the many parents who have paid a voluntary school contribution fee. All monies collected will be directed towards school teaching and learning programs.

Teacher Professional Learning
During the past two weeks our staff have continued to work hard. They have participated in the following teacher development activities:
- Science – Dr Noakes has conducted a workshop with a focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Teaching learning activities, the school’s scope and sequence and assessment strategies were discussed.
- Updating TEN/TOWN procedures incorporating 5 weekly cyclic assessment. Mr Maumill and Ms Howe led the staff through a refresher session and developed specific learning strategies for each stage.
- First 5 week evaluation of our new 3 year planning milestones.

TEN/TOWN Cyclic Assessment
Congratulations to the many students who have jumped a level in our first cyclic assessment for 2016 of TEN/TOWN strategies. This is a fine achievement and is only the start of further projected progress.

Well Done Kindergarten!
Congratulations to all of our new Kindergarten students and teachers for making a brilliant start to the school year. Also a special thank you to all of our new parents to Tahmoor Public School. We value your continued support!

Have a great fortnight
David Schofield
Principal
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Every week we will be drawing a student of the week using the Tahmoor Tickets. We hope this will help to promote our school rules, as the student selected will get to pick appropriate music to be played as the bell. Congratulations Katie in 2D!!!!

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**Canteen News**

What a great response to the new menu!! The kids and staff are enjoying the new healthy fresh menu items and the fresh fruit that is served daily.

If you have a few hours in the morning to spare and you would like to help out please see me in the canteen! If you have any fresh and new ideas that your child loves please let us know so we can try and incorporate them into the canteen menu!

A big thank you to all the parents that have volunteered in the canteen so far, your help is greatly appreciated.

Please keep an eye on our facebook page for updates and specials – Tahmoor Public School Canteen

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**P&C NEWS**

Tahmoor Public School P&C has welcomed some current and new members who stepped up to casually fill our vacant position at our last meeting;

Kylie Wood – President
Shani Goode – Vic President
Theresa Mills – Vic President
Candice Jenkins – Treasurer
Tracey Ballango – Secretary

Also a big thank you to Merilynne Wilson who as volunteered to manage the Uniform shop with assistance from Shani Goode. They have done an excellent job getting things organised to assist all our parents and school.

Another big thank you to Amber Woods for taking on the administration of our Dollarmite Banking.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th March. Everyone is invited to start the year with a fresh new P&C and we are also hoping to establish several sub-committees to assist with canteen, fundraising and the uniform shop.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 9th March**

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**Come and play Rugby League for your local team!**

Thirlmere Tahmoor Junior Rugby League Club Registrations are now open.
Tuesday & Thursday afternoons 4.30pm – 6.00pm.
For more information, contact Melissa on 0432 308 545.