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Talbingo Camp: 29-30th May

Our overnight camp is quickly approaching and plans are well in hand for what promises to be a busy and fun-packed 2 days of activities. We will be welcoming students and staff from the other schools in our ALPSS network and look forward to renewing friendships and making some new friends as well.

Our P&C will be catering for the camp, as one of its fundraising activities, and all families will need to help to ensure it is a success. Mrs Pullen and Mrs Fox will be overseeing the catering and a roster will be issued with the camp permission notes for parents to indicate what help they will be able to provide. We will be serving afternoon tea and dinner on day 1 of the camp and breakfast, morning tea and lunch on the 2nd day.

The permission note contains more information on the camp; however, if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Levey.

P&C Easter Raffle & Cake Stall

Thanks to everyone who supported the Easter Raffle by donating goods, time to sell tickets or purchased tickets. We were able to make up our prizes entirely from donated goods, which was great. We raised \$871 – a terrific effort.

ANZAC Day

Thank you to all students and families who attended and took part in the Talbingo Community Anzac Day ceremony during the holidays. Many community members indicated how much they enjoyed the ceremony, in particular commenting on the contributions made by our students.

Connor's First Visit

This week we welcomed Connor to our school for the first in a series of visits he will be making on Wednesdays during Term 2.

Connor generally attends Gadara School in Tumut, but is taking the opportunity to spend some time at our school and develop his social skills through interaction with our students.

Student Assistance Funds Available

We understand that from time to time families may have difficulty in meeting the various costs of school based activities or purchase of uniform items for their children.

The school has some funds available for this purpose and parents are encouraged to make use of them if needed. All requests remain confidential.

In recent years funds have been used to assist with the cost of activities or purchase of uniform items (including shoes). Please see Mrs Levey or Mrs Germantse for further information.

Diary Dates

Week 3 – Beginning Monday, 12 th May	
Tuesday - Thursday	NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
Friday	13 Storey Treehouse, Canberra
Week 4 - Beginning Monday, 19 th May	
Monday	RAPS Meeting (Mrs Levey)
Thursday	Highlands Cross Country, Gundagai
Week 5 - Beginning Monday, 26 th May	
Tuesday	V.C. Assembly. 9.30am
Thursday – Friday	Talbingo Science Camp

Trip to Canberra Theatre

On Friday, 16th May, we will be travelling to the Canberra Theatre to see a production of "The 13 Storey Treehouse" which is based on a book by well-known children's author Andy Griffiths.

A permission note, containing all relevant information is attached to this newsletter. Please return it as soon as possible.

The cost of this outing is quite considerable and we are fortunate to be able to meet most of the expense with Government Equity funding, however, families are asked to make a contribution to the cost of transport. If you will have difficulty with this payment please contact Mrs Levey.

Highlands Cross Country

The annual Highlands Cross Country Carnival will be held at Gundagai on Thursday, 22nd May 2014. Permission notes for qualifying students have been issued with this newsletter and need to be returned to school by Monday, 12th May to finalise carnival registrations.

Please note; this year families need to arrange transport to and from the carnival and Mrs French, from Humula P.S. will be our team's supervising teacher. All students not participating in the carnival are to attend school as normal.

Healthy Eating at School

At school we teach the benefits of a healthy diet and active lifestyle, which reflects the PDHPE syllabus and our concern for the welfare of our students.

Recently, there has been an increase in unhealthy foods being brought to school and we seek your help in ensuring that your child is bringing the right foods. Foods high in sugar, salt and fat should be occasional treats at best and more suited to enjoying at home than at school. Such foods do not promote good concentration - which is important for effective learning. For information about healthy diets (including lunchbox tips) visit this website and follow the links. <http://healthykids.nsw.gov.au/parents-carers/healthy-eating-and-drinking.aspx>
Thank you for your support.

Term 2 Guitar Lessons

Term 2 lessons have commenced and the fee is the same as for Term 1. Each student is required to pay \$50.00 (which is half the cost of the tuition).

Once again, payments can be made in instalments or as a lump sum. If paying the full amount, payment needs to be made Friday, 6th June 2014.

If paying by instalments please ensure you pay the full amount by Monday, 16th June. Please return the slip below indicating your chosen payment option. Payment can be made by cash or cheque (made payable to Talbingo Public School).

Learning a musical instrument has many benefits including increased memory, improved time management, organisational skills, perseverance and co-ordination. It has benefits for mathematics, reading and comprehension, sharpens concentration and provides an opportunity for self-expression and to experience a sense of achievement.

We are fortunate to be able to offer this opportunity to our students at a reduced cost by subsidising tuition through equity funding from the Department of Education and Communities, which is designed to reduce the impacts of isolation and disadvantage of rural students.



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Term 2 Guitar Lessons

Family Name: _____

Lesson Costs: _____ (\$50 x no. of children)

☐ I will pay the amount in full (due Monday, 2nd June)

☐ I will pay in fortnightly instalments, commencing on Monday, 2nd June 2014.