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WELCOME TO 2012

It is great to see everyone back at school after the summer break and we welcome new students Kody and Bailey. The term has started at full pace with intensive swimming lessons having already commenced with instructor Megan Cooper at the Tumut swimming pool.

Next week we hope to attend the Small School's Swimming Carnival at Tumbarumba and again remind parents that drivers are still needed to ensure we are able to go. In recent years the students have really enjoyed this opportunity to demonstrate their improved swimming abilities and we have had some excellent results as well.

Our new desktop and laptop computers have arrived in the school and will be installed as soon as possible. Thank you to the P&C for their assistance with the purchase of these vital resources for our students.

"HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON"

We have secured tickets to this spectacular arena show which is based on the Dreamworks animation film. The story combines fire-breathing action, adventure and laughter in a captivating story set in the mythical world of Vikings and wild dragons.



Along with students and staff from Cabramurra Public School, we will be attending the special schools performance at Allphones Arena, Sydney on March 22nd.

Information about the travel and accommodation arrangements will be sent home shortly. Whilst in Sydney we will also be visiting Taronga Park Zoo for a special sleep-over – more information to follow.

DO YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS?

I would like to extend a reminder to you that if, at any time, you find that you have a concern about anything to do with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and tell someone so that your concern can be resolved.

It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students. However, should you feel that you must raise a concern formally, the NSW Department of Education and Training has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the school office. Further information is also available in the Department's Complaints Handling Guidelines, including a guide to Lodging a complaint. These documents can be accessed on the Department's Internet website at [HTTPS://WWW.DET.NSW.EDU.AU/](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/)

DIARY DATES

Week 3 – Beginning Monday, 6th February

Monday-Wednesday	Intensive Swimming
Thursday	Small Schools Swimming Carnival, Tumbarumba

Week 4 – Beginning Monday, 13th February

Monday -Thursday	Intensive Swimming
Thursday	"Explorers" Video Conference

Week 5 - Beginning Monday, 20th February

Thursday	"Explorers" Video Conference
Thursday-Friday	Riverina Principal's Conference

Week 6 - Beginning Monday, 27th February

Friday	"Explorers" Video Conference
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Week 7 – Beginning Monday, 5th March

Thursday-Friday	Small Schools Principal's Conference
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SCHOOL A-Z: ONLINE COMMUNITY

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has launched a new on-line resource for parents that includes a website, a free mobile app and social media channels on Facebook, Twitter and You Tube. It is designed to give parents the help and support they need to help their children's learning and development, and provide advice on appropriate use of technology. Visit www.schoolatoz.com.au for more information.

FREE TOOTHBRUSHES

Tumut town water has recently been fluoridated and as an alternative to providing fluoridated water in Talbingo, Murrumbidgee Local Health District, together with Tumut Council and the Centre for Oral Health Strategy, is providing free toothbrushes and fluoride toothpaste to the community of Talbingo because of the proven benefits of fluoride on dental health.

Brushing with fluoride toothpaste is a proven option for helping to reduce oral disease. The aim is to encourage people to make brushing a twice daily habit to improve their oral health. Replacement paste and brushes will be available from the library during regular opening hours.

Dental therapist, Melanie Piper will be at the Talbingo Library next Tuesday – 7th February between 1pm and 4pm and all members of the community are invited to come along to obtain their free toothbrush and toothpaste.

Our students will have a talk on the importance of looking after their teeth during their regular library lesson on Tuesday and will receive their free toothbrush and toothpaste then.

Haiku

This week primary students have been learning about Haiku poetry. Haiku is a Japanese poem composed of three unrhymed lines of five, seven, and five syllables.

Haiku poetry originated in the sixteenth century and often reflects on some aspect of nature, creates images and is a mood poem.

We hope you enjoy some of the poems the students have written.

Feel scared of drowning,
Nice, cool, very cold water,
Happy and relaxed.



by Kody



I felt light and good,
Frightened of the deep dark end,
Relaxed when touching.

by Madison

Feeling cold and wet
Diving, splashing, floating now
Freezing cold still, scared.



by Phoenix



Floating in water,
Splashing wildly and floating,
Soaked and freezing.

by Danielle

Refreshed after a dip,
Feeling calm in the water,
Water warm and wet.



by Cassie



Dolphin-like and great,
Stressed and tired when swimming,
Unsure about breath.

by Molly

Feeling brave diving,
Water slipping through fingers,
Floating on water.



by Patricia

Intensive swimming



Swimming: This week students were concentrating on breathing with their faces in the water, floating and the correct kicking action.