



# Tumut Public School NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message...

Reading with your child every night is recommended as it reinforces the skills learnt in the classrooms. Many of our students are great at decoding texts, which means they can identify sounds and words in what they are reading. As a result, parents often concentrate on the reading level of their child. We do not want to push students further along reading levels without a sound level of understanding comprehension.

At home you can assist by working on fluency and expression, retelling the story in their own words and comprehension which is the ability to answer questions about the text.

## 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 :

[tumut-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tumut-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

### 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	
Thursday October 22	Proposed School Photo Day

## Tell them from me surveys...

Students in Years 4-6 will be participating in the 'Tell them from me Survey' again in the next few weeks. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. **If you do not wish for your child to participate, please inform the school.**

**There is also a parent survey available that we encourage you to complete.** This survey allows parents to express their views about perceptions of their children's experiences at home and school. There are 80 spaces available for parent survey response.

**Please use the link below to complete the anonymous and confidential survey:**

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/tumut20>

We value the feedback and comments from these surveys and consider comments in our school planning. Teachers also complete a survey.



## Multicultural Public Speaking

The Multicultural Public Speaking competition was a bit different this year. Instead of students preparing during class time, the preparation of speeches was done at home and during time with Mrs Drury. Several students worked with Mrs Drury during Terms 2 and 3 to prepare video submissions to the next round.

Congratulations to Penny Schirmer and Tessa Lawson for selection to represent Stage 2 and to Elizabeth Evers and Tasma Pentland for selection to represent Stage 3.

The popular topic was 'Racism - No Way' was a popular topic for all four students, with all students developing some valuable public speaking skills.

They are looking forward to hearing if they are successful in proceeding to the next level, where video submission will also be used.

All four students are to be commended for committing the time and effort into extending themselves into giving the Multicultural public speaking a go.



Public speakers—Penny, Tessa, Tasma and Elizabeth.

## Kindergarten Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2021. Please contact the Office for further information on 69 472 053. Thank you.



## Game Changer Challenge

Since the end of Term 2, three teams of five Stage 3 students have been preparing their ideas for the Game Changer Challenge. The design thinking challenge is open to all public schools across the state and centres on exploring tangible solutions for a real-world wicked problem.

This year's problem was, 'How might we use technology to bring everyone in our community closer together?' The teams had to create a unique idea and then create a video to pitch to have their idea they selected. If the judges like their idea they will battle it out in a one day challenge late in Term 4.

Well done to all students who participated in this extra-curricular activity and we can't wait to see whether they are successful in moving forward.

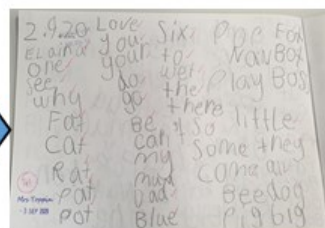
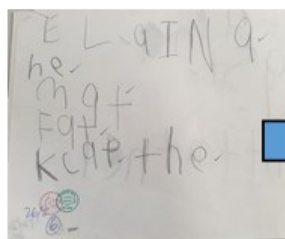
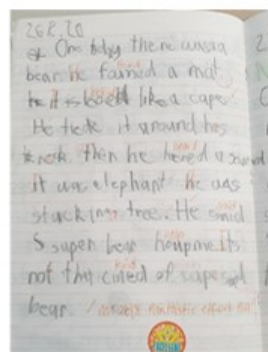
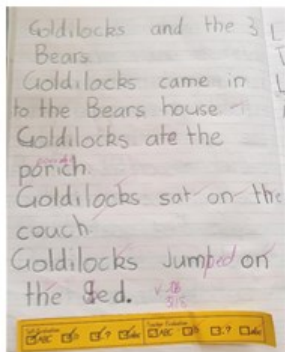
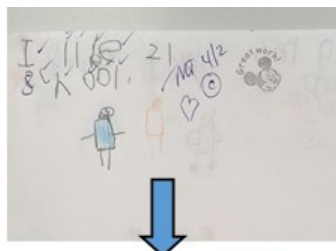
## Kindergarten learning

Kindergarten have made such pleasing progress during Term 3. The students have been trying their hardest to learn tricky words and sounds and to read and write great stories.

Kindergarten students are focusing on presenting their learning neatly and within the lines, ready for Year 1 in 2021. Look at our progress from the start of Kindergarten until now!

Wow!!

The Kindergarten teachers are very proud of the achievements of all students.



Awards presented this week.

Congratulations to all award recipients.

