

TALBINGO PUBLIC SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK

Our camp was held this week with 98 students visiting our school from 8 different schools from our Mountains Small Schools Network. We had a fantastic time on Wednesday with sunny weather and enthusiastic and excited students and teachers.

During the afternoon we held workshops in art, kite making, debating and soccer. Visiting musicians Bushwahzee and author Jane Carroll held workshops in music and writing which were particularly popular with the children. The afternoon was hot and humid and our special camp drink bottles were a great help in keeping all the students well hydrated during all their activities.

At 5.30pm we were thrilled to have many members of the community come to school for the concert by Bushwahzee which also included star performances from many students. It was terrific fun and a real highlight for everyone.

The weather gradually became more threatening and it was decided that instead of camping in tents in the school grounds, as planned, the older students were relocated to the Talbingo Retreat for the night. This proved to be a wise decision as we endured a fierce storm with torrential rain and lengthy power blackout.

Morning light revealed the damage at school with a fallen tree and limbs in the playground and flooding to the library and school entry area. Fortunately everyone stayed mostly dry, thanks to the efforts of our visiting teachers whose quick thinking minimised the spread of the flood water.

Unfortunately, with the weather uncertain and power not restored it was decided to abandon the remainder of the camp in the interests of safety for all our students and our visitor returned home during the morning.

I thank all the visiting teachers and presenters for their hard work in planning and conducting the activities for the students and helping to look after them so well during the storm and blackout, which was quite frightening for many of the younger students particularly.

Special thanks also to the Talbingo Retreat for accommodating the students at short notice and the Lodge and Caravan Park for looking after our guest presenters. We also thank the Talbingo Supermarket for their assistance with food and refrigeration.

Finally I thank all our parents and community members Carol Carlile and Lorraine Oliver, for their hard work and preparation in providing meals for the 120 students and teachers who attended our camp. I would also like to thank parents for their understanding in keeping your children home on Thursday so that we could deal with the storm damage and clean-up efficiently and safely.

DIARY DATES

Week 6 – Beginning Monday 14th November

Tuesday	Red Cross visits Talbingo P.S.
Wednesday	Swimming, Cabramurra
Wednesday	Yr 6 to 7 Transition Tumut H.S.

Week 7 – Beginning Monday 21st November

Wednesday	Swimming, Cabramurra
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Week 8 – Beginning Monday 28th November

Wednesday	Swimming Cabramurra
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Week 10 – Beginning Monday 12th December

Thursday	Annual Presentation Ceremony
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NEITA TEACHING AWARDS

Although the P&C's nomination of Mrs Levey for these awards has not successfully proceeded to the final round, they are happy to have submitted the nomination which reflects their respect and admiration for her teaching abilities and dedication to their children's education.

MUSIC LESSONS

Our school will be focussing on Creative and Performing Arts over the next three years and I would like to survey parent enthusiasm for music lessons to be conducted here at school for primary age students (Yrs 3-6).

Ramos Music will come to our school and conduct lessons in a variety of instruments. There would be 8 x 30 minute lessons each term. Instruments could be hired if needed.

As this is a focus area of our School Plan, it is possible that the cost of offering this program could be shared between the school and students.

Lessons cost \$110.00 per student (with discounts for additional students in the same family) and Mrs Levey proposes that parents would be required to meet approximately half the cost.

Could you please return the slip below to school as soon as possible indicating your level of interest?



MUSIC LESSONS AT TALBINGO PUBLIC SCHOOL

Student Name(s) _____

I am / am not interested in music lessons for my children

I would like to know more about the program before deciding.

Parent Name: _____

Camp Snapshots

