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SRC Pyjama Day

From Mrs Kehlet - Relieving Principal

What a fantastic term it has been! I want to thank you all for your support throughout my first term as Relieving Principal. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the students, and I feel very fortunate to be part of such a vibrant and caring school.

This term has been packed with activities and events that our students embraced with enthusiasm, including the Spelling Bee and NAIDOC Week celebrations at Windellama, District Cross Country, Athletics Carnival and the 4/5/6 Soccer Knockout. The SRC held their first fundraiser today, with students and staff dressing up in their pyjamas to join in the fun. A big thank you to staff and families for helping make these events possible.

Looking ahead, Term 3 is shaping up to be just as exciting! Some of the highlights will include a special visit from the Mayor, who will be planting a tree with students for National Tree Day, the District Athletics Carnival, the much-anticipated GCOPS Performance for Years 3–6 (with tickets going on sale early next term), School Photos, Public Education Week, Book Week, and a special visit from Healthy Harold.

Thank you again for a great term. I hope everyone enjoys a safe and relaxing holiday break, and I look forward to what the next two terms will bring.

K-1 News – Mrs Everton

As we wrap up Term 2, we want to take a moment to reflect on the tremendous progress our Kindergarten and Year One students have made this term. It has been a semester filled with learning, growth, and fun!

Writing: This term, our students have been encouraged to express their thoughts and ideas through writing. They have been practicing writing simple sentences, using their knowledge of sounds to spell words, and illustrating their stories. We are proud to see their creativity flourish and their confidence grow as they share their writing with their peers.

Reading: Our reading program has focused on developing essential skills, including phonemic awareness, decoding sounds in words and comprehension. Students have enjoyed exploring a variety of texts, from picture books to simple readers, and are becoming more proficient in recognising sight words and using context clues to understand stories. We encourage you to continue reading their individual sentence book at home to support their development!

Numbers to 20: In mathematics, we have been working on number recognition and counting up to 20. Students have engaged in hands-on activities that promote their understanding of addition and subtraction within this range. It's wonderful to see them applying these skills in real-life situations, such as counting objects and solving simple problems.

Spelling Using Decoding: Our approach to spelling emphasises decoding skills, where students learn to break down words into their individual sounds. This method not only helps them spell words correctly but also enhances their reading abilities. Regular practice at home, using the words we cover in class, will further strengthen their skills.

Respecting Our School Values: Throughout this term, we have been reinforcing the importance of respecting our school values, especially the value of respecting learning. Students are encouraged to show respect towards their teachers, classmates, and their own learning processes. We believe that fostering a respectful environment is crucial for encouraging curiosity and a love for learning.

We believe that a strong partnership between school and home is essential for our children's learning and development. When families are engaged in their child's education, it creates a supportive environment that fosters curiosity and a love for learning.

By working together, we can reinforce the skills taught in the classroom and encourage our students to explore new concepts at home. We encourage parents to participate in learning activities, such as reading together and discussing the school values we uphold. This collaboration not only enhances academic skills but also strengthens the bond between families and our school community.

We appreciate your ongoing support and involvement, as it greatly contributes to the positive learning experiences our students enjoy every day. Together, we can help our children reach their full potential and celebrate their achievements along the way.

Thank you for being such an important part of our learning community. We wish you a wonderful break and look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready to learn!

2-3 News - Mrs Taylor

ACHIEVEMENTS

A big congratulations to all the students of 2/3T who have made amazing improvements across all areas of literacy and mathematics this term. All students have received results to be proud of.

THEMES AND TOPICS THIS TERM

Our Reading group routine with Megan (SLSO) has been working very well this term with some pleasing improvements in oral reading fluency. The focus of our program has been on developing skills in word recall. We have been focusing on identifying advanced and tricky letter combinations within words and sentences to promote our reading fluency. It is very important to be able to read words quickly and with automaticity so that we can focus our thinking on understanding what we read. We have also been learning the skills of chunking longer more complex words into syllable and blending them back together.

In Maths, we have been practicing our knowledge of mental strategies for addition, subtraction and multiplication. Our main lessons in maths over the last 5 weeks have focussed on reading clocks and have introduced reading clocks to the minute using quarter to and quarter parts.

We have been working on linking grouping collections with fractions as part of a whole collection. We have revised turns in transforming shapes as well as clockwise and anticlockwise directions. Finally we have been collecting, categorising and creating tables and graphs to record our data. Multiplication and division particularly around doubles and halves have been a focus.

In writing, we have focused our attention on story writing and have been learning the power of grammar. We have been exploring different planning techniques and developing our ability to craft exciting ideas for our stories. We have been exploring the power of time connectives, noun groups and vivid verbs and the role they play in bringing our stories to life.



2-3 News - Mrs Taylor

In art, we have been introduced to the art of Matisse and Picasso and have been exploring colour and design. The students have really enjoyed the freedom this form of art gives them with thinking outside the box and having the freedom to explore. They have created vibrant and imaginative three-dimensional artwork as a result.

ATHLETICS

Tarago had a fantastic day at the TREC Athletics Carnival a few weeks ago. The school collected both overall and aggregate trophies, and in a rare result, collected all 6 age champion medals!!! Congratulations to Sophie, Peter, Hannah, Reagan, Thomas and Shelby who will be attending the District Carnival next term on Monday 4th August. Notes for those students who have qualified have been sent home.



4-5-6 News - Mr McCartney

CROSS COUNTRY

A big congratulations to Millie G who attended the Regional Trials held at Cambewarra a couple of weeks ago. Millie ran well again and was pleased with her performance.



THEMES AND TOPICS THIS TERM

Our Reading group routine with Anne (SLSO) and Mr Mac has been working very well this term with some pleasing improvements in oral reading fluency. Our study of Leila and the Blue Fox this term is coming to an exciting conclusion this week. The novel is based on a true story of scientists tracking the movement of arctic foxes and how they are adapting to climate change. Students have been looking at genre and the impact of human migration which has been described for a family in the story.

In Maths, we have been practicing our knowledge of times table facts with a buddy each day. Our main lessons in maths over the last 5 weeks have focussed on

becoming more confident and accurate with our algorithm routines and applying them to problem solving situations. We have also looked at perimeter, area and mass.

In History we have continued studying the settlement patterns in early Australia. Students have recently looked at the impact of European settlement in the context of introduced animals. Students are almost finished a slide show about their chosen animal and how it has impacted the natural environment and how current Australians are dealing with it. We have been discussing the why's and how's of settlement and how this impacted on the lives of the First Australians.

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4-5-6 News - Mr McCartney

FOOTBALL KNOCK OUT

Tarago Soccer team attended their first PSSA Knockout game in May and everyone had a great day! The trip to Moss Vale was lots of fun and the game against Scarborough PS was very exciting. In the end, Scarborough won the day with a 4-1 scoreline. The Tarago students were great sports and collected much praise from the Scarborough staff and even the Scarborough students who said 'they are so nice'. We must return the favour by saying the Scarborough staff and players were a delight to mix with. A big thanks to Moss Vale FC who allowed us to use their dressing rooms, canteen (yummy lollies!) and even their soccer balls (Mr Mac forgot to pack ours).



What's On

Week 1

- Thursday 24th July Mayor visit to plant a tree with students for National Tree Day

Week 2

Week 3

- Monday 4th August District Athletics
- Wednesday 6th August GCOPS performance

Week 4

- Tuesday 12th August School Photos

Week 5

- Wednesday - K-6 Assembly and P & C meeting
- Healthy Harold visit

Did you know?

Attendance Matters

Days missed equals years lost. When your child misses one day a week, that's 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning. We are here to support you in making sure students are attending school every day and get the most out of their learning.





What's on?

Hume Conservatorium of Music Now teaching at your school!



Hume Conservatorium's experienced music teachers want to hear you make music at school!
Individual lessons are now available after school at Tarago Public School

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