

# TURRAMURRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 7

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## Principal's Message

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are experiencing a variety of different weathers this week. Please feel free to wear Summer Uniform on the days when it is over 25 degrees so we are all comfortable in our classrooms.

I am pleased to say that the majority of our students are being more responsible with their clothing and the lost property is not that full at present. We will continue to try to get all items back to owners when it is left around the School but our aim is to get children to remember where they have taken off a jacket, hat or lunchbox and remember to put it in their bags.

Our Kindergarten for 2021 Information Pack will be sent home shortly. This will include a lovely slide show about our School and what to expect in the first weeks at school. Thank you to Mrs Neeves and Miss North for all the work on this. In the event we are unable to invite parents into the school this will be a good introduction to our expectations and routines. This will be available on our website and the link will be included in the Kindergarten package.

Please also remind your neighbours that it is time to enrol for 2021 if they have children ready to enter school next year.

Some of our teachers are working with me on External Validation Preparation at present. This will be in Term 4 and our materials are coming together really well. It is a great amount of work but clarifies for us how much our school does for our students and the opportunities that are made available to them.

Teachers will be participating in planning for Term 4 over the next few weeks. This is important to ensure the children are provided with the resources they need for moving into the next year group.

The Father's Day Stall is on this Friday. Please look out for these in bags on Friday afternoon. Have a wonderful weekend and spoil your Dads and Granddads.

There is a link later in the Newsletter to our Tell Them From Me Survey for parents. Please take some time to complete this as it gives us important information when planning for our school operations.

Please remember that all children who have cold and flu symptoms are required to have a COVID test. This is a Department requirement and we must abide by this decision. If your child has been sent home with symptoms this is required before the child is able to return to school. This is for everyone's safety.

Have a great week and enjoy Spring.

**Margaret Foott**  
Principal.

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## Planning Ahead...

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	- Father's Day Stall
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	- Year 6 Farewell Meal Deal
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	- Talk Like a Pirate Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	- End of Term 3

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## Message From the Deputy Principal

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey (Term 3, 2020)

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 7<sup>th</sup> September and 23 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is in this weeks Newsletter. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Kind Regards  
**Jacqui Gordon**

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## Year 6 Farewell Meal Deal:

Please make sure you get your orders in by 12.30pm Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. Order via Flexischools, please note when in Flexischools you will need to scroll right to select the Meal Deal. See flyer later in the Newsletter.

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## Library News

The 2020 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

We are happy to report 331 TPS students participated in the Challenge this year! What a wonderful effort! Well done to all our fantastic readers!!

Congratulations to the students who have just completed the PRC! **Please see a full list of names later in the Newsletter.**

**Amanda Kynaston and Shelley Warren**  
Teacher Librarians

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## Achievement Awards K-2:

KR	Niamh Bowen	Jasmine Tucker
KB	Kyra Hathiramani	
KY	Edward Cornish	
KO	Riley Atherton	
1T	Amy Henrion	
1M	Sophia Walton	
1B	Chloe Jones	
1N	James Strydom	
2M	James Barbour	
2K	Jonathan Pan	
2V	Riley Brook	
2R	Charlotte Chue Hong	Spencer Stratford

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## Achievement Awards Years 3-6:

3L	Archer Kroie	Angelina Zhang
	Poppy Sunderland	Justin Johnson
3R	Eason Shen	Holly Clark
4B	Lachlan Smith	Emily Bounds
	Liv Bouteloup	Elena Vaziry
6D	Lia van Wyk	James Brown
	Ollie Schneider	Tyler Dillon

### Canteen News:

A big thank you to last week's helpers, a special one also to Vanessa Bosnich for stepping in last Thursday!!!! We are so lucky to have you volunteers!!!!

#### Helpers for this week:

##### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Nat Fagan, Jacqui Shearer and Steph Shannon

##### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

TBC

##### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Caitlin Vasica and Paul Li

##### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Connie Cui

Thank you from the TPS CANTEEN

**Laura and Haylee**



**TUESDAY 8TH  
SEPTEMBER**

**\$7 MEAL DEAL**  
TO SUPPORT THE  
**YEAR 6 FAREWELL**

Sausage in a Roll -  
(Beef/Vegetarian/  
Gluten free)

Red Rock Deli Chips  
(Honey Soy/Sea Salt)

Popper

Paddle Pops \$2 extra

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED  
THROUGH FLEXISCHOOLS BY  
FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 12.30PM



**2020-21 SEASON**  
KU-RING-GAI LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB INC.

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

GO TO [WWW.KLAC.ORG.AU](http://WWW.KLAC.ORG.AU) TO REGISTER  
FOR THE 2020-21 SEASON

Registration pack collection days: Sunday 30 August and  
Saturday 5 September from 2pm to 4pm  
at Bannockburn Oval

Please note: Surnames A-K from 2-3pm & Surnames L-Z from 3-4pm

For more information call: 0414 250 600

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Ku-ring-gai Little Athletics  
Bannockburn Road, Pymble

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## Band News 2020 -Term 3, Week 7

### OPTIONS FOR THE REST OF TERM 3

Mr Rowland and the Band Committee are working hard to find options for the Band Program to continue in some form for the balance of Term 3, and possibly throughout Term 4 if current Department of Education restrictions are not changed.

**Option 1-** no rehearsals

**Option 2 -** Trash Percussion sessions (see below)

**Please complete the online form by this Friday to indicate your preference.**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1L1GcFQ1wv3GsdGipXAcsp7S4moPj057mxiqDvrIOcHA/edit?usp=sharing>

### Trash Percussion Sessions

Mr Rowland has offered to hold 'trash percussion' sessions for all interested students. These would be during one concert band rehearsal each week (either morning or afternoon) for each band. They would be great for ensemble skills and involve some complicated rhythm reading. Students will be encouraged to bring:

- labelled drumsticks, if they have any, and
- any disposable, non-destructible items such as large, clean (empty) coffee tins, buckets and metal tubs which can be used for percussion.

Please complete the online form **by Friday this week** so we can let you know whether students should attend rehearsals next week.

**In the meantime, please continue practising and attending lessons with tutors.**

### RECRUITMENT FOR JUNIOR BAND 2021

Usually in Term 4 we hold a Band Information Night for prospective junior band members. This is for current Year 2 students. This year we will not be able to hold this in person, and so we are looking for volunteers to help produce some short video segments. These segments will help demonstrate and promote the available instruments.

We propose to share these videos privately, by link sent via emails, most likely through a private YouTube channel. They will be deleted before the end of this year. Please use the online form to indicate your child's interest in contributing.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1L1GcFQ1wv3GsdGipXAcsp7S4moPj057mxiqDvrIOcHA/edit?usp=sharing>

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## SUPPORT MUSIC IN SCHOOLS

A petition has been started by Mark Walton OAM, a well known Music Lecturer at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, asking the Premier to reconsider the current ban in place and to allow schools to implement their current strategies to minimise the risk of COVID being spread while allowing music education.



Hopefully it will result in music programs and band rehearsals recommencing in schools.

The Band Committee encourages all parents to take the time to sign this petition:

<http://chnq.it/WZNW5xnL9t>

### P&C BAND CONTACT DETAILS

Band Director - Mr Tim Rowland: [tpsbands@outlook.com](mailto:tpsbands@outlook.com)

Band Co-coordinators - Vicki McMartin & Kerry Medd: [band@tps-pandc.org.au](mailto:band@tps-pandc.org.au)

Band Treasurer - Neroli Sunderland: [tpsbandtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:tpsbandtreasurer@gmail.com)

Band Secretary - Alison Barnett: [tpsbandsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:tpsbandsecretary@gmail.com)

**Talk Like a Pirate Day**  
**Friday 18 September 2020**  
**(actual day is Saturday 19 September 2020)**



**AAA ARRR me hearties get ya gear ready for the annual**

**Talk Like a Pirate Day at Turrumurra Public School.**

**Come dressed for a day of shenanigans on the high seas!**  
**Find ya peg legs, parrots, eye patches, hats and earrings. Hoist ya skull**  
**and cross bone flags.**

**Bring ya mighty pirate voice.**

**No gold coins.**

**Just a day of fun filled AAAAARRRRRRs**

**Our Students Who have  
completed the PRC!**

Luke Anderson	Elise Antonio	Isabelle Roc
Riley Atherton	Emma Babik	Sairrah Sanjeevan
Jack Barbour	Seren Barnett	Arielle Scalley
Amelia Barwick	Amelie Barwick	Mia Scott
Luca Baum	Danny Bentley	Rhett Shannon
Skye Bin	Ellie Boers	Olivia Smeallie
Hugo Boyer	Harry Brandt	Summer Smith
Nicolo Brown	Christopher Bueno	Vihaan Suchde
Oliver Cameron Ryan	Chloe Chen	Isabelle Sun
Sam Clayton	Oscar Cole	Max Tarrant
Teddy Cornish	Miles Coroneos	Louis Vasica
Anna Davis	Nickan Dehestani	Caitlin Willis
Hugo Duncalf	Emelia Duong	Cohen Wright
Lochlan Easton	Bernie Fenech	Emma Yong
Oscar Field	Madeleine Fletcher	Ella Simpson
Ava Gordon	Poppy Gordon	Charlie Pearce
Zachary Griffiths	Jannik Grosse Moraes	Laila Gendy
Olof Grufstedt	Kyra Hathiramani	Beatrice Dean
Zane Hemingway	Oliver Holt	Eva Morris
Poppy Jonak	Eleanor Kain	Jonathon Street
Holly Kennedy	August Kovacs	Jean Wang
Lulu Leerinas	Sebastian Leyshan	Hanna Sved
Aiden Li	Emily Lynch	Justin Roger
Ellie Macken	Daniel Masoudian	Isabelle Roc
Toby Murdocca	Edward Niu	Sairrah Sanjeevan
Quentin Nix	Robbie O'Halloran	Arielle Scalley
Jyoti Ram	Thomas Reardon	Mia Scott
Chelsey Ren	Charlotte Fagan	Zachary Tan
John Ruys	Sigmund Bilyk	Jasmine Tucker
Aashvi Sarkar	Evangeline Gallagher	Ethan Wang
Leo Schmitt	Lachlan Smith	Torres Wong
Archie Selby	Eddie Wang	Adalyn Xiong
Audrey Shepherd	Hannah Waring	Lucas Zheng
Charlotte Smith	Angela Sun	Eva Mcnamara
Ollie Stranger		

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**Information and consent form for parents and carers**

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

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Dear Parents and Carers

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Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you **do not want your child to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by **4<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Margaret Foott  
Principal  
Turramurra Public School

Dr Jenny Donovan  
Executive Director  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

***Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form***

**Please complete in English**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by **4<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

**I DO NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me*** student feedback survey.

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

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Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

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Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

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Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

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Name of parent/carer .....

Signature of parent/carer .....

Date .....