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Tambar Springs

Public School

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8

Tambar Springs Public School has hosted many significant events over the past term. The most significant so far being our Colonial Luscious Lunch for over 35 guests.

Our school showcased the Early History of Tambar Springs from the 1800's, momentous places and the future of education. Mrs Twidale led the journey of learning for our parents, community members, past students and Mayor Jamie Chaffey and his team. She used a historical timeline to engage our visitors in the importance of Tambar Springs' history; from the explorer Allan Cunningham discovering this area and setting up camp in the main street of Tambar Springs on 7-8th May, 1825. Mrs Twidale challenged our visitors thinking using a painting of two kangaroos on the Liverpool Plains dated 1819, six years before Cunningham's Expedition. Our students performed an extract of Captain Thunderbolt's visit to the original Tambar Springs Hotel.

Main photo: The General Manager Eric Groth, Mayor Jamie Chaffey, Cr Owen Hasler and Council staff members Chris Frend with Tambar Springs Public School's staff -Leanda Scott, Bec Twidale, the Relieving Principal Shanyn Worley and our students Millie, Georgia and Amarni.

Dates to Remember

June

- 21 Learner led Conference
- 21 Student Reports go home
- 29 Small School's Athletics Carnival hosted by Tambar Springs Public School

30 Last day of Term 2

July

- 17 Staff Development Day
- 18-**Students return to school**
- 17-21 NAIDOC WEEK
- Springing Into Kinder
- EDUCATION WEEK
- Book Week



On arrival our visitors were welcomed with a cuppa and damper made by the students and topped with our school's Choko or Green Tomato pickles.

Mrs Worley explained her experience during a tour by our School Captain to the outskirts of the pine forest. Georgia informed Mrs Worley of a very old graveyard in the forest which led to the day's learning journey. Our visitors were given an 1888 map to locate the pioneer graves. She explained the relevance of the old pioneer graves and the need for a Tambar Springs Information Centre and Museum overlooking the amazing view. Our visitors participated in our school's authentic learning program as they engaged in locating the old graves amongst the wombat holes and identified the names on the headstones. During lunch we delivered the answers to the names on the headstones and the reference to convicts.

Our investigators entered the Tambar Springs Community Hall and huddled in small groups in deep conversations about their findings and the potential developments for Tambar. Over our roast lamb and baked vegetable lunch our guests were again exposed to another significant piece of Australian history. We intrigued people with the 'Advanced Tambar Coat of Arms' preceding the Australian Coat of Arms and we are searching for answers to it's authenticity, as it is believed it was used to create the Australian Coat of Arms. The similarities are remarkable.

Our Students, Staff and Tambar Springs CWA worked together to prepare and serve the 'Roast Dinner Luscious Lunches' for over 35 adults and children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the CWA ladies for all their work in ensuring the smooth running of our lunch.



It is rewarding to be a part of developing strong relationships with the CWA, Gunnedah Shire, our parents and community members. Especially during shared experiences involving the foods that our students have grown using the 'paddock to plate' concept in an authentic way.



Tambar Springs School Choko and Green Tomato Pickles were rated by our Luscious Lunches visitors as 7/10, 8/10 and 10/10. The clear favourite were the Choko pickles.



The McMinn family searching for clues and evidence.



The Tambar Springs CWA ladies and our school staff serving lunches for our guests.

Future of Education

Mrs Worley demonstrated the future of education using augmented reality and our robots. She explained how they develop skills in programming/coding to engage and produce interactive learning for us to use in the near future. Mrs Worley clarified the significance of ensuring our students have a wide skill set for their future job opportunities.



Dot and Dash were a highlight at the end of the day.

RAFFLES at the Royal Hotel

Last Friday Miss Birkett and Mrs Worley had a very enjoyable time learning the ropes of raffle ticket selling at the Royal Hotel. We would like to thank Brett and Rod for kindly offering the raffles to support the school in raising funds for our Stage 3 excursion to Canberra.

We will be selling raffle tickets for the school on **Friday night 23rd of June**. Selling will commence at 7:30pm. Please contact the school, if you are available to assist.

Vision Screening

Our Kindergarten students participated in their vision screening assessment where they wore some groovy glasses at the front of the classroom and matched letters to a corresponding board at the back of the room. The girls passed the assessment with flying colours.

Small Schools Touch Football Day

On Friday our school travelled to Walhallow Public School for the Small Schools Touch Footy Day. Our girls participated in drills, skills and games of OZtag and Touch Football.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed playing on the Walhallow play equipment and socialising with new friends.



Playgroup

Playgroup is a wonderful opportunity for the children and parents of Tambar Springs to socialise and learn new skills. The **next playgroup date will be Monday 26th June** commencing at 12pm.

Small School's CWA Day at Curlewis Public School Wednesday 28th June. Please return the note by Friday 23rd June.

Small Athletics Carnival

Next week our parents and carers will be receiving a note and program for the Small Schools Athletics Day on Thursday 29th June at Wolseley Oval in Gunnedah.

Helpers are needed for this event. If you can assist by providing cakes and slices to sell in the canteen on the day, it would be greatly appreciated if you could assist in the canteen on the day. Please contact the school for more information on 67442343.



Our Deepest Sympathy

A very special volunteer of our school community passed away last week and we would like to send our condolences to the Hathway family.

Lou Hathway was a delightful man who supported our school at our Luscious Lunches and working bees. He will be sadly missed by our students and staff.



Our girls waiting patiently for Touch Football to start. They were very impressed by this mural.

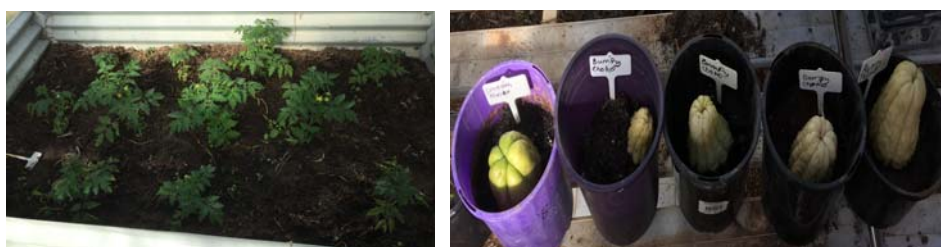
School Captain's Report

Yesterday the 7th of June the Tambar Springs Public School had a Colonial Luscious Lunch. We invited everyone we could think of, we had over 30 people who came to have lunch with us, some were from Gunnedah and the others came from our community.

The next Luscious Lunches we have I think we should maybe have some treats in the middle of the table while waiting? 7 of my favourite parts of our luscious lunches were:

1. Eating our delicious food
2. Serving our visitors the food
3. How the community liked the damper with the cup of tea
4. How the joyful people came to me and said that the roast dinner was yum!
5. How the little kids jumped up straight away and did their performance in front of the large audience of parents, our community and visitors from Gunnedah.
6. Enjoying the damper, including Mrs Worley's idea to make the people rate our pickles out of 10. The scores from the people were 7, 8 and 10 out of 10.
7. How the community was really interested in the old grave yard and asking and saying excellent ideas.

I had a good day and so did the Kindy girls. I'm glad that the kind people had a great day and I am looking forward to seeing more invitations to our school so our visitors can come again.



Update from the Green House

After receiving high ratings from our visitors for our school choko and tomato pickles we have been forward planning. We have planted our chokoes into pots to set roots before transplanting them in Spring. Our transplanted tomatoes have established and are quickly growing. They have already started flowering.

Stage 3 Book Report

Our Stage 3 student has been studying the book 'Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes.'

I have been learning about a girl called Sadako and she was around my age. Sadako was living in Japan when the atomic bomb was dropped in her village. She was such a nice, caring, beautiful and polite girl. Sadako loved going to school and running home in the afternoons. One day she was at school and fell over and the teacher sent her to the hospital, later on she found out that she had leukaemia. She stayed in hospital and her friend Chizuko came over and gave her some scissors and paper to make 1000 paper cranes to earn good luck symbols to save her life. The day after that she was outside the hospital and she was talking to a boy who was Kenji. She said to him 'Why don't you try and make 1000 paper cranes to give you good luck signs?' Kenji replied, 'I've tried. It's too late now' and the next day the nurse came around and told Sadako that Kenji had passed away. Sadako kept making paper cranes, however she passed away and all the cranes were buried with her. There is now a statue of Sadako.

This is a story about 'hope' when life is hard.



Our Stage 3 student has used a procedural text to create a paper crane like the ones placed in Sadako's grave.