



## Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 6	Tuesday 3 March	Soccer Gala Day - Tumut
Week 7	Wednesday 11 March	NAPLAN Starts
	Friday 13 March	CWA Craft
Week 8	Monday 16 March	Harmony Week
Week 10	Tuesday 31 March	Netball Schools Cup - Tumut

### Welcome

Welcome to Term 1! We extend a warm welcome to both new and returning students and their families. It's been a busy and exciting start to the year as we kicked off with our swimming lessons, providing wonderful opportunities for our students to build confidence and skills in the water. We are delighted to have you all here and look forward to a fantastic year filled with learning, growth, and connection. Thank you for being part of our small school family.



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## **Tumut Soccer Gala Day and Kindy Excursion**

Our Year 2 to Year 5 students will be joining forces with local schools for an exciting day of soccer, providing a fantastic chance to develop teamwork, make new friends, and enhance their sporting skills. Meanwhile, our Kindergarten students will also head to Tumut for a special excursion to the library and explore the town, enriching their literacy and geography learning in a fun and engaging way.

## **NAPLAN Assessment**

NAPLAN assesses skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, and numeracy. It is conducted annually for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. The tests provide important information to schools, parents, and the Department to help support student learning. Our staff will provide encouragement and a calm environment during testing. We encourage parents to support their children by ensuring they have a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and a positive attitude on test days.

## **Country Women's Association**

We look forward to joining the CWA's Friday craft sessions to provide community connection and enrichment opportunities for our students. The students thoroughly enjoy their visits and are always curious to see what the CWA members are creating.

## **Harmony Week**

Harmony Week is a special occasion where we celebrate diversity, inclusion, and respect. It's a time to recognise and appreciate the many cultures, backgrounds, and stories that enrich our lives. This year, we will come together with activities that promote kindness, understanding, and belonging for everyone. Harmony Day reminds us that everyone has a place here, and together we create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

## **Netball Schools' Cup**

Schools Cup offers NSW primary students the chance to enjoy netball in a fun and inclusive environment. Designed to provide an elevated netball experience, the event features thoughtfully planned activities and game-play that encourage skill development, teamwork, and a love for the sport. We look forward to our students participating and enjoying this fantastic opportunity alongside our local schools.

## Emergency Contact Details

Please remember to update your contact details, including emergency contacts, to ensure we can reach you quickly if needed. Keeping this information current is important for your child's safety and wellbeing. If you have any changes, please inform the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents and carers, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents or carers are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 calendar days of the first day of any period of absence. All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided.



## Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions are donations made by families to support school programs and resources beyond what government funding covers. These contributions help enhance learning opportunities, provide additional materials, and support extracurricular activities. While contributions are not compulsory, they are greatly appreciated and directly benefit all students by enriching their educational experience. Please contact Ms Howell if you wish to make a contribution.

## **School Uniforms**

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation in helping us to maintain our uniform standard. The wearing of our uniform helps develop students' sense of belonging to the school community and instill a sense of pride and respect for our school.

Our upcoming uniform order will be sent home in Week 1 of Term 2. Additionally, we also offer pre-loved items. While our stock is limited, we always try to have at least one jumper, shirt, shorts, and dress available in a few sizes.

## **Excursions and Activities**

At our school, excursions and activities are an essential part of learning, and we rely on all students attending to ensure they proceed as planned. These events support the curriculum and provide valuable experiences beyond the classroom. Students may be excluded from excursions only if their behaviour at school raises concerns; alternative arrangements will then be made.

Thanks to subsidies from the P&C and the school, costs are kept low to make these opportunities accessible to all families.

Please ensure your child attends all designated excursions, as bookings and deposits mean refunds are not always possible.

Thank you for supporting our small school community and helping us offer meaningful learning experiences for every student.

## **Kindergarten Best Start Assessment**

The Best Start Assessment is an educational evaluation designed to assess the foundational skills of students in their early years of schooling. It is administered to students in their first year, providing educators with insights into each child's abilities and areas that may require additional support. This assessment is completed within the first few weeks of the school year, ensuring that teachers can tailor their instruction to meet the individual needs of their students effectively.

## **Compliments and Complaints**

If you have any concerns about the school, please feel welcome to speak to Ms Cherry so we can work together to resolve them promptly. Our goal is to provide a safe, productive, and enjoyable learning environment for all students.

If you wish to raise a formal complaint, the NSW Department of Education has clear procedures to ensure complaints are handled fairly and transparently. More information, including how to lodge a complaint, is available on the Department's website in the Complaints Handling Guidelines.

## Community Readers

Welcome back to all our wonderful community readers! We truly appreciate your generous time and support in helping our students develop their reading skills. Your involvement makes a real difference in their learning journey, and we're excited to have you back for another great year of sharing stories and building confidence together. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

## Swimming Lessons

A huge thank you to Kerrie for running our Year 2–5 swimming program. We were incredibly lucky to secure a swimming teacher to run the swim scheme program so the students didn't miss out. Her generosity ensured our students gained vital water skills, and we truly appreciate her community spirit in making this happen. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time in the water and are steadily building confidence and improving their swimming strokes.



## ALPSS Swimming Carnival

Frankie and Ruby performed exceptionally well at the ALPSS Swimming Carnival. Frankie achieved 2nd and 3rd places, and Ruby took home the title of Junior Girls Swimming Champion. Congratulations to both students; we are incredibly proud of their accomplishments!




## Watering the Garden

Our students have been delighted to water our flower garden and witness the blooms. They have also created a fairy garden, where they enjoy engaging in imaginative play.



## Libraries on the Road

Libraries on the Road, operated by the Snowy Valleys Council, graciously visits Talbingo every four weeks to host a themed story time and craft session for children. Our students absolutely love these events and eagerly anticipate the next one!

 **LIBRARIES ON THE ROAD 2026 TALBINGO**

Feb 12th	June 11th	Oct 8th
March 12th	July 9th	Nov 12th
April 9th	August 13th	Dec 10th
May 14th	Sept 10th	

**11:00am to 1:00pm**  
**Snowy Hydro Training Room**

**Storytime**  
Visit us for a themed Storytime and craft. For before-school and school-aged children.  
Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

**Borrow from a selection of books, DVDs and magazines. Get assistance with e-resources.**



## Healthy Eating

Encouraging healthy fruit break, recess, and lunch options helps fuel our students' energy and focus throughout the school day. Packing fresh fruits, vegetables, and nutritious snacks not only supports their growth but also promotes good eating habits that last a lifetime. Let's work together to provide our children with wholesome, delicious choices that keep them happy, healthy, and ready to learn!



### Everyday sandwich ideas

Sandwiches, wraps and rolls are a great choice for lunch and are easy to make. Adding some salad items can also give your kids a vegetable boost!

You could:

- Swap from processed deli meat to leftover dinner meats like rissoles or roast meat or try a boiled egg or baked beans
- Swap butter or mayonnaise to avocado, cream cheese or hummus
- Add vegetables to simple sandwiches e.g. add some grated carrot to a cheese sandwich

