



TARCUTTA Public SCHOOL

Tarcutta Swim Team



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Reminders

*Return to
School*



Building the Future



2018

Term 1

Week 4



Calendar

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| Thurs 22 Feb | P&C AGM Meeting 3pm |
| | Scripture starts |
| Fri 23 Feb | Assembly in Library 9am |

Week 5

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| Wed 28 Feb | Primary—AgriHack @ CSU |
| Fri 2 March | Clean Up Australia Day |
| | Regional Mobile Library |
| | Bluearth |

Week 6

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| Mon 5 March | Wagga PSSA Swimming Carnival |
| | School Counsellor visit |
| Thurs 8th Mar | Quiz Works Play |

Week 7

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| Thurs 15 Mar | Responsible Pet Ownership |
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Principal's Note

Congratulations to all our students who have improved their swimming skills exceptionally over the last two weeks at **swimming school** at the Adelong Pool. It has been very rewarding to watch them grow in confidence each and every day as they have challenged themselves to learn new skills and to develop sound technique in swimming and pool safety. Please join us this Friday morning for our **assembly** in the library when we will be presenting our students with their swimming certificates. Once again, many thanks to our wonderful parent helpers: Bob, Peta, Sharon and Jenny who have assisted with the driving to get everyone to Adelong. Also I would like to acknowledge Cathy, Sue and Holly who have been wonderful swimming instructors.

Congratulations also to our swim team: Emmilly, Elaina, Aiden, Tara, and Bonnie. You all did a marvellous job representing our school at the Wagga Wagga Community of **Small Schools' Swimming Carnival** yesterday. Thanks to Elaina for being our official photographer for the day where she took some beautiful photos. Our champion swimmer of the day would have to be Bonnie who went in almost every event. I was so proud of the way our students pushed themselves to try new events and to keep going even when some of the technical strokes were difficult. It was lovely to see all our parents and grandparents joining us for the day to support us as we swam.

The Wagga **PSSA Swimming Carnival** will be held in Week 6—Monday 5th March.

Scripture is starting this week with Robyn Weston.

This Thursday is our first **P&C meeting** for the year. The agenda will include:

- Election of Executives
- Change meeting time and day (if you have a preference please let either Jenny or the school know so that can be taken into consideration).
- Fundraising 2018

Next week our primary students (Yr3-6) will be heading off to **AgriHack**. Please return the permission note.

Kirrilee Post, Principal



Education

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What have we been learning in class?

Over the last few weeks we have had a firm focus on mathematics and developing sound learning routines. We have been learning about numbers, created patterns out of lots of different objects and been measuring the length of items around the classroom using informal and formal measurement (metres, centimetres and millimetres). Everyone has completed a Basic Facts Maths test and the children have taken these home to show their parents. If your child is in Year One or Year Two these are the basic maths facts I want them to start learning. Students in Year Three, Four and Six should know everything on that test already and should be ready to progress to the next level. We have spoken about three strategies to help learn these facts (rote learning—saying them over and over in our head; look, cover, write, check—where they look at the fact they want to learn, cover it over, write it down and then check to see if they got it right; and the third strategy is to create flash cards with the facts they want to learn and to read them off the flash cards). Everyone has been asked to choose 5 facts to learn each week until they know them all. I have sent home an answer sheet as well for them to use.

In English, reading groups started last week. These are based on their instructional reading level. We are focussing this term on increasing fluency. To do this I will often ask the students to choose their favourite page from the book we have just read together and then to practice reading it aloud over and over again until they can read it fluently without any mistakes. You can try this at home with their home reader if you like. We have also started the Quick Write program where the students get to write for 10 minutes every day. This will be in addition to our regular writing program. The aim is to get kids started quickly when they write rather than spending too long just thinking. We are also concentrating on describing who our characters are, where they are, what is happening, along with using capital letters and full stops.

In Personal Development we have made new friends with our Superhero of Learning—Ethicon who is helping us make good decisions. In particular we are focussing on being in the right place at the right time to learn.

In science, Mr Carroll has come in to teach us. Last week we conducted an experiment and constructed a boat that had to float (see our pictures). Mr Carroll will be teaching us science all term. He will be coming in when Miss Post has to attend a meeting or professional learning day. Last Thursday and Friday Miss Post attended a Primary Principals' Council conference where we were addressed by the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education—Murat Dizdar, Executive Director—Geoff Pellizzer along with senior members of the department from Human Resources, Legal, School Services and Leadership and High Performance.

In PE we had Sarah from Bluearth come and lead us in some new games..

AgriHack—Primary

Look out for a permission note for this activity. AgriHack is a program for our primary students to look at innovative farming practices and to work on their STEM skills. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. During the day students will look at new innovations and be challenged to solve a real-life problem. There will also be some computer coding time as well. Mr Ridley from Uranquinty Public School will be supervising all Small School students on the day.

School Contribution

At the start of each year we ask each family to contribute a small fee towards our school. The contribution is \$30 per child or \$60 for a family of three or more. This contribution fee is the same as it has been for the last few years.

Textbooks and Novel

This year our students are using a maths text book for their learning and the Year 2-6 students also have a class novel. We are subsidising the cost of these books for your child so you are getting them a little bit cheaper. The cost of the text books is \$20 each and the novel is \$15 each. If this can be paid to the office in the next month that would be appreciated.

Kinder and Year 1—\$20

Year 2-Year 6—\$35

I appreciate that this is a lot of money at this time of the year with swimming and school contributions as well. This will hopefully be the last of the big expenses for the year. I welcome parents to let me know if this is an issue. I am more than happy for you to pay this off throughout the term.

Soccer Gala Days

There are two soccer gala days coming up. I'll be asking the students if they would like to attend. There is one for Stage 2 (Years 3&4) and one for Stage 3 (Years 5&6). The Girls are playing on Thursday 1st March and the boys are playing on Friday 2nd March. We will be joining with our small schools' network to make these teams and will need parents to take us in to Wagga to Duke of Kent oval to play.



Testing our boats



Considering how they will use their materials to create a boat that floats is Aiden and Hunter

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will be back next week. All books must be returned by next Friday so students can borrow new books. If they finish their books early there is a tub near the office door where they can return them.

School Banking

Do you have a Commonwealth Dolomite Account for your child? If you don't and you would like to set up an account to save pocket money for your child, application forms are available from school. Student banking is processed at school each Monday and the school receives a commission from the Commonwealth Bank for processing these transactions.

Fruit Break

Every day we will be having a fruit break to stimulate our brains and to have a break between lessons.

Office Days

Office days are Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge starts on Monday 5th March and closes on Friday 31st August.

