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## What's On? Upcoming events

<b>Term 3 Week 10</b>	A Taste of Moonbi
Wednesday 16 September	Chicken Coop Opening 1pm
Thursday 17 September	Farm Day (mufti dress)
Friday 18 September	Japanese Cultural Day
	Kindergarten Transition
	End of term Special Assembly 2.00pm

Enjoy a happy and safe school holiday. Students return to school on Tuesday 6 October.

Welcome to our last newsletter for this term. We have lots of news, information and photographs to share with you. From next term, our newsletter day will be **TUESDAY**. Please send any newsletter submissions to the office by Monday 3pm so that they may be included. Thank you.

Enjoy a happy and safe school holiday period. We will see you all again on **Tuesday 6 October**.

Reading helpers: Next term we need reading helpers to help with all groups from 9am – 9.30am Monday – Thursday. If you (mums, dads, grandparents, friends, carers) can spare us some time on these days it would be great. Please contact the office and let us know.

## A TASTE OF MOONBI SEPT 14<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup>



### Food, Fibre and Agriculture Week - A Taste of Moonbi

Our week started off with Monday's introduction to bush tucker and a discussion about our proposed Platypus Garden. Students and staff enjoyed the culinary delights of Kangaroo Sausage, Australian Bush Dukkah and even some exotic lemon myrtle and wattle seed flavoured ice creams. Yum! Our young indigenous leaders did the welcome to country and Felicity McManus helped Mrs Broughton with the ceremonial ground breaking.

Tuesday Years 3-6 travelled by bus to explore some of Nundle's delights. Gold Mine, Woollen Mill and Nundle Public Schools Kitchen Garden.

Wednesday Chicken Coop Grand Opening. Reflecting Moonbi's proud history of egg production, Mr Brian Betts has been invited to open the chicken coop. We also have organized fun and games to celebrate the opening.

Thursday - Farm Day - (Mufti Dress) Students will be participating in four rotations including poppy felting, Bento lunchboxes, Arcimboldo vegetable art and Team Building scarecrows.

Friday - Japanese Cultural Day to round out our term's study of Japan. Students will be making Japanese rice balls to share so please come along to our special assembly at 2pm.



Education



## 興味深いニュース (interesting news - Japanese)



### NSW Premiers Spelling Bee Regional Finals

Last Friday 4 students and their supporters travelled to Quirindi for the NSW Premiers Spelling Bee Regional Finals. Jemma-Rose Johnson and Makayla McMannus made it into the second round before being knocked out of their respective divisions. Hermarni Madden made it to round 4. Ben Webster was knocked out in the final round and placed 3rd overall. Well done Ben! Congratulations to all four students on their achievement in the competition.



### K1/2 excursion

Yesterday students from K1/2 ventured to the golf course to kick off our excursion. We played put put and explored the driving range. Students had a lovely time and even got to see Miss Cornish's puppy, Bella. Next we went to the Roadhouse servo for lunch. The staff at the Roadhouse were very generous and provided us with an amazing meal followed by fish feeding at Cascada. We were very thankful for the way they treated us. They commented on how beautiful our kids were and that they wanted to keep them there to help clean. (since they did such an amazing job)

Lastly we went across the road to AELEC. Brittany took us on a tour of the facilities which included letting us in the bull shoots and running on the arena.

We were all very tired by the end of the day, but it was well worth it. Thank you to all the parents who transported students. We appreciate the help!

Chloe Cornish - K/1 teacher



Putt Putt....ahhh the concentration!



Lunchtime yumminess at The Star Roadhouse.





## 興味深いニュース (interesting news - Japanese)



Some slippery new friends



Have you noticed that AELEC is HUGE!! We have some tired K-2 students that will vouch for it.

Thank you to our parent helpers for transport and 'wrangling'. ☺  
Thank you Mrs Madden for the photos.



### 3-6 Nundle Kitchen Garden and Tours

On Tuesday, students in years 3 to 6 travelled to Nundle for a fun filled day of activities. Students started the day with a guided tour of the Mount Misery Gold Mine Museum and learnt about the life of pioneers in the goldfields. To complete the gold rush experience, students tried their luck and went panning for gold. Our next stop was the Nundle Woollen Mill where students enjoyed observing

traditional spinning machinery transform raw wool into knitting yarn. After a quick morning tea in the park nearby, students made their way to Nundle Public School. Students worked in groups and did some hands on activities in the school's kitchen and garden. The students working in the kitchen made some delicious apple and cinnamon scrolls, whilst the gardening group were busy building a compost pile and painting.





興味深いニュース (interesting news - Japanese)



We all had a great time exploring Nundle and a very busy day!  
Kristin Reilly - Teacher 2/3/4



# Friendship skills: Suggestions for families

## **Parents and carers are children's first and most important teachers when it comes to relationships**

The ways you relate to your children and the guidance you provide helps develop children's social skills. You can help children develop and maintain friendships by modelling effective social skills, providing opportunities for children to practise interacting with others, and offering support when they go through difficulties. Taking the role of a coach helps children learn the skills they need for themselves.





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## The following suggestions may be helpful

### Make time to play too

Parents and carers can improve their children's social skills by playing with them regularly. Letting children choose and lead the play allows you to be playful with them and encourages them to practise skills for cooperation and negotiation. Making time for play helps strengthen your relationship with them as well as their skills. Avoid criticising and make it fun!

### Allow your child to try all sorts of different activities

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### Invite children for play dates

Having friends over to visit helps children to establish friendships and practise their social skills. It also provides an opportunity for you to provide on-the-spot coaching for children as they develop their friendship skills. Providing positive guidance and helping to structure activities (without taking over!) can be very important when establishing new friendships.

#### Child says...

"There's this girl in my class who is really mean to everyone in class, and so we are all mean right back to her."

"Maybe she thinks we don't like her, and so she's being mean to us?"

"Well, I like her when she's not being mean."

"Maybe I could invite her over to play after school?"

### Talk with children about what is happening for them with their friends

Find a relaxed time, like the drive home from school or after dinner, to talk about what is happening in your children's friendship group. By doing this, you let them know that you are interested in their wellbeing, and this can also be an opportunity to share some of your experiences and to help them solve any problems they might have.

### Encourage positive, relevant strategies

Parents and carers can talk about, and encourage, friendly and cooperative strategies that can help their child to develop friendships. For example, encouraging children to negotiate or compromise when trying to solve conflicts with peers is a strategy that is more positively received than aggression or verbal threats.

### Take a problem-solving approach

Parents and carers don't need to have the answers to all of their children's problems. You can support your children to think through a problem for themselves by talking with them and asking some useful questions. For example:

#### Parent/carer asks...

"Why do you think she is being so mean?"

"That could be one reason. Do you like her?"

"So how could you show her that you do like her, and that there's no need for her to be mean?"

*Affirms:* "That sounds like a great idea to me."

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)



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## 興味深いニュース (interesting news - Japanese)

Principal message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term Three has been extremely busy and had many fantastic opportunities for the students. This term students have attended/participated in Netball Clinics, Peel Valley Athletics, Zone Athletics and Northwest Athletics Carnivals, attended virtual writing excursions, Billy Bush Tea bush dancing and Ghana Beat my Drum performances, participated in the regional Spelling Bee and High School Transition Taster sessions and finishing off the term is the Agricultural Food and Fibre Expo 'A Taste of Moonbi'.

In class, students have been participating our 'Writers Workshops' Literacy Program. It is providing a great opportunity for students to develop their writing skills and is supported by our 'Whole Class Writing Journals' for homework. The results from the student writing surveys have been outstanding. The successes of the projects are evident by some of the student comments -

- I think you have chosen an amazing idea because it is fun and I get neater and neater every time and I prefer homework now - than before.
- The teacher sits down with me and discusses what I need to fix up
- I prefer homework as it is now. I think it is very educational and adventurous.
- I love the writing because I think it has helped me with persuasive, imaginative and poem writing.
- I wish it was every day of the week except for Friday

As a result of the success of our 'Writing Project' and student responses, Writing Journals will continue to be a part of our Term 4 homework and the Writers Workshops will be extended to four days a week. We will also be trialing a similar Reading Project during term 4.

As the term draws to a close I would like to sincerely thank all of our parent volunteers who kindly give of their time and skills at school this term. Your contributions are greatly valued by the staff and children. We have parents helping with literacy programs, guided reading, assisting with sport and transporting children, banking, the library, canteen, school environment and grounds, making and reproducing class resources and P&C fundraising are just a sample of highlights this term. THANK YOU. The staff and I wish you all a relaxing holiday and look forward to working with you again next term.

**SCHOOL RESUMES on Tuesday 6th October following the Labour Day Public Holiday.**

Term 4 is our most busy term of the year with the finalisation of the years learning and preparation for 2016 classes. If you have a special needs request for your child next year can you please email the school or write a note to Mrs Broughton so that all information can be considered when teachers develop the class lists during this term.

There are many elements taken into account when considering class structures some of these include DoE requirements, funding allocations, siblings, academic abilities, social combinations and behaviour. In consultation with regional staff, learning support personnel, staff have discussed several possible class variations for 2016 and have settled on a preferred class structure. The three classes will be Miss Cornish's Cockatoos -Kindergarten, Miss Reilly's Rosellas- Year 1,2,3,4 and Mrs Harris's Hummingbirds. This class structure will be reviewed at the beginning of 2016 when numbers are finalised so it is subject to changes but we will run with the preferred option on Fridays for the remainder of the year.

It is school holidays next week and this is often the time when damage can be done to our school buildings through break ins and/or vandalism. If you see anything suspicious during the break please call the Police immediately to report your concerns. It is this vigilance by school communities that often saves schools from extensive damage.

Working With Children Checks

If you want to be able to help in your child's class, attend excursions, help at sports days etc you will be required to obtain a Working With Children Check. Applications are completed online at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au> For those who currently have one, please check your expiry date as quite a few are ready to expire shortly.

Bonita Broughton - Principal

Kids Matter**Belonging and connectedness improves mental health and learning**

All children need to feel that their world is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out any problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging.

**A sense of belonging** has been found to help protect children against mental health problems and improve their learning. Children who feel that they belong are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than others. They are also more motivated and more successful learners.

**Being connected** is about knowing you can seek support when you need it, that you will be listened to, and that you can work together with staff to help your child learn and develop. Support may come from talking with staff or from making connections with other families. Sometimes you might be feeling that things are going well, but just want to have a general chat about your child.



## 興味深いニュース (interesting news - Japanese)

**Footy Colours Day CHANGE OF DATE!!**

27<sup>th</sup> of October is our new date. We have included a soccer clinic, touch clinic and NRL clinic to be run on the day. Please remember raffle tickets are available at the office. Students are also reminded to get as many donations as they can before the day arrives.

We are rallying for the \$5,000 to get rid of Mrs Nash's hair. The Oztag game at lunch will still go ahead, please inform the office if you are willing to play.

**Senior class excursion** Thank you to those families that have been paying instalments already. Students attending the Sydney excursion are reminded that the full amount of the excursion (\$550) needs to be finalized by Friday 23 October. Regular payments are recommended.

**SRC**

Milo sales finished last Wednesday. Next term the SRC is looking forward to selling icy poles for 50c at the second half of lunch Monday to Thursday. The SRC would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program has now ended. Please send any leftover stickers to the school office by this Thursday. We would like to thank the school and wider community for their support.

**P&C News****NEW MEETING TIME:**

**2pm TODAY 16 September** in

the old staff room. We welcome everyone to come! This would be a great chance for parents, grandparents and carers that collect their child from school to come just a little earlier, have a cuppa and find out about the P&C.



*Remember, all the money we raise goes back to improving our kids' education and resources.*

Jen Hernando - President - 0429 181727

**Student Banking**

Any Transition Students that wish to start student banking are welcome to do so, just bring along your banking books on Fridays. Anyone interested in opening an account is invited to see me on Friday morning. ☺

Keep smiling, Lisa Madden School Banking Coordinator

**Busy Beehive Canteen**

This week we are having a meal deal

\*Sausage Roll or Big Pie

\*Ice Cream cup

\*Pack of Chip

\$3.50

A big save of -70c

**NO Olaf  
ice-creams  
this week**

Term 4 volunteer roster has been sent home today, please fill in when you are available and hand into the office by Friday.

Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped out this term. We could not have opened without your help and to all the children that have ordered this term as without you ordering we would not have a canteen.

**Farm Day - Thursday**

This Thursday for Farm Day the P&C will be running a BBQ. So please come along and support our P&C.

We have;

Sausage Sling \$2.50

Soft Drinks \$2.00

Tea/Coffee \$2.50

Hot/Cold Milo \$2.00

Special Coffee \$3.00

Water \$1.50

Please fill out a brown bag and put into the canteen bucket on the day

Jackie Robertson - Canteen Supervisor  
(0458201127)

**Clothing Pool**

Uniform Orders are due in tomorrow 17th September. If you need any uniform items please fill out order form and return with payment to the school in an envelope addressed to clothing pool.

Secondhand items are available, prices vary on condition. At present there are no secondhand summer tunics available in clothing pool, if you may have any in the cupboard please send them in to the school. You can donate them to the school or you can put them on consignment

I am usually available at school Thursday mornings or Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoons by appointment only. You can contact me on 67605218 or 0429445253.  
Clothing Pool Supervisor - Penny Foster



## 興味深いニュース (interesting news - Japanese)

**Moonbi Kootingal Cricket...**

Moonbi Kootingal Junior Cricket Club is now inviting players to join the club for the 2015-2016 season. The competition has undergone some changes to align with a normal cricket season from October (Term 4) to March (Term 1) with a break over the school holidays. The competitions will now be graded in school years. If your child is interested in playing please ask for an information sheet from the office (distributed with previous newsletter) or contact David George 0402356245.



**KOOTY KIDS**  
**COME AND TRY**  
**HOTSHOTS TENNIS**



PERFORM WITH POWER TENNIS ACADEMY IS HOLDING A  
"COME AND TRY" DAY AT THE KOOTINGAL TENNIS COURTS.

ALL KIDS WELCOME AGES 4 +



26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 9am to 12pm  
BBQ LUNCH FOR ALL PLAYERS AND  
PARENTS TO FINISH

**WE ARE LOOKING TO KICK OFF A FRIDAY AFTERNOON OF  
TENNIS COACHING AND EVENING JUNIOR COMP  
FOR ANY INTERESTED KIDS TERM 4..**

FOR BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CLUB  
PROFESSIONAL MITCH POWER ON 0434211461 OR EMAIL  
mitch.power87@gmail.com



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
TENNIS CAMPS**

Jarrold Campbell and the team at the Northwest Tennis Academy will be holding 2 awesome tennis camps in the upcoming school holidays for the kids. Heaps of fun and great activities to keep the kids actively entertained having loads of fun in a fun & safe environment.

- 4 – 16 years of age catered for.
- Fully supervised and run by a highly experienced and qualified team of tennis professionals.



**Camp 1**  
21/9/15 – 24/9/15

**Camp 2**  
28/9/15 – 1/10/15

**Time**  
9am – 12pm daily.

**Cost**  
\$80 per person.  
Family discounts  
available.

Prizes for all kids  
who attend.

End of camp party  
and presentations.

**NORTHWEST TENNIS  
ACADEMY**

Tamworth Tennis Club  
Napier St, Tamworth

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@hotmail.com

**I ♥ SPORT**

**Come and join in the healthy fun!**

# School Holiday Sports ACTION at the DOME

An important factor in a child's healthy growth and development is physical activity. Participating in sporting activities builds on this by providing children with valuable life skills such as co-ordination, discipline and a sense of fair play. Research also shows that playing sport can assist children in the classroom with better learning through concentration and behaviour.

Tamworth Sports Dome provides children with a healthy and fun way to spend their school holidays offering great school holiday programs and activities!

Our exciting programs give children the opportunity to try a range of different sports, experience real team spirit and meet lots of new friends in a safe and supervised environment.

FUTSAL

BASKETBALL

BADMINTON

NETBALL

VOLLEY BALL

HOCKEY

Lunch packs are available from the kiosk.

For all enquiries and bookings please contact the

## Tamworth Sports Dome

on (02) 6762 2631 or sportsdome@tamworth.nsw.gov.au



# Term 4 Canteen Roster

Name:

Telephone:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Morning Only 9.30am-12.00noon</b>	<b>Full Day 9.00am 2.30pm</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>23<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>		

Please tick times and Dates which suit you and return to school no later than Wednesday,  
7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Mums, Dads, Grandparents & Carers are most welcome

Enquiries: Jackie Robertson 67605686/0458201127 ( Canteen Supervisor)

Kim Kelly 67605499/0429334607

Jen Hernando 0429181727

Penny Foster 0429445253

Katie Abbott 67603206/0421547050



## CLOTHING POOL ORDER FORM FOR 2015

A summer uniform order is being run . If you wish to place an order , please complete the following and return completed order form together with your PAYMENT to the school by Thursday 17th September 2015

Parents Name :.....

Ph :.....

Students Name :.....

Garment sizes are : 4,6,8,10,12,14,16

Girls Summer Tunic	4-6	\$64.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
	8-10	\$66.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
	12-16	\$68.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
Boys Grey Shorts	4-16	\$16.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
Boys Blue Shirt s/s	4-16	\$18.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
Unisex Sport Shirt	4-16	\$20.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
Blue Sport Shorts	4-16	\$14.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
Girls Skorts	4-16	\$15.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
Jumper	4-16	\$21.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
Broadbrim Hats	55cm / 59cm	\$7.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
Summer Scrunchies		\$5.00		Quantity :.....	\$.....
Library Bags		\$10.00		Quantity :.....	\$.....
Staff/Parent Polo Shirt	XS-XXXL	\$26.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
Staff/Parent Jumper	XS-XXXL	\$26.00	Size :.....	Quantity :.....	\$.....
(no Medium sizes)					

TOTAL OF ORDER \$.....

Please RETURN with PAYMENT by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015

- \* If you have an item that is not screen printed with our school emblem we are able to get them printed for you at a cost of \$6.00 per item .
- \* There are second hand uniform items in clothing pool , prices vary on condition .
- \* Please note that is limited new stock on hand in clothing pool so please try to order when you receive an order form .

Any enquires can be made to Penny Foster on H - 67 605218 / M - 0429445253 or at school Thursday mornings and Wednesday , Thursday , Friday afternoons by appointment only .