



# Tunable Falls Community School

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## From the Committee:

We have some beautiful new faces in our Guruman class, **Sapphire** and her parents **Chris and Kael**, along with **Will** and his Mother **Eliza** and partner **Bosco**. We would like to extend you a warm welcome from Tuntable Falls Community School and hope you enjoy the beautiful surrounds of our school as well as the community spirit as much as we do.

I had the pleasure of helping Ishta to teach the circulatory system in her Gooarnj class last week. It was a beautiful experience, I loved listening to all their theories about why blood is depicted as blue and red in pictures, my favourite was 'because it is hot and cold'. I was enamoured with their excitement and enthusiasm for listening to their own heartbeat through the stethoscopes. I highly recommend spending some time **assisting in your children's class** at some stage. The teachers have expressed the need for parents to assist with reading support. So, if you have any time, just let your child's teacher know and together you can work out an activity for you to assist with.

Well isn't the **new swing** a hit? I'm sure you've heard all about it. Come have a look if you haven't yet. It's **epic**. The work is still continuing with the playground on Saturdays, so if you have a spare hour or two, pop in and lend a hand. Every bit really helps.

**COVID restrictions** being as they are, with everybody that has symptoms needing to be tested before they return to work or school, we here at TFCS would like to urge that, **in addition** to keeping your child/ren home if they have any cold or flu-like symptoms, that you also keep your children at home if you *or any member of your household* is being tested, and that children remain at home until a negative test result has been obtained.

*We thank everyone for their continued cooperation and for keeping our school community safe.*

Blessings ☺

Cushla

### School Calendar:

- **SPRING GARDEN DAY**  
Tuesday, 15 Sept
- **Term 3 Ends**  
Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> Sept
- **Term 4 Begins**  
Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

### School Bell:

- School starts: 9:05
- Recess: 11:00-11:30  
(Wed 10:30-11:00)
- Lunch: 13:00-13:45  
(Wed 12:30-13:15)
- School ends: 14:45

### Committee Meetings:

Friday, 4 Sept, 9:30am  
Friday, 11 Sept, 9:30am

### Drink Bottles:

All children to bring their own drink bottles as part of COVID hygiene measures.

**Especially important on Wednesdays for CIRCUS.**

### Reminders:

*We are a Nude Food School.* Please avoid using plastic wraps or packaged items in school lunches.

No toys, sweets, money or mobile phones are allowed to be brought to school or on the bus.

## Important Notices:

### New COVID Precautions:

In addition to the hygiene and safety measures we have already put in place, the NSW Health have made the following recommendations to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in NSW school communities

*These measures will be effective as of Wednesday, 19 August 2020.*

#### NSW Health requires schools to:

- exclude students and staff with even mild symptoms of COVID-19
  - encourage immediate testing for any symptomatic children or staff
  - prohibit return to school for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 until a negative COVID test result has been reported and they or are no longer symptomatic.
- If any person in your family has been tested, then all members of the family must stay home until a negative result is obtained. No student is to be at school if a family member has been tested and is awaiting their results.*

More information can be found at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)



### Spring garden day & annual Holi celebration

On **Tuesday, 15 Sept**, we will be having a **SPRING GARDEN DAY**. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions we unfortunately cannot invite the parent community.

Please can you send an **old plain white T-shirt** to school with your child's name on the tag for our annual Holi celebration.



## Birthdays

We would like to congratulate the following students who have recently had a birthday, or who will be celebrating their birthdays in the coming weeks. Happy birthday!!!





## BURIBI (Kindy)

Hello wonderful parents,  
It has been a busy couple of weeks and The Buribi Class are buzzing from the excitement Spring has brought.  
Welcome back to **Lilybelle** and her brother **River**!

Leading up to Book Week, the students enjoyed some hilarious stories and discovered new words and different ways of describing things. The parade was impressively diverse with some brilliant costumes where treasured favourite books were shared. Thank you for helping your child find their costumes, they all arrived with stars in their eyes!



The Buribi Class in their costumes.

Our group is learning to write some of our own ideas and thoughts about books we have enjoyed reading together. We are looking forward to starting our Buddy Reading sessions with the older students and hope it can continue throughout next term. One of the students in our class organised for her Mum to come in with 'Rosie' the pooch and they listened to our reading.

### 2021 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:

Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to have our usual Open Day for prospective Kindergarten students of 2021. Please contact the school to arrange a meeting where you can ask any questions and visit our lovely classroom and exciting school grounds. I look forward to meeting you and your child soon. Fiona

Afterwards we took Rosie for a little walk and had some cuddles. It was great!



Rosie the dog made friends with the Dragon.

In Maths, we have been practicing counting, number formation and learning the Rainbow facts of ten to help with mental computation. Our studies in shape and colour have emerged brilliantly through some expressive artworks that we can't wait for you to see.

Circus remains a constant highlight of every week and it's fantastic to see the student's confidence continuing to flourish through trying out new and challenging tricks.



Trying out the new swing!

The Buribi Class are a fabulous team. They look out for one another while finding their feet on the soaring new swing! I have had the pleasure of witnessing them helping and including one another throughout their daily encounters in learning and during imaginative play.

*Much Love, Fiona*



## GOOARNJ (Middle class)

Hi Families,

Your little possums have been loving drawing the illustrations for their story books and will be taking the originals home this fortnight. I'm sure they will enjoy sharing them with you. The kids will be starting to visit the Buribi class to read their stories to the Buribi kids over the following weeks.

Unfortunately, I missed Book Week, but the kids looked wonderful in their costumes and had a lovely time with Jessica back at the school for the day.

In Math we have been identifying and categorising 2D shapes, continuing to practice telling the time and to understand place value. In the following weeks we will be focusing on using different strategies, such as using our knowledge of place value, doubles, and 'friends of ten' to add and subtract.

I have really noticed the parent presence back in the school this term - with Trudy coming in on Tuesday afternoons to do art with us, Cushla coming in last week to help the kids learn about the cardiovascular system, Shannon helping me sort out my IT woes, and Iris helping Ginger and the kids learn about volume on Friday. Your presence and input really matters and I'd like to say a big **thank you** to you all.

Please enjoy this little sneak peak of a few of the Gooyarnj story books.

Up we grow,  
Ishta



On the left: *Speedy and the Shark*,  
by Marshall Harrison

On the right: *Womby's Down a Hole*,  
by Sebastian Spain



He was walking around looking for bugs to eat, he lit a fire and sharpened some sticks. He took some sticks and he was on his way. After a while he saw something, but it was just a guinea pig and it helped him dig a way out.



## Guruman (Upper class)

Book Week with Guruman,

It's all about books for Guruman for these last weeks. For inspiration for their writing, students were treated to an online workshop with Andy Griffiths, insightful research into J. K. Rowling's idea-mapping for her Harry Potter series, personal discussion sessions with Holly, our local author, the very spectacular Book Week Parade, and a major project of writing a short story soon to be published as a compilation.

Lots of fun and impressive creativity. The photos tell the story.



Will giving the Guruman's a rope swing workshop, and the whole school getting into the swing of Book Week.



## STEM with Emmy

So much fun and so much learning. Hopefully the photos show a little of what we've been doing in our wonderful STEM time together: sail boats and leaf boats for National Science Week, building windmills and helicopters, playing with robots and exploring friction.

In addition to that, Gooarnj students have been pulling apart an old washing machine and beginning to build a robotic hand (and challenging their fine motor skills). Guruman kids have been designing and constructing parachutes too.

Watching the kids on the rope swing today my brain was full of ideas about how we can use it to learn about forces. Another awesome asset for our school!



The Buribis playing with robots and sailing their leaf boats.



Gooarnj making their helicopters



Guruman getting full of soap suds learning about forces and sailing their custom designed boats.



## SEE with Ginger

With the Spring Garden Day fast approaching the excitement is brewing. We have been experimenting with measurements to make various different hues of colours for our annual Holi celebration, where we welcome in Spring with an Indian colour fight, filling the sky and covering our clothes with the colours of Spring!

The Spring garden crop has gone in and the orchard has been fertilised to encourage the flowers to bloom.

The Buribi have been integral in making the Holi powder, using their measurement skills to measure out the ratio of corn flour and water and mixing in the colours, they get great excitement from playing with the colourful liquid (we call it gloop) before it dries and they observe the change in its texture as it becomes chalky powder.

The Gooarnj are into their projects, working in groups to present their special place. It has involved researching, reading, writing and teamwork, all skills they are quite good at. We have also been learning about volume in Wild Maths and experimenting with how the volume of water changes when objects of different sizes are placed in it. We have also been exploring measuring of water through our school, using 1 litre bottles and stop watches, we estimated how many litres of water per minute travel down our stream. They love Wild Maths and even though they are counting, measuring, adding, recording and problem solving, they don't even realise they're doing Maths when it's so hands on and outdoors.

The Guruman class have been very active in the school garden, they are working in small groups to manage their own garden, coordinate planting, measure distances for optimum growth and maintaining them. This week they've planted cucumbers, beetroot, beans, carrots, kale, lettuce, corn and capsicum.

Most of them are putting the finishing touches on their bird boxes and worked incredibly well whilst assembling them. They are still working on their sustainable farming project and this week they've researched the cost of each item they would need to buy to assemble it.

They've added these amounts into a financial breakdown to present to the school committee for potential funding. They've also finished their prototypes, which they had to experiment with using recycled bottles, paddle pop sticks, pipe cleaners and tape to create. They are on display in the upper classroom if you are interested.



Please remember to send in a white t-shirt (with your child's name on the tag)  
for Garden Day *before* Tuesday the 15th of September.

Peace, love and Holi powder  
Ginger

Please be aware that the school may need to go back into lockdown due to a rise in COVID-19 cases in NSW and QLD.

Should this happen, staff will provide assistance and learning materials to support your child's learning at home.

## COVID-19: What we are doing to address Health & Safety at school

### Our Daily COVID-19 Hygiene Procedures:

1. As usual a major clean is done after the school week by our lovely cleaner Mel, but we have extended the length of time now to include more surface cleaning.
2. TFCS has also employed Sky to sanitise and wipe down all classrooms and publicly shared areas at the end of each day.
3. Staff are wiping down classrooms at recess and lunch.
4. Hand sanitiser dispensers are available in all classrooms and public areas.
5. Children are washing their hands before eating and before entering and leaving the classrooms.
6. Teachers are making hygiene education part of daily activities and are reminding children of good hygiene practices and explaining why it is important.
7. Students are maintaining social distancing in classrooms and outdoors.
8. To ensure safe play time, staff are providing active supervision during recess and lunch.
9. Any staff member or child who displays any cold or flu like symptoms are being instructed to please stay home **and** show a negative COVID test result before returning to school.

### We ask you to help us by:

1. Not sending your child/ren to school in they have any cold or flu-like symptoms **and** obtaining a negative COVID test result before sending them back to school.
  - *If any person in your family has been tested, then all members of the family must stay home until a negative result is obtained. No student is to be at school if a family member has been tested and is awaiting their results.*
2. trying to make the settling in process as quick as possible so as to avoid too many people in the school. To help us limit the number of children and adults in the school setting, please don't hang around and try to avoid bringing other members with you.
3. not allowing your child to bring in toys from home.
4. ensuring you are packing a water bottle and enough food for the day. Students have fruit at munch and crunch, a recess and a lunch. It is preferred that the bubblers are not used.
5. on arriving home, getting your child/ren wash their hands and change their clothes to avoid spreading anything to your family.

*\*Please contact staff or a committee member if you have any questions or concerns.*