## TURRAMURRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# Newsletter

Issue 21 – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 Term 3 Week 5

### Principal's Message

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

We had to make some major decisions yesterday regarding external providers. I sent a Skoolbag message with a brief outline of which activities it will affect. The full message from the Department is attached at the back of the Newsletter today. All Band actions will be notified via the Band contacts.

We must have all actions in place from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Can you please take the time to read and digest how this will affect you and your children. Thankfully we are still able to operate within our classrooms and in our playground with a few changes to keep our students in their Stage Groups.

I will be attending a ZOOM session today at 3:30pm. I will keep you posted with any information as it comes to hand.

We have had to place the Peer Support sessions on hold until Term 4. Year 6 are doing an amazing job with this and due to the across school groupings this has had to be paused for now.

Year 5 are completing the Check-in assessment in Numeracy and Reading over the following couple of days. We will receive some feedback regarding these assessments and we will forward this to Year 5 parents.

A special reminder that all children who are sick with cold/flu type symptoms must have a Covid test. Children are not permitted to return to school unless they can show a negative test result and no longer have symptoms. We are happy to receive this via an email to the Office that displays the child's name and class. I know that the SMS service does not have any identifier on it.

Teachers are also required to follow these rules.

I have had some enquiries regarding riding bikes to school. We ask that children do not ride to school unsupervised until they are 10 years of age. The roads around the School are too busy to allow children younger to ride alone. If you want to accompany your children riding to school this is absolutely fine. Bikes can be parked at the Band COLA area in the bike rack. A bike lock is not necessary but recommended. (Your child will need to be able to do this as parents are not permitted onto the grounds for now)

We also ask that you do not send cakes to school for birthdays at the moment. We are happy to share shop sealed items for now. The Canteen are able to sell a pack of Quelch Sticks for the class to enjoy as another option.

We are hopeful that this is for Term 3 only but will have to wait and see. It is for our safety.

Our classes are enjoying activities for Science Week throughout the week.

Have a great week. Please take the time to listen to news regarding actions that schools have to take. Often we hear after the Media have released information.

Take care,

Have a great week

**Margaret Foott** 

Principal.

### Planning Ahead...

Wednesday 19th August Friday 21st August Friday 4th September Friday 25th September

- Jeans for Genes Day don't forget your gold coin donation
- Uniform Shop open 8.30 9.30am
- Father's Day Stall
- End of Term 3

### **Sport News:**

Turramurra has made the difficult decision to withdraw from the Term 3 PSSA friendly competition. Whilst the competition may still go ahead, we felt that the risk to our students and our local community was too high for us to safely compete.

Any Yr 6 families who have paid for Winter PSSA will be credited with \$40 to "Fees in Advance".

A decision will be made about Summer PSSA in the coming weeks. We are of course hoping for a return to some kind of normality by then.

### Reg de Jager & Katrina McGuire

## SRC Fundraiser – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Remember to Dress in Denim and Donate for Jeans for Genes day tomorrow.

Challenge- Can you do Double Denim?



### **Library News**

### The 2020 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students have now successfully completed the PRC. Great reading!

Eddy Broadbent	Osborn Gong
Ava Kim	Oliver Yap
Eve Georgiou	Archie Kroie
Tangia Sun	Harry Birtles
Liv Bouteloup	Caitlin Norton
Aidan Stone	lan Walker

All remaining participants are asked to please register their books online by 28<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Overdue Books**

Overdue notices have been sent home. Please ensure all outstanding books are returned to the Library as soon as possible. Lost books will need to be paid for at the School Office.

### **Amanda Kynaston and Shelley Warren**

**Teacher Librarians** 

### **Achievement Awards Years K-2:**

KB	Poppy Jonak	
KY	Lucas Zheng	Isabelle Roc
KO	Mia Scott	Oliver Holt
KG	Torres Wang	
1N	Ava Morris	
1T	Elijah Hohl	Max Kesby
	Amy Henrion	
1B	Nate Trachman	
2M	Addison Eke	
2K	Hannah Lynch	Harry Spinks
2V	Simran Sambrane	Levi Scalley
2R	Ariyan Sanjeevan	Rosie Bayl

### **Achievement Awards Years 3-6:**

3L	Tangia Sun	Eva McNamara
	Lars Volwerk	Callan McInney
	Lea Henrion	Joel Pagano
3R	Charlotte Sancanin	Charlie Silva
	Abigail Fiander	
4B	Jonti Street	Frederick Munter
	Tahlia Fedeli	Cici Gong
4H	Max Jones	Rachel Padina
4N	Owen Backhouse	Scarlett Reisch
5S	Jemima Sayers	Musa Jan
	Harvey Broadbent	Gemma Carson
6D	Jimmy Thebridge	Lucas Clark
	Lily Morgan	Marco Gendy

### **Uniform Shop:**

The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 21st August from 8.30-9.30am.

### **Canteen News:**

Thanks to last week's helpers!

Helpers for this week:

Wednesday 19th August 2020

Georgie Howard and Nathalie Fagan

Thursday 20th August 2020

Gill Allen and Carla Smith

Friday 21st August 2020

Mel Liu and Kristina Willis

Monday 24th August 2020

Sarah Sui

Thank you from the TPS CANTEEN

Laura and Haylee



### Year 4 Powerful Project Incursion

Last Thursday Year 4 students took part in an amazing incursion led by the teachers from the Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre as part of their Powerful Project studies.

Students learnt about ecological concepts relating to the Eastern Pygmy Possum through a range of fun and active games. They also learnt about the preferred habitat of different native species as they constructed nest boxes.

Finally, students got to discover the beauty of Amaroo through the lens of a camera. You can view the incredible photos students took in the gallery section of the school website (<a href="https://turramurra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery/powerful-project-incursion-student-photos.html">https://turramurra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery/powerful-project-incursion-student-photos.html</a>).

Joseph Bruscino Stage 2 Assistant Principal



### Band News 2020 - Term 3, Week 5



# ALL BANDS CANCELLED - UPDATED GUIDELINES FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The school has received new guidelines today regarding safe operations on school grounds. All non essential activities are no longer permitted on site.

Unfortunately this means that the proposed lunchtime concert series and all Band rehearsals are cancelled, from today, for the rest of Term 3.

Tutorials will re-commence externally or online from today. Please look out for communications from your tutor.

We will share any further updates with you as soon as we receive them.

#### P&C BAND CONTACT DETAILS

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After a year when so much has had to be cancelled we are pleased to say that the Father's Stall will go ahead. The stall is to be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September and students will be able to select a gift for their Dad, Grandfather or other special man in their life

### Cost is \$7 per child - payment due by Wednesday 26th August

### Preferred payment option is:

Online payment via www.flexischools.com.au

If this is unavailable to you, we will accept cash payments. Please complete the form below, place in a sealed envelope with the correct cash and return to the school via your oldest child who will give it to their class teacher. The envelope must have your child's full name and Father's Day stall clearly printed on it.

Money is **NOT** required at the stall.

Children who have not paid **will not** be able to pay on the day

Father's Day Stall		
First child's name	Class(\$7)	
Second child's name	Class(\$7)	
Third child's name	Class(\$7)	
Fourth child's name	Class(\$7)	
I enclose \$		
(Payment by cash or cheque. Make cheques payable to TPS P&C)		
Signed Date		

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### Page content:

# Schools are operating full time while actively following health advice.

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice.

### School attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- · they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the <u>COVID-19 clinics</u>.

Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask.

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

All students and staff who reside in or have visited Victoria must have a <u>permit to enter NSW</u> and are required to comply with health restrictions relevant to their permit which may include the need complete the 14 day self-isolation period commencing the last day they were in Victoria.

### Latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW

Check the <u>Latest COVID-19</u> case locations in <u>NSW</u> and follow the recommended actions if you have been in a location where there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19. We encourage members of the community to monitor this site. Please follow the relevant health advice if you have been at any of the locations at the specified dates and times.

The locations along with the times and dates of when the cases were identified can be found on the NSW COVID-19 website.

### School activities/school site usage

Additional safety measures for school activities have been put in place to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools for the remainder of Term 3.

The following principles underpin these measures:

- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort.
- Inter school activities must remain within the local community or zone.
  This applies to all interschool sport and physical activities, curriculum
  activities, arts activities and extra-curricular activities organised or
  sponsored by the school. Schools must not travel outside of their local
  community area. Metropolitan schools cannot travel outside their local
  - area or to regional areas. Regional areas cannot travel into metropolitan areas or other regional areas. Find your school's **sport zone**.
- Only providers that are essential to the delivery of curriculum can continue to provide services and programs until further notice.
- Parents/carers and other non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site
- All group singing (choirs) and/or other chanting activities, as well as the use of wind instruments in group settings, are not permitted.
- School formals, dances, graduation or other social events are not permitted

### Activities/site usage that can take place:

- Use the school library
- Engage in sporting activities within restrictions
- Canteens and uniform shops can open at principal's discretion
- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
- Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold).
- Day field trips to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements can take place (e.g. DoE Environmental Education Centres and sport and recreation facilities, trips to local river to collect water samples)
- School photos
- Community use agreements involving adult attendance must have a COVID Safe Plan in place.
- SRE/SEE lessons within restrictions
- Work experience for students with a COVID Safe Plan in place.
- P&C meetings and events must be on-line only.
- Parent/teacher meetings will be online unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion.

#### Activities on hold for Term 3

The following events will be reconsidered in Term 3. For now, these events must remain on hold.

- Kindergarten orientation
- Year 7 orientation has been delayed until Term 4.
- School camps
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- Interstate excursions
- International excursions (cancelled until further notice)
- All students (except year 12 students) attending classes/activities relating to subjects only available on other campuses
- Face to face professional learning for staff. Refer to the <u>Physical distancing</u> guidelines.
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events
- Parent and carer volunteers e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large onsite cultural events.
- Interschool sport, drama, debating and other events that are not within the local community or zone including gala days and regional sporting carnivals.
- Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed. Many largescale arts events and sports tournaments rely upon feeder activities and have long-lead time organisational arrangements. As a consequence, a number of annual activities are planned to be delayed or cancelled (refer to Impacts on arts and sports events programs)

### Activities that are cancelled

- Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed because they require feeder activities and havelong-lead-time organisational arrangements. Please speak to your schools if you would like to know more.
- International excursions are cancelled until further notice.

### Physical distancing

Physical distancing of students in schools is not required under the AHPPC quidelines.

All teachers, support staff and parents must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m).

Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff.

### School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

### Essential hygiene supplies

To support NSW schools during COVID-19 and help keep them safe, we've secured and dispatched a range of products including soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment.

Standard packs of hygiene products continue to be dispatched to schools. The packs include liquid soap, hand sanitiser, paper towels, surface spray, disinfectant wipes. Quantities are calculated on the number of habitable spaces at each school. Schools can continue to request supplies through the School Supplies email address.

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation arises. Read more about our <u>Response protocols for COVID-19 cases</u>.

• and returned a negative test result prior to leaving self-isolation.

### **Transport**

Bus services to and from schools are scheduled to run as normal. For travel advice to and from school refer to the NSW <u>public transport service</u>.