



# The Magpie



Term 3 Week 10

Weekly Newsletter of Tamworth Public School

21 September 2023

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### TERM 3

### SEPTEMBER

FRI 22 Last Day of  
Term 3

### OCTOBER

MON 9 First Day Term 4

WED 11 Yr 1 Capitol  
Theatre Visit

## SAVE THE DATE

### End of Year Events

Presentation Day  
Wednesday 6 december

Year 6 Formal  
Wednesday 13 Demcember

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony  
and Tunnel Walk  
Friday 15 December

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Charity Day

Today Tamworth Public School held our annual Charity Day. What an amazing event this was, led by students with a variety of food stalls, activities and prizes on offer. As well as having fun, it also teaches an important message of collecting for charity with the charity of choice being Make-A-Wish foundation. Thank you to Mrs Delohery and the SRC for organising this event.





## Boys Football

On Monday the TPS boys had a long trek to Murwillumbah East Public School to play the state PSSA Knock Out Quarter Finals. After an exciting half lead at half time, Murwillumbah East scored 2 quick goals to come away as the victors. I would like to express our sincere appreciation to parents/family members who have transported and supported the TPS Boys Football Team this season. A huge thanks to Mr Adamson for all his efforts with the team this year.



## SORA

SORA is an online reading platform that is aligned to the school's Library Oliver system. There are thousands of books that students can "borrow" and read on devices like laptops, iPads and smartphones. Books are borrowed for a two week period, just like real library books. Students can access the SORA collection by going to [www.soraapp.com](http://www.soraapp.com)

Students may need to sign in using their department email address, which is the student's username followed by (eg [harry.potter@educaton.nsw.edu.au](mailto:harry.potter@educaton.nsw.edu.au)) Once in the site, at the bottom of the page, it will ask for a setup code.

Our set code is "nswprimaryau". Once the setup code is entered, you can then find Tamworth Public School on the dropdown menu list. Click on our school and then you are at the Homepage, where you can browse and borrow.

The Shelf section shows students which books they have borrowed and when they're due to be returned.

SORA is a great option if you are going away on holidays and don't want to pack a lot of bulky books.

## Thanks to Dominoes Pizza for RUOK Day

I would like to extend our gratitude to Dominoes Pizza West Tamworth, in particular Conner Turner, for their organisation and delivery of the pizza for RUOK Day. Dominoes also donated a number of pizzas on the day.

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

## Church Visit

On Friday students who attend Combined and Catholic Scripture classes participated in local church visits as part of our Scripture and Religious Education (SRE) program. This is an important aspect of our SRE and much appreciated by our scripture teachers. Thanks to Mrs Abberfield for all her organisation

## Canteen Survey

Have your say! Next term we will see an increase in menu items in the canteen but we would love your feedback on what items your child/ren love.

Can you please take 2 minutes to complete the following survey. It is only three questions and will help our P&C as they organise future menus. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9HDST5>

## End of Term

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the school community for a great Term 3. It certainly has been busy but also exciting and productive. Wishing students, staff and the community a restful break in readiness for Term 4.





### Awards Term 3 Week 9 & 10

Please refer to previous Magpie for Week 9 Awards.

#### SPECIAL AWARDS

Eve Asimus  
Genevieve Bice  
Harry Chaffey  
Anabella Davis  
Eli Gibson  
Joseph James  
Ivy McDonald  
Joel Murray-Doble  
Myah Rose  
Ellie Scott  
Benji Skafte  
Mahlee Talbot

Ella Berthaly  
Finn Blackman  
Gwen Clark  
Sophia Farshchi  
Jessica Grant  
Celine Joyce  
Isaac Munro  
Thomas Peate  
Charlotte Ross  
Madilyn Scott  
Indiannah Skafte  
Logan Trudgett

Tahlia Berthaly  
Jack Busby  
Isla Collins  
Piper Floyd  
Phoebe Green  
Connor Lee  
Francesca Meppem  
Oscar Rixon  
Payton Russell  
Reahan Sharma  
Theo Sharrock  
James Wilkinson

#### PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Jayda Chaffey  
Riley Old

Caitlin Curran  
Lara Townsend

Gemma Hathway

### Professional Basketball Coach Visits TPS





### Indigenous Plant Garden

Thank you to the Walayybaa Rangers for assisting with the completion of our Indigenous Plant Garden. The Woolworths Landcare Grant has enabled the students to increase their sense of belonging at Tamworth Public School and we look forward to caring for the plants in the future.

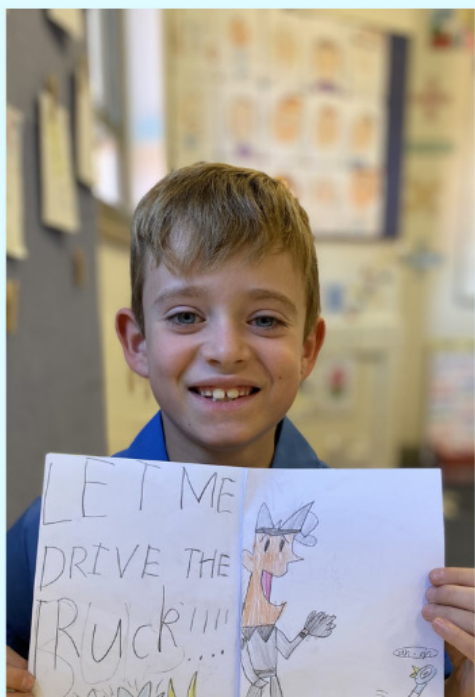
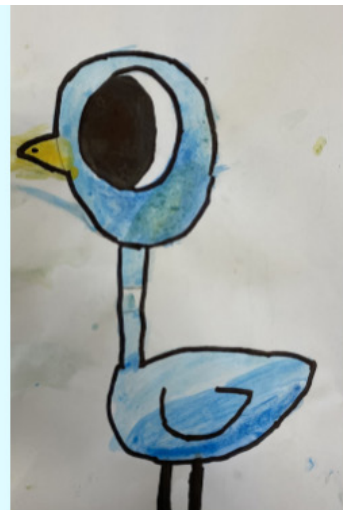


### TPS Horse Sports

Dakota and Leila Ferguson recently competed at the annual St Lawrence Horse Sports Day in Coonabarabran. They competed in Hack classes, Cross country, Sporting, Jumping and Dressage. The girls came home with multiple ribbons across their aged events. Congratulations on your effort's girls.







# 2B

CLASS HIGHLIGHT



**Name:** Mr Nick Martin

**Position:** Class Teacher

**How long have you been at TPS?** 3 Years

**Favourite colour:** Green, blue and purple

**Favourite Food:** Indian or Thai food

**Favourite TV Show?** Gardening Australia

**What is great about TPS?** Happy people

**Funny story:** Leaving my glasses on and tripping over a step

**Interviewed by:** Zara and Anja





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.





## Summit Holiday Kids Club

Wed 4 - Fri 6 Oct 9am-12pm




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Wed 4 - Fri 6 Oct 9am - 12 pm  
William Cowper Campus, Calrossy  
242 Moore Creek Rd, Tamworth

Summit Holiday Kids Club is for kids in Year K-6 in the October school holidays.

Join us for games, morning tea, fun with friends and to learn about Jesus from the Bible.

We will even have a café for parents, you are welcome to stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.



Tickets are available online  
3 days \$20/family or \$10/child  
1 day \$10/family or \$5/child

A limited number of free tickets are available.  
Contact office@northtamworthanglican.org.au  
or 6798 9581 for more details.

Summit is run by a fully authorised team in partnership with Hunter Bible Church and North Tamworth Anglican Church.

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## Tamworth Junior Cricket

Season 2023-24 commencing 21st October



### Junior Blasters

Current Kinder & Year 1

- 60 mins Saturday's 8am - 9am (Term 4 & Term 1 2024)
- Fun game based activities to learn cricket skills
- All equipment supplied

### Master Blasters

Current Year 2 & 3 (or Year 4 who are still developing skills)

- 90 mins - Saturday's 9:30 - 11 (Term 4 & Term 1 2024)
- For kids with basic cricket skills
- Play modified games of cricket in a fun social setting
- All equipment supplied



### Stage 1 - Year 4/5

Current Year 4 (or Year 3 who are ready for the next level)

- 7 a side - 2 hrs - Sat 8:30 - 10:30 (Term 4 & Term 1 2024)
- For kids who have completed the Master Blaster program
- Modified T20 match on 16m pitch with softer ball
- Protective equipment worn
- Unlimited dismissals



### Stage 2 - Year 5/6

Current Year 5

- 9 a side - 2 hrs - Sat 8:30 - 10:30 (Term 4 & Term 1 2024)
- For kids playing their 2nd or 3rd year of junior cricket
- Modified T20 match on 18m pitch with hard ball
- Protective equipment worn
- All modes of dismissal count (except no LBW)



### Year 6

Current Year 6

- 2.5 hours - Saturday's 8:30 - 11:00 (Term 4 2023 only)
- Modified 20 over match with hard ball
- Protective equipment worn
- All modes of dismissal count (except no LBW)



Visit [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) to register

Contact:

Woolworths Cricket Blast: Chris Skilton - 0402 136 206 [chrisandhana2@gmail.com](mailto:chrisandhana2@gmail.com)  
Primary Cricket: Nigel Parkinson - 0402 410 449 [nigelparkinson@live.com](mailto:nigelparkinson@live.com)



## Tamworth Junior Cricket Season 2023/24 Regos Open!

Please see flyer and information regarding registration for Tamworth Junior Cricket. Links are provided below.

Woolworths Cricket Blast Programs: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/56178f>

Tamworth Public School Cricket Club: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/ae461>



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# 2023 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants Program



## Great news! We received a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant



We're thrilled to announce that we have received a 2023 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for our project, Bush Tucker Garden.

Our Inclusive Education team – K/6Wombats, K/6M and 3/6S are busy preparing the garden beds and getting ready to plant out our garden. Some of the plants include vanilla lily, native leek, pigface, blue flax, slender mint, seaberry saltbush, warrigal greens and finger lime. We are excited to partner with the Walaayba Rangers on this project.

Tamworth Public is one of 1,107 primary schools and early learning centres across Australia to receive a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions.

The children and teachers are looking forward to getting their hands dirty and learning from this project – we'll keep you updated!

Click on the <https://woolworthsgrantsmap.juniorlandcare.org.au/> to read more about our project and others.

