



Tambar Public School

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Up coming events:

- Weeks 6, 7,8 Drumbeat with Ms Bunce
- Ladies morning tea and tennis
- Play group
- Working Bee
- **SAVE THE DATE** Week 6, Wednesday 8th March Tambar High Tea \$5

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Community Members,

We have been extremely busy over the past few weeks creating a child centred learning environment for our students. We are very proud of our students increasing their knowledge, understanding and skills during this term. All our students are learning very quickly and have set their own personal learning goals to achieve.

At Tambar Springs School our students engage in explicit teaching and learning. One way we achieve excellence is through students having a clear understanding of what is to be learned. setting learning goals for each lesson and explain what success looks like for each lesson. When students complete their work they 'self assess' their learning by reflecting on their understanding of the task.

School Captain Induction – Congratulations go to Georgia.

Earlier this term, Georgia Nelson was badged Tambar Springs 2017 School Captain by her mother who also was a School Captain of Tambar Springs a few years ago. This was a very special occasion for Georgia, as she was the only school captain in our district to be personally handed a letter of congratulations from our Director of Schools, Mr Mark Young.



Our special assembly was attended by our parents, staff and community members. Mrs Worley gave a speech about leadership and leading the school into a new direction from a traditionally based education into a school of excellence on the cutting edge of future education.

Our Kindergarten performed the 'Scarecrow' action song to delight our audience with cuteness and skill. The school and visitors enjoyed sharing a morning tea with scones. Thank you to everyone for making this a special event.

Pillowcase Visit

Tambar Springs Public School was honoured to be the first school in NSW this year to be a part of the Pillowcase Project. The Pillowcase Project is a highly beneficial initiative for students in rural NSW. Mr McMullen from Australian Red Cross-Emergency Services visited our school to empower our students about being prepared for an emergency.

The Pillowcase Project was developed from student actions during 'Hurricane Katrina'. The students from the local university were carrying their cherished and basic possessions in their pillowcases while evacuating the campus – creating the Pillowcase as Emergency Kit concept. Mr McMullen emphasized the importance of being prepared for an emergency and he guided our students to prepare their minds for any type of emergency. The students debated - what to pack in the emergency pillowcase.

Our students discussed what is important in an emergency. They personalised the pillowcase supplied by the Australian Red Cross to become their own personal emergency kit. Our students discussed the purpose of their pillowcase with their parents and community. All students have placed their pillowcase in an accessible place in case of an emergency.



Library

Mrs Twidale has very kindly made library bags for our students so they can borrow books from our library. Thank you Mrs Twidale.

If you are looking for something to read! Please contact the school and we will set up a library card for you, so you can enjoy a book or two. We have a wide selection of books that may interest you.



School Website & FaceBook

Our teachers and staff are highly dedicated and want to share our students learning and experiences. Please view our Tambar Springs Public School website and like us on Facebook for updates about our learning and events.



Drumbeat

Miss Bunce will be teaching drumbeat to our students over a five week period. The DRUMBEAT program is designed to engage children and young people in using hand drumming to foster improved levels of personal and social confidence and develop social skills.

DRUMBEAT is a fun program that uses analogies and metaphor to raise awareness in participants of the factors that support healthy relationships.

School Bushfire Evacuation

During the Bushfire near Coolah our school was notified to activate our School Bushfire Plan, so our parents received a courteous phone call to notify them the school had activated the School Bushfire Plan and may need to evacuate later in the day. This is part of our first response procedure. We deactivated the plan at lunch and we offered Coolah Central School a place for refuge if needed, as they evacuated.

School Chaplin

I would like to thank Julia Anderson, Leslie and Mark Hathway and the Tambar Springs Parish for their support in developing and initiating the processes for our school to receive a School Chaplin. We are truly blessed and thankful for their support.

Our School welcomes Galina Newcombe to our team, as the School Chaplin for Tambar Springs PS. A part of her role will be supporting our school, students and community.

This week our School Counsellor visited our school and she will be back later this term.

This Friday Mrs Worley will be attending L3 Training in the morning at Gunnedah PS and catching up with our school for lunch and gym at the Gunnedah Gymnastic centre. A huge thank you to Natasha Fouracre for assisting us in transporting our students.

Kind regards,

Sharyn Worley

(Relieving) Principal



Classroom Capers

Media Alert!!! Our Kindergarten children appeared in the Namoi Valley Independent newspaper this month; you can find them at www.nvi.com.au/story/4448698/gallery-meet-the-kindies-in-our-small-schools/



Last Friday Millie, Georgia and Amarni celebrated their birthdays with cup cakes, candles and party hats. Georgia is looking particularly cool!

School Captains' Report

Our Class Gem Jar

Our school students work together to fill up the Gem Jar. We earn gems of different colours for being respectful, learning, kindness and safety. When the students fill the jar up we plan to do something fun! We have filled the jar up once already, so we have planned to have a waterslide day.



Welcoming visitors

One of my captain's jobs this week was welcoming visitors to our school. On Wednesday morning, I welcomed the Gunnedah Mayor, Mr Jamie Chaffey and Director of Planning and Environment Services Mr Andrew Johns to our school to talk with Mrs Worley about making Tambar Springs the gateway to the Gunnedah Shire.



I have been involved in discussions about improving our school as part of the School Leadership team. As a team we have decided on making our school colourful and inviting. We have been lucky to have a lovely lady, Miss Ash to come paint and help us do things. She has been changing the cola poles from silver poles to pink, blue, green, yellow and purple. We also agreed on painting the wooden picnic tables different colours.

Today, Thursday the 23rd February, Mrs Worley and I went down to Mrs Hockings house and delivered some flowers and a card for her 90th birthday. Mrs Hockings has always been there for us and donated things for the school. I would like to give her a big thank you. Mrs Hockings is doing great for a 90 year old. She looks well and she is a healthy lady.



Expression of Interest

Ladies Morning Tea and Tennis

Our school is offering ladies an opportunity to have morning tea and ladies tennis on Mondays from 9:30am to 11:30am at our school hall and tennis court. Please contact the school from Monday 27th February to Thursday 2nd March if you are interested in Ladies Tennis/ morning tea. It will cost \$2 per week to play tennis and you may bring a plate to share for morning tea. The school will supply tea and coffee. This social event will commence on 6th March and continue until Easter holidays. As this event will be held on the Department of Education premises, everyone will need to complete a voluntary 'Working with Child' form. This is free.

Playgroup

We are in the process of offering 'Playgroup' on Mondays at the same time as Ladies tennis. If you have little ones and are interested in 'Playgroup' please contact the school.

Working Bee

Please come along to our 'Working Bee' on **Sunday 5th March** commencing at 9:30am. We need your help painting our cubbyhouse and tables, assembling new shelving for the library and a little landscaping. I will supply a BBQ lunch for our helpers. I am looking forward to working with you to change our school into a child centred learning environment.



*You're
invited to
High Tea*

Date: Wednesday 8th March 2017

Time: 10.30am

Place: Tambar Springs P.S. Hall

Cost: \$5.00

R.S.V.P: 6th March 2017

to Tambar Springs P.S 02 6744 2343

BINGO to follow run by the students

CLAIMING THE DATE
Tambar Springs Public School
Charity Golf Day

Sunday 29th October 2017

4 MAN AMBROSE / 4 BALL VS PAR EVENT

*Fantastic prizes kindly donated from our sponsors
For men, ladies, non-golfers and children
Every child golfer on the day gets a prize!*

\$25 per Player, Includes gourmet BBQ lunch

**Seafood and meat tray raffles
Saturday afternoon and throughout Sunday
100 Clubs and a raffle on the day**

**Register your team
Luke at the Pro Shop on 6742 1751**

Proceeds to purchase a 'School Cubby House'

Inquiry based Education

This week Georgia has been teaching us about the sites and history of Tambar Springs. During this process we have learned Georgia could be Tambar Springs future Real Estate Agent. She also explained there is a very old cemetery behind the Bowling Club. This information has created an enormous amount of unanswered questions all starting with I wonder...?

I wonder how old the cemetery is?

I wonder who is actually buried there?

I wonder what is written on the headstones and what are the head some made from?
etc.

We are extremely excited about finding the answers. If you could help us or have any information to assist our learning about the very old cemetery, will you please contact the school on 67442343.

Our school is looking for a green thumb to assist our school manage our vegie patch. If you are interested please call the school on 67442343



Our school joined Carroll School for a combined sports program at the Gunnedah Gymnastic Centre. We travelled into Gunnedah on Friday to participate in learning new skills and making new friends.