From the Principal

It has come to the staff’s attention that a lot of students are bringing iPods, iPads, mobile phones etc to use whilst travelling on the bus.

Please understand that the school is not responsible for these devices if they are lost or stolen.

We have a policy that these devices are NOT to be used in the classroom without permission from the teacher. If students are caught playing with these devices, without teacher approval, they will be confiscated until the conclusion of the day.

Students may also leave the devices at the office for safe keeping.

On another note, there have been four new confirmed cases of chicken pox this week.

ANDREW RODGERS

Request From the K/1 Classroom

Mrs Wilson is requesting empty and clean 2litre or 3litre plastic milk bottles for her classroom.

Thanks.

Reminders

Tissue Box Donation

Thank you again to all the families who have donated tissues. It is not too late to send a box or two of tissues to school.

The ‘surprise’ prize for tissue box donations will be drawn next Thursday.

Student Workbook Fees

2015 student workbook fees have been finalised. If you are unsure of how much you are required to pay please see Mrs Fowler or Mrs Turner in the office.

Please ensure that these fees are paid to the school no later than 1st June.

Again, thank you to the families who have so promptly paid their child’s/children’s workbook fees.

Operation Art

Tamworth Regional Art Gallery are conducting student visual arts workshops early next term. Workshops will include mixed media, printmaking and sculpture.

The cost, per student, is $46.

Expressions of interest forms are available from Mrs Fowler at the office. These forms are then to be returned to Mrs Fowler no later than Thursday 2nd April.

Australian Mathematics Competition

We are offering students from year 3 to year 6 the opportunity to participate in the 2015 Australian Mathematics Competition. The cost per student is $6.

It is not too late to enter your Year 3 to 6 child/children in this competition. Please see Mrs Fowler tomorrow.

The competition date is Thursday 30th July.

SRC (Student Representative Council)

Mother’s Day Celebrations

Mother’s Day is on Sunday 10th May. This year we are asking that you make or buy a gift (no home-made food please) to the value of $3 and bring it to school before Friday 1st May. This will enable us to wrap all the gifts for the stall to be held on Friday 8th May. As the gifts are brought to the school office it will be recorded as to how many gifts your child/children bring.

If your child/children will be purchasing more than one gift, they will need to bring in the number of gifts that they wish to buy. On the day of the stall each child will need to bring $3 to buy a gift.

Also on Friday 8th May a morning tea will be held to thank and celebrate the lovely ladies in our lives. We invite you and your family and friends to share morning tea with our school community. We are asking for contributions of treats to serve at morning tea.

New Playground Equipment

Thanks to the SRC and Miss Abberfield a whole lot of new playground equipment has been purchased to be used under the COLA and on the tennis court.
Miss Abberfield’s class has made the following comments:

On Friday, in our classroom we opened some exciting boxes. In the boxes we found some magnificent equipment for the playground. (Tara French)
We got a special surprise to see giant Logo blocks, space hoppers, a giant connect four game, wheelies, balance boards and a colourful ‘bloon’ ball. (Blake Ingram)
The wheelies are awesome and hard to control. The space hoppers were bouncerific. (Rhett Lumby)
The ‘bloon’ ball is a giant colourful ball that we can roll on. (Bonnie Squires)
I like the balance boards because they are really hard to stand on and fun! (Makayla Rankin)
We have giant Lego blocks and I like to build towers as tall as me. (Nicholas Mertens)
Our Lego blocks are different colours. I like the space hoppers, they are round balls and they have two handles at the top. I bounce around on them. (Charlie Pollard)
I think our playground equipment is awesome because you get to bounce on the ‘bloon’ ball and the space hoppers, they are both really fun because you can bounce around. I love the balance boards because you can try to balance yourself on them. (Shakiya Fletcher)
I like everything because I think they are all fun! (Jade Newlands)
Connect four has two different coloured discs and you have to try and make a line of four before the other player does. (Raigen Squires)
I like the new play equipment because it is really fun but I especially like the space hoppers because they bounce so high. (Lincoln Chapman)
We are having fun and we are so very happy because the equipment is very good. (Madison Roe)
I think our playground equipment is awesome and it is also important to look after it. I love the go wheelies, they have steel in the middle and a car wheel at the top. I like pretending to drive. (Violet Miller)
Our playground is so much more fun now. We have bought all this equipment and it makes our playground an exciting place to play. (Amelia Wynn).
We are so very happy to have this wonderful equipment, thanks to our school. (Rhett Lumby)

P & C News

The P & C are having a bulb fundraiser to raise vital funds for the students of our school.
Attached to this newsletter is a bulb, as well as stickers, brochure. The order form is in the brochure.
All orders, together with money, must be returned to the school no later than Friday 8th May. Bulbs will be delivered to the school by the end of May.
Your bulb order will be much appreciated by the P & C.

Don't forget the special canteen hamburger day next Wednesday 1st April. No other lunch meals will be available.

Assembly Awards

Merit Awards
K-1W - Kyiah Holland (absent)
1-2R - Jacyntra Flemming
3-4A - Christopher Burkett
5-6R - Thomas Hombsch
Student Choice Awards
K-1W - Campbell Burch
1-2R - Georgia Staniland
3-4A - Violet Miller
5-6R - Joshua French

This week’s bronze certificate awardees:
Back row: Jordan Donnelly, Jessica Froud, Charlotte Miller, Hannah Wynn, David Abel
Front row: Shanika Burkett, Lucy Lyden, Bella Flemming, Chloe French, Matthew Rodgers, Zander Pearson

Harmony Day pictures
Madison Roe with her dad, John

Mrs Robinson’s class

Bronze Certificate Awardees
Our first 2015 bronze certificate awardee last week was Isis Lumby
Mrs Wilson’s class

Patrick Staniland and his mum, Lorraine

Matty, Patrick and Jack

**Dates for Your Diary**

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Junior competitions for boys & girls and minkey competitions commence next term on Saturday 5th May. If you have any students who might be interested in giving it a go or who want any more information please feel free to refer their parents on to me. If you could perhaps mention these details in your school newsletter would also be greatly appreciated. Once again, thanks for your attendance last week and we look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Regards
Steve Littlejohns
Tamworth Hockey Development Officer
Mob: 0438 627299

**TAMWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DAYS**

**WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL FOR THE 2015 SEASON.**
Tamworth FC online registration has started and we are conducting another registration day at the Gipps St Fields for new and existing players of any age group. As the season is confirmed to start on the 2nd May 2015, this will be our final registration day, however you can still register online after this date.

If you would like to play football in the coming season our final registration dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 31st March and Thursday 2nd April, 4:00 to 6:00pm

The fees for 2015 will be:

- Players 5-7 yrs $110.00
- Players 8-11 yrs $120.00
- Players 12-18 yrs $130.00

Player gear (shorts and socks) will be available to purchase on registration days.

Hope to see you in 2015.