

Tuesday 23 August 2011

Term 3 Week 6

Hi Everyone,
 Welcome to Week 6.

Public Speaking Competition – Last Tuesday Michaela Gough and Kai Spence represented Tuntable Creek PS at the Big Scrub Public Speaking Competition at Jiggi PS. Both students spoke very well and they should be very proud of their efforts. I was! It is a huge thing to stand up in front of an audience and judges. Thank you to Melisa and Fumie who were in the audience and to Melisa who transported the students to and from the venue. Some of the speakers were outstanding and 5 from Stage 2 and 5 from Stage 3 were selected to go on to the Final being held at Richmond River High School on Friday 2nd September. I would like our students to attend this final. I believe it will be a great experience for all students. There will also be some performances by the secondary students. I will send home more details when they have been organised.

Performing Arts Festival – Next Tuesday our students will be going to the Lismore Workers Club for a rehearsal for the Performing Arts. We are organising transport for this. On Tuesday night students will be performing. I hope you have organised your tickets as this is indeed a great night and students have worked very hard preparing. I hope to see everyone on the night. On Wednesday our students will also be performing in the Matinee at the Lismore Workers Club. Again we will be organising transport for this. Mr Seymour and Kathleen will be accompanying students and meeting Miss Jodie at the club for the rehearsal. I will be attending the Primary Principals School Education Directors Day (sadly this date could not be changed). Details regarding transport etc will be coming home as soon as they are arranged.

Lake Ainsworth – Students in Years 3-6 have received information about the camp in week 10. Forms and payment need to be returned as soon as possible. We have chosen 4 activities to participate in. I will be contacting parents shortly to arrange transport for students to and from Lake Ainsworth.

During our camp students in Kindergarten and Year 2 will be going on their own day excursion. More details will be coming home as soon as we have finalised this. These students will also be participating in some very exciting activities at school.

Save the Elephants – On Friday at 11 a.m. we had a presentation for all students on saving elephants here at school. This included a DVD and discussion. Students also bought wrist bands for \$1.00 to support the protection of the elephants. From all reports students enjoyed this very much.

Assembly- There will be an assembly at 2.10 p.m. this week.

Closing thought:

‘What you see depends on what you're looking for.’

Till next time
Jude Voisey
 Principal

DATE	EVENT
Tuesdays	LIBRARY— Please return all books
Tuesday 30 August	Lismore Performing Arts Festival (P.A.F) Rehearsal 11.45am & Performance 5.30pm
Wednesday 31 August	P.A.F Matinee Performance 10.30am
Friday 2 September	Public Speaking Final—RRHS
Friday 16 September	Teams Day The Channon Oval
Tuesday 13 September	Book Week Parade Morning Tea & Lunch
Mon 19, Tues 20, Wed 21 September	Year 3-6 Camp Lake Ainsworth
Mon 19 September	Talk Like a Pirate Day (K-2)
Wed 21 September	K-2 Excursion

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES

New medical info site launched

A new website which helps explain over 75 different medical, developmental and psychological conditions in children is now available.

Physical as anything contains over 50 articles written by medical specialists on subjects as diverse as ADHD, autism, anxiety disorders, fragile X syndrome, major depression, schizophrenia, eating disorders and cancer.

The site contains many links, videos, fact sheets, pdfs and resources to help understand and support students with any of these conditions. It was produced by the Department of Education and Communities and the Children's Hospital Westmead. Go to: www.physicalasanything.com.au

Five ways to a healthy lifestyle

Have you browsed the new look Healthy Kids website yet? It's full of great information to get kids active and help prevent childhood obesity. All kids can benefit from the five healthy messages:

1. Get active each day;
2. Choose water as a drink;
3. Eat more fruit and vegetables;
4. Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives; and
5. Turn off the TV or computer and get active.

The website has nine fact sheets for families to download and there are also five new fact sheets which have been designed specifically for children. It includes sound advice on assessing a child's weight status and on safe ways to work towards a healthy weight. There are also easy, healthy recipes to download, info to help you find your local sporting clubs, and a section especially for teens.

Check it out at: www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

School Certificate abolished from 2012

The NSW Government has announced the School Certificate will be abolished from next year. Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, said the decision was made after consultation with principals, teachers, parents and all school sectors.

"The message from stakeholders was that the School Certificate no longer meets the expectations of employers. It has not responded to changes such as the increase in the school leaving age, and the introduction of NAPLAN testing," he said.

Mr Piccoli said he had requested the Board of Studies conduct further consultation to make recommendations about an alternative credential. This year's School Certificate external tests will be conducted on schedule in November.



Kindergarten & Stage 1 Public Speaking Awards
L –R: Ruby Robinson, Hudson McMahon,
Coby Clapham, Cooper McMahon.



Stage 2 & Stage 3 Public Speaking Awards
L –R: Kai Spence, Michaela Gough.

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program this year.



From now until September 18th 2011, you can earn one Earn & Learn point for our school for every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards or purchases made through Woolworths online or at Caltex Woolworths co-branded fuel outlets).

Points automatically appear on your shopping dockets, so all you need to do is bring those dockets to school (Woolworths have even given us a special collection box!).

The more points you bring in, the more we can redeem from a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

Collect as many Earn & Learn points as you can!

We are again taking part in the Coles Sport for Schools program this year.



From now until October 19th, 2011, you can earn one Sport for Schools voucher for our school for every \$10 you spend at Coles (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards or purchases made through Coles online or at Coles fuel outlets).

Vouchers can be collected every time you shop at Coles then drop them into school

The more vouchers you bring in, the more we can redeem from a choice of sporting goods.

Thank you to all the people who collected their Coles Sport for Schools vouchers for Tuntable Creek PS last year.

We love our new sport gear!

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL (PAF)

Students have been working hard on their performance piece for the upcoming Lismore Performance Arts Festival to be held at the Lismore Workers Club next Tuesday 30th August at 7pm.

Please support your child/ren by helping them to practice their lines.

Parents and carers are reminded that tickets sell out quickly for these performances and can only be purchased at the Lismore Workers Club front desk prior to Tuesday evening. The cost for the evening performances will be: Adults \$12 / Students K-12 \$6. There will be no concession tickets available. Children under 5 years must sit on an adult's lap. **Tuntable Creek PS students DO NOT require a ticket.**

Thank you **Miss Jodie** 🎵



TUNTABLE CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

LISMORE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL TUESDAY 30 & WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST 2011

I give permission for my child _____ of Tuntable Creek Public School to attend the following Lismore PAF performances at the Lismore Workers Club travelling to and from the performances by bus:

1. the rehearsal performance on Tuesday 30 August; and
2. the matinee performance on Wednesday 31 August.

I understand that the total cost for both days will be _____ per child.

Please find enclosed _____.

Signed: _____

Date: ____ / 08 / 2011