



# The Magpie



Term 3 Week 6

Weekly Newsletter of Tamworth Public School

24 August 2023

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### TERM 3

### AUGUST

FRI 25 Pie Drive Delivery  
2PM - 5PM  
TPS Staffroom

WED 30 North West  
Athletics

THUR 31 Father's Day BBQ  
Breakfast  
7:30am - 8:30am  
K/1 Koalas & 5/6H  
Buddy Bush Walk  
9am - 2pm

### SEPTEMBER

FRI 1 Book Week  
Parade and  
Grandfriends' Day

MON 4 - WED 6  
Year 4 Sydney Excursion

THUR 14 RUOK DAY  
Wear Something Yellow

FRI 22 Last Day of  
Term 3

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### North West Rugby Union Representatives

This week TPS have a number of students away in Sydney representing the North West Rugby Union at the PSSA State Carnival.

Josh McGufficke, Kade Strong, Brax Le Brocq, Levi Stolker, Hudson Rae and Eithan Vanderwerf take on the best from around the State. Good luck!

### Celebrating the Matildas

What a great day it was for our students and staff to celebrate the Matildas outstanding effort in the World Cup.



### P&C upcoming Events

The next couple of weeks are a busy time for TPS and the TPS P&C. Tomorrow, 25 August the Pie Drive collection will be taking place from 2pm - 5pm in the staffroom (enter via the Napier Street Office). Please BYO bag or box and one person only to collect orders please.

Next Thursday 31 August the TPS Father's and Father figures BBQ will be taking place at school from 7:30am to 8:45am. Volunteers are needed for the BBQ.

On Friday 1 September we will be holding our Annual Book Week and Grandfriends' Day where the P&C will be having a cake stall from 11am. They are seeking cupcake donations as well as volunteers to help sell the cupcakes on the day. If you can spare 30 minutes of your time, please sign up using the link on the Tamworth Public P&C Facebook page. A big thanks also to the P&C for committing funds to a new Marquee and buses for students participating in CAPERS.

## CAPERS Rehearsal

This week the students from Kindergarten, Stage 1 and Year 4 who are participating in CAPERS attended their first rehearsal with other schools. TPS also have an Indigenous group participating and students taking part in an Auslan Choir. Thank you to the dedicated staff who are running CAPERS this year. The CAPERS performance will take place November 10 and 11.

## Lost Property

Every day at Tamworth Public School there are a number of jumpers, jackets, hats etc left lying around in the playground and corridors. We attempt to find the owners if names are on items. This week we are focusing on lost property with the students and the importance of looking after their belongings. Please have discussions with your child/children regarding looking after their own personal items. Also please make sure clothing and belongings are labelled clearly.

**Kevin Squires**  
**Principal (Relieving)**

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## Pie Drive Collection

**Friday 25 August**

**From the staffroom (main office entry)**

**Between 2-5pm**

**BYO box or bag**  
**One person to collect each order only**



## BOOK WEEK PICNIC AND PARADE.

Book Week celebrations will be held on Friday 1 September 2023 from 11:00am to 1:30pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy the festivities.

A timetable for the day is as follows:

11:00am: **BOOK FAIR** - held in the school hall. Cash or EFTPOS payments available. 20% of proceeds go to purchasing new books for the TPS Library.

**CAKE STALL** - run by the P&C, will be held in the school hall.

**ART DISPLAY** - held in the library. Showcase of Book Week Student Award finalists art will be on display.

11:30am: **COSTUME PARADE** - held on the Primary oval.

12:30pm: **PICNIC LUNCH** - Please bring along a picnic lunch and blankets to enjoy some story time in the sunshine.

12:30PM: **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** - will be available in the COLA.  
\$3-00 for a sausage sandwich  
\$2-00 for a drink





## Term 3 Week 6 Awards

### SPECIAL AWARDS

Max Benham  
Sonny Cannon  
Oliver Deland  
Sakina Fathi  
Pae Hadfield  
Toby Jackson  
Chayse London  
Hunter Myers  
Addison Reid  
Bailey Scott  
Luca Smith  
Colby Unger

Aisha Butcher  
Ivy Cryer  
Sebyeok Easterman-Kim  
Trey Graham  
Archie Herden  
Brooklyn Laidlaw  
Patrick McKinnon  
Lily Nixon  
Jenson Robinson  
Taleisha Scott  
Chloe Stehr  
Sandy Wiggan

Arlo Cannon  
Divan de Jonge  
Hudson Essery  
Mitchell Green  
Muhammad Ibrahim  
Arlo Lobsey  
Charlotte Masterson  
Kailan Pinchen  
Jericho Rooney-Clowes  
Emilia Smith  
Bryson Unger  
James Wilkinson

### PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Matson Asse  
Leo Cannon  
Ojaswi KC  
Annabel Nixon

Edith Armstrong  
Amber Rose Daws  
Ella Lye  
Ivy Wiggan

Benedict Blowes  
Lachlan Green  
Sadie Nash

### PRINCIPAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Juliet Kelly

Jack Stehr

### Age Champions Tamworth Public School Athletics



### Combined Schools Aboriginal Dance Rehearsals for Capers 2023



## Premier's Debating Challenge

Our 2 Premier's Debating Challenge teams have been busily preparing and participating in local debates.

Our Tamworth Public Rosellas competed with Nemingha PS Gold last Friday. Even though it was very close, Nemingha PS Gold won the debate.


On Monday, our 2 teams – Rosellas and Magpies – competed with each other in a very tight debate. The topic was whether parents should make their Stage 3 children watch news with them.

Both teams prepared and delivered convincing arguments. Tamworth Public Magpies won the debate.

Congratulations to our teams for their commitment and enthusiasm when representing our school in this years Premier's Debating Challenge. With three upcoming debates it will be exciting to see whether we progress into the Zone Finals.

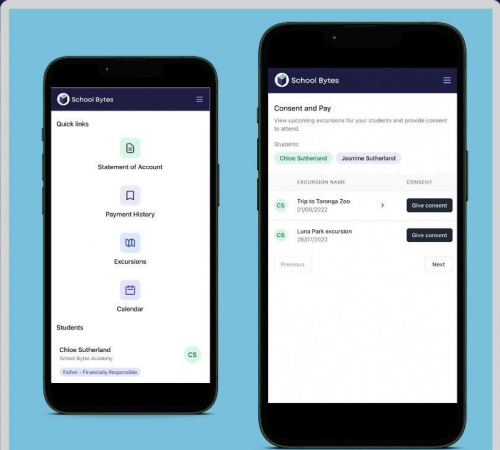
## Message from the Office

Please be mindful of how difficult it can be to pass on messages after 2.30pm. Although there is always a time when it is necessary to pass on an 'urgent change of circumstance' most phone calls can be made before this time. Please let your child/ren know what their after school arrangements are before they leave home, or write them a note and pop in their lunchbox.



**AVAILABLE NOW!**

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments




**The Parent Portal**

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

**School Bytes**

AVAILABLE DURING  
**TERM 3**

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit  
<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



**FATHER'S DAY**

**BBQ BREAKFAST**

HOSTED BY:  
**TAMWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C**

WHERE : TPS COLA

WHEN: THURSDAY 31 AUGUST

TIME: 7:30AM - 8:30AM





### 3D Class Highlight



**Name:** Mrs Eryn Kelly

**Position:** Kindy Teacher

**How long have you been at TPS?** 3.5 Years

**Favourite colour:** Green

**Favourite Food:** Cheese and Biscuits

**Favourite TV Show?** Travel Guides

**What is great about TPS?** Working with supportive staff and amazing students.

**Funny story:** At the TPS Dad Camp Out, my smartboard screen was broken and kept turning on and off. All the kids thought my room was haunted with ghosts.

**Interviewed by:** Molly and Lachlan



We are excited to announce our school is now using School Bytes which offers a simplified digital system for school payments and parent/carer communication. The changes you see are:

- The students **Statement of Account** and **payment reminders** will be sent directly to parents/caregivers via email.
- Emails will be sent to you from [noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education](mailto:noreply@mail.schoolbytes.education).
- The student's **Statement of Account** email will include the **make a payment** button that will take you to the school's online payment portal.
- If the activity involves a cost, the **make a payment** button will allow you to pay securely, quickly and easily via credit or debit card after granting permission (Visa and Mastercard only).
- Online forms including permission notes, will be sent to you directly via School Bytes with a link enclosed. Select the link to open the secure online form.
- The online form will have information about the activity with a section for a digital signature (either with a mouse or your finger) prior to submitting.
- The **make a payment** button will allow you to pay securely, quickly and easily via credit or debit card (Visa and Mastercard only).

**Please note:** Transactions made through the online payment portal will appear on your bank statement as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AU.

## What do you need to do?

Please set up your Parent Portal as follows:

**Step 1:** Click on this link <https://portal.schoolbytes.education> or the QR Code



### Step 2:

Click on "Create a new account" then enter your email address and a password and relevant information to setup your new parent portal.

This will then send an email for you to verify the account to allow you to log in.

Please monitor your inbox for communication, permission notes for consent and/or payment we email to you. Ensure your email address and contact details up to date as you don't want to miss critical information being sent to you.

If you need assistance please call the front office for help.





## Join us for the Farrer Experience Day 2023!

Is your son in Year 5 and starting high school in 2025? If you're considering Farrer, make sure you register him for our Experience Day.

REGISTER TODAY at [www.farrer.nsw.edu.au](http://www.farrer.nsw.edu.au)  
Friday 22nd September from 9:30am - 2:30pm.  
Registration from 8:30am.

585 Calala Lane  
Calala NSW 2340  
T: 02 6764 8600



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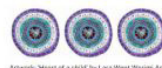
## Commonly mistaken 'everyday' foods

Clever packaging and misleading health claims can make it hard to know which snacks are everyday foods.

Try swapping these sometimes foods to everyday foods:

- Muesli bars → Wholegrain cereal bites
- Fruit drink → Plain water
- Flavoured savoury biscuits → Rice cakes
- Dairy desserts → Reduced fat yoghurt

Check out more [lunchbox myths here](#).

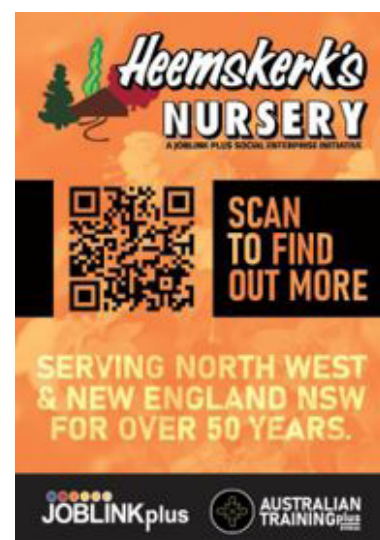
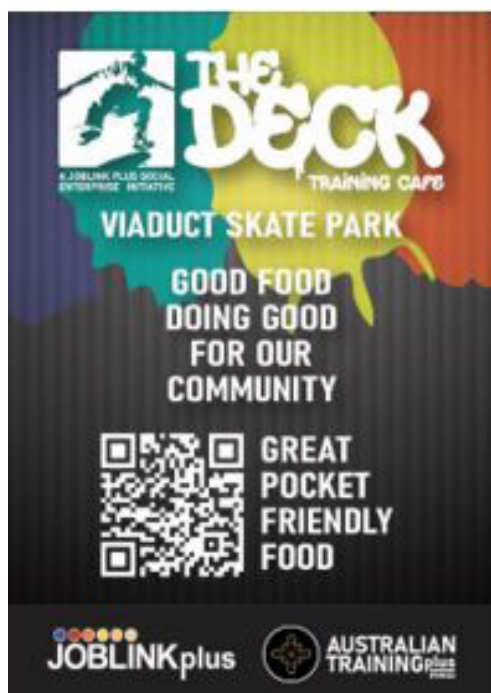


Artwork: Heart of a Chef by Lara West Wilson Artist

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GREEN AND GOLD DAY  
TPS shows how proud we are of the Matildas

