



Tumut Public School NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message...

Student attendance at school is vital to set your children up to be successful later in life and to be great engaged learners at school. COVID-19, which came to us on the back of bushfires, has certainly made school life very different for us all with restrictions on physical interactions, event cancellations and intense media coverage and has especially affected attendance.

Whilst we still are mandated by the guidelines set out by the Department, it is important that your child is at school every single day that they can be. The TPS leadership team are working on improving our attendance rate which needs to be at 85% or above. Staff are analysing the data and making contact with families regarding attendance.

Contacting the School

Just a reminder that currently parents are not able to come onto the school site, unless it is essential. If it is something that can be handled through a phone call or email, then this is the best option. All queries will be passed on to the staff member best suited to address your needs.

Sick students

The Department has updated its information for parents and schools regarding COVID-19. There are a number of changes that we all need to be aware of. One key change is regarding students that have flu-like symptoms. These students will continue to be sent home as with our usual processes. They will need to have a COVID test and provide the school with a copy of the negative results and be symptom free before they are able to return to school. We understand this can be challenging for families. We would ask that you email a screenshot of the negative result to the school at :

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Calendar 2020

Term 3	
Week 10	
Friday 25 September	Last day of Term 3
Term 4	
Week 1	
Monday October 12	First day of Term 4
Week 2	
Wednesday October 21	Book Week Parade
Thursday October 22	Proposed School Photo Day

Every Day Counts



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

JUST A LITTLE BIT LATE DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT ...

HE / SHE IS ONLY MISSING JUST...	THAT EQUALS...	WHICH IS...	AND OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOLING THAT'S...
10 minutes each day	50 minutes each week	Nearly 1.5 weeks each year	Nearly <u>half a year</u>
20 minutes each day	1 hour 40 minutes each week	Over 2.5 weeks each year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour each day	Half a day each week	4 weeks each year	Nearly <u>1 and a half years</u>
1 hour each day	1 day each week	8 weeks each year	Over <u>2 and a half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

Tournament of the Minds

This year, students in Stage 3 at Tumut Public School all had the experience of working towards solving the Tournament of Minds Super Challenge during their library lesson time. With one challenge only being presented, groups had to choose their own focus out of the choices of; Language Literature, The Arts, Social Science and STEM and come up with their own unique five minute solution to the problem.

This year, instead of performing the challenge in front of a live audience, students had to write and video their performance. This saw skills of scriptwriting, camera work, editing, green screen, coding and music making amongst some of the new skills developed.

Four groups became the “competitive” teams and these students engaged more heavily in the activity, giving up break times to work on their final solution. These four teams then had their videos submitted for judging and are nervously awaiting the judgement of their effort.

All students are to be commended on their innovation and collaborative groupwork skills that led to the creation of some very interesting and professional-looking performances.

Congratulations to Elle Wedding-Lazarus, Elizabeth Evers, Tasma Pentland, Jazmine Crampton and Cybella Roddy on winning the Riverina section of Language and Literature in the recent Tournament of the Minds competition.

The other Tumut Public teams are to be commended on their efforts also.

Thanks to Mrs Drury for organising this year’s Tournament of the Minds teams.



Stage 3 join classes each day for Literacy lessons. The students use a range of online programs



such as Education Perfect, MyOn and Reading Doctor. These programs are subsidised by the school and are encouraged to be utilised for at home learning.

When not learning online, students are improving their comprehension and editing skills.

The lessons are set in a relaxed environment and the students really enjoy this style of learning.



Assembly Awards

R U OK Day

Thursday 10 September students dressed in yellow to acknowledge national R U OK ? Day.



Awards presented this week.

Congratulations to all award recipients.

