



# The Magpie



Term 2 Week 2

Weekly Newsletter of Tamworth Public School

4 May 2023

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023

### TERM 2

#### MAY

Mon 8 Students to now wear  
full Winter School  
uniform

Thur 11 - Fri 12  
P&C Mother's Day Stalls

THURS 11 Musica Viva K-6

FRI 12 Zone Cross Country

MON 15 7pm P&C AGM  
Followed by  
General Meeting

TUES 30 MAY - THURS 1 JUN  
School Photos

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Chris Connor's Retirement

As you are aware Chris Connor has been on leave from his position as Principal at Tamworth Public School. He has now announced he will be retiring this term, therefore the process for selecting a new Principal for Tamworth Public School will be taking place and to be appointed by Term 3.

### ANZAC Assembly

On Friday 28 April, Tamworth Public School held their ANZAC Reflective Assembly. The SRC ran an amazing assembly, reminding students why we hold ANZAC Day commemorations and reflecting on the importance of the occasion. Thanks to Mr. Geoff Townsend for bringing in his army jeep for students to view and to Mr Andrew Whittet for playing the Last Post and Rouse.

### TPS Cross Country

What a great event this was last week in ANZAC Park with exceptional weather. Congratulations to those students who gained a place to represent TPS at the Tamworth Zone Cross Country Championships in 2 weeks time. Ribbons for placegetters will be handed out at Fridays Awards Assembly.



### TPS Boys Cricket Success

Yesterday the TPS Boys Cricket Team took on Westdale in their first PSSA Knockout game this year. The boys played extremely well, winning against Westdale Public to advance to the next round.

Thanks to Liam Johnson for his organisation and coaching.





## Musica Viva

Next Thursday Tamworth Public School students will have the opportunity to attend the Musica Viva production. The musical performance is Moon Radio, taking students on an imaginative fast-paced journey through space, time and the unexpected! Students will be given the tools to create their own short musical skit-shows in the classroom. This is a great musical opportunity for students and staff alike.

**Kevin Squires**

**Principal (Relieving)**



## BIRTHDAY BUCKETS

Is your child having a birthday this year? Do you dislike the hassle of organising and delivering birthday treats for the class?



**WELL DO WE HAVE THE ANSWER FOR YOU!**

Order your Birthday Bucket from the canteen through Flexischools (lunch menu).

Just \$25 gets you:

- \* Icy pole for every child in class (no dietary issues)
- \* Coffee voucher at Humble Espresso for the teacher (you'll be their favourite)
- \* Surprise gift for birthday child

Order online a week before the birthday and Lou will do the rest.



3/4 W - Class Art

## P&C Meeting & AGM

P&C AGM and General Meeting from  
**7pm on Monday 15th of May**  
in the TPS Staff lunch room.

If you require any further information or want to become a member, please reach out to:  
[tamworthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:tamworthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)  
**Hope to see you there**

## Boccia Competition

An inclusive sports day was held at the Tamworth Sports Dome hosted by Sports NSW on Tuesday 2 May.

It was a fantastic opportunity and the Students in 3/6S and K/6M put their Boccia skills to the test and they were awarded 5th overall. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day, the experience and the competition.

Congratulations students on your result.





## 2A Class Highlight

In Geography 2A have been learning about Australian Places, where their names originated and significant landmarks across Australia.

We enjoyed using Atlases to find locations in and around Australia.



## Dorothea Mackellar - Down the Winding Road Poetry Competition

### The Winding Road

Sitting by a winding road  
My heart pounds in my head  
My arms and legs throb  
Bell birds call in my ears  
Lush grass sways in the breeze  
Tree branches bob with the earth's beat  
Vines drape down mahogany branches  
And the sun gently shares it's warmth  
More sounds flood my senses  
A whip bird calls it's chick  
A lyrebird sings it's midday song  
A bluebird edges closer to me.  
Suddenly I hear a roar, a growling  
I could hear it but the winding road was against me  
Sitting on a curve as  
A truck rolled towards me  
Flashing lights blind me  
Turning everything black  
As the truck wheels screech to a stop  
I felt the cool, damp wind of the rainforest  
And let it carry me away  
I was alive, now a girl of the forest  
Beside the winding road.

*Edith Armstrong 3/4W*

### The Winding Road

A curving road snakes through the forest  
Following road signs that twist and turn  
Birds Chirrup and Chatter in rustling trees  
Blown by a beautiful breeze  
Suddenly a motorbike revs by  
Car engines whine around the corners  
Truck tyres screech with hissing breaks  
And the peace and quite is shattered for  
a moment  
On the winding road.

*Caitlin Curran 3/4W*



### The Winding Road

The road snakes through the tree's  
Curves and turns to reach  
The edge of the ocean  
Hugging the cliff side  
It winds around and around forever  
Then back into the forest  
Where the birds Chirrup, cicadas scream  
And the wind howls  
Under a roof of trees  
Where the sunlight shines through  
On the winding road.

*Raury Day 3/4W*





## Awesome Foursome!

Today Ethan, Rhys, Josh and Harrison represented TPS in the Newcastle Permanent Online Maths Challenge. The boys worked together to solve 27 challenging mathematical questions. As a team they demonstrated resilience, motivation and cooperation. Well done boys!



## 5M Artwork



## Year 5 Opportunity Class 2024

Year 5 entry to an Opportunity Class in 2024 (Year 4 2023 students only)

Opportunity classes can provide intellectual stimulation by grouping together high potential and gifted students. Successful students may have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an Opportunity Class for Years 5 and 6. Tamworth Public School has an Opportunity Class.

## Testing and Assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Thursday 27 July 2023.

## How to apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 Opportunity Class entry in 2024, you need to apply between Thursday 30 March 2023 and close on Monday 15 May 2023. You will need to access the online application at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc>. You must not use the child's email address. Late applications are not usually accepted.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 30 March 2023.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

An intention to apply note will be sent home for all Year 4 students on Thursday 30 March 2023. This is NOT an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

If you have any questions, please refer to the above website or contact Catherine Abberfield at school.



## Screen-free Saturday

### Unplug to recharge!

Did you know? Children aged 5-12 should have **no more than 2 hours** of screen time each day (not counting school or homework). Switching off screens can be great for everyone's mental and physical health.

To limit screen time, try replacing screens each Saturday for getting active. You could try:

- Joining a sports team
- Going for a bike ride
- Having a dance party
- Playing in the park
- Jumping on a trampoline



Try a screen-free Saturday this week!

Source: Screen-Free Saturdays - Screen-Free Week ([screenfree.org](http://screenfree.org))



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<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

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## SPECIAL AWARDS

Archie Abberfield

Jarla Carter

Mitchell Green

Addison Hynds

Hargun Kaur Bedi

Denver Liddicoat

Stirling Rae

Theo Sharrock

Cooper Abberfield

Piper Floyd

Emerson Harvey

Joseph James

Archie Lamb

Spencer McDonald

Rayaan Rathore

Harrison Shorten

Lucy Bath

Harrison Green

Noah Hayward

Tiffany Joyce

Avie Liddicoat

Riley Old

Polly Sharrock

Matilda Williams

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Isla Green

Indianna Malley



**Name :** Mrs Jodie Liddicoat

**Position :** I teach Kinder Sparkles on Friday and also teach casually.

**How long have you been a part of TPS :** I have worked at TPS for a year and a half, but I've been a teacher for 12 years.

**Favourite Colour :** Purple

**Favourite food :** Sushi

**Favourite TV Show :** Yellow Stone

**What is great about TPS :** The lovely staff and students

**Funny Story about TPS :** I often have a giggle at the different ways Students pronounce or say my last name.

**Interviewed by :** Frankie and Emily - 6K



## Mothers Day Donations

We are requesting some specific items as part of gifts for the Mothers day stall.

These items are:

- \* Coffee Sachets
- \* Spatula or Whisks
- \* Chocolates (Ferrero Rochers/Favourites)
- \* Unopened and unused beauty products.

Any other donated gifts also still gratefully accepted.

Could all donations please be handed into the Top Office before Friday 5th of May 2023





## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING REP CRICKET?



2023/24 will be open nominations

**\*Registrations is essential\***

Click Here \* <https://forms.gle/55jqc4JJSTsibaLo8> \*

Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> @ Riverside 3 Nets

U11 8am-10am

U12 9am-11am

U13 10am-12pm

U14 11am-1pm

U15 12pm-2pm

U16 1pm-3pm

U17 2pm-4pm

### Trial day conditions

\*Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your session time

\*Age groups are as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

(e.g. U15's you must turn 15 after 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023)

\*Players not to wear any representative clothing to the trial

\*You must supply your own kit including your own cricket ball and water bottle

Regos close 5pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

For enquires call Donny on 0437 612 222



WOMEN IN SPORT

## IS COMING TO TAMWORTH

on May 7th at Scully Park...

The Girls Day Out program is a fun day for girls aged 5 - 16 years to come and try a new sport, meet their sporting hero and maybe make a new friend or two!

On Sunday 7th of May we are heading to Scully Park where you can try some of the following sports

- NRL with NRLW players including Jada Taylor & Caitlin Johnston
- AFL with Sydney Swans players Brenna Tarrent & Lauren Szigeti
- Soccer with Newcastle Jets player Georgina Worth
- Union with Brumbies Erika Muslen & Waratahs Charlie Norton

Clinics are only \$5 per sport and are jammed packed full of fun! Each child receives a tote bag at check in with awesome goodies from our sponsors!

Tickets are on sale via our website - grab a friend and book yours now!  
[www.girlsdayout.com.au](http://www.girlsdayout.com.au)

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