

Tambo Upper PS

Term 3 - 31/10/2025



We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which Tambo Upper Primary School gathers, the Gunai Kurnai people. We would like to pay our respects to their elder's past, present, and emerging.

Important Dates- October

Tues 21st Oct P/2 Swimming Lessons start (next 5 weeks)
Wed 22nd Oct 3/6 Swimming Lessons start (next 5 weeks)
Trash Puppets Incursion 27th & 28th
Wed 22nd to Fri 24th Year 3&4 Camp
Thurs 30th & Fri 31st Tambo Bike Ride

Important Dates- November

Mon 3rd Curriculum Day- School closed
Tues 4th Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Sat 8th Bairnsdale Speedway Fundraiser
Sat 22nd Tambo Community Gala
Thurs 20th Tambo Got Talent Show

Principal's Report

Toilets to get an Upgrade

I was very excited to get a call from the Victorian Schools Building Authority last week who informed me that our school was successful in it's application for building works to be undertaken to refurbish the student toilets. This is very exciting news as an upgrade to the toilets is well and truly overdue and has been an issue that school council has been trying to rectify for a number of years. The application process to get this funding is a long and detailed process and once again thanks to Riveena who did the bulk of the heavy lifting to piece together the application. To date, I haven't been given a time frame for when the works will start but now that we have been successful with our application we can look forward to working towards a positive outcome for the students in the months to come.

The Inaugural Tambo Gala

As mentioned in the last newsletter that Inaugural Tambo Gala evening is booked for Saturday the 22nd November. Ticket sales have been good and a reminder to get your tickets sooner rather than later as this is a capped event at 140 people. Details for the gala are listed on the back of the newsletter and if you need support with purchasing a ticket please reach out to Jodie in the office.

Congratulations to Lenny and Kaiden

Lenny and Kaiden represented our school at the Regional Athletics Championship last Wednesday and both boys did an amazing job. Kaiden came fourth in his 100m heat and Lenny achieved PB efforts in the High jump and Triple Jump finishing fourth and third respectively.

Tambo Bike Ride

Parents/guardian please ensure your child's bike ride permission slip is returned to school by Monday 27th October. On the permission slip there was also a section for parents/guardians to indicate if you can support the ride, if you can help that would be great. In the meantime please give your child's bike/scooter and helmet an inspection to see that it is in good working order. The Tambo Bike Ride in all its forms couples as an opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy our natural surroundings and as a fundraiser for the school. This year proceeds will go towards improving the shaded area over the outdoor seating area and sandpit.

Changes to Digital Devices use in schools

Last week the Department of Education shared some information about it's new stance on digital devices in the classroom. Following is an excerpt taken from this communication. From 2027, the Victorian Government is introducing changes to the use of digital devices for students from Prep to Grade 6.

Under the new guidelines, schools:

- will no longer invite families to purchase or bring their own digital devices to use at school for Prep to Grade 6
- will follow new recommended digital device times, including minimal device time for Prep to Grade 2 and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for grades 3 to 6.

These changes are intended to support families by reducing cost-of-living pressures. They will also support students by reducing screen-time which can reduce the risk of eye strain, sedentary behaviour, and reduced peer interaction. These reforms complement Victoria's nation-leading mobile phone restrictions, ensuring an integrated approach to addressing digital distraction and the inappropriate use of technology.

Our digital device policy already aligns with these new recommendations as we already provide school-owned digital devices for student learning. Furthermore our students in Prep to 2 have minimal device time and our 3-6 students device time falls well below the maximum 90 mins per day.

Have a great week,
Mark Chandler

TUPS- Targeting Unique Personal Strengths

School Values- Be Safe, Be a Friend, Be Respectful, Be a Learner, Be Responsible

TAMBO GALA

The inaugural Tambo Gala, supporting Tambo Upper P.S, is an opportunity for our community to come together, to share stories, dance to tunes and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter.

Included in each ticket is the following:

- A chance for the ladies to buy a new frock (or borrow one from a trusted girlfriend)
- A chance for the blokes to clear the dust off their suit (or buy a new one if the buttons are a tad tight)
- A welcome drink on arrival (to build the courage to hit the dance floor)
- A light supper (to make sure you dance upright and stay clear of your signature moves)
- The opportunity to spend some cash on collaborated artwork created by Tambo Upper students (we're relying on parents to fight this out, the more you bid the better for your kids in the long run)
- A night out without the kids (this is an 18+ event... you're welcome)
- Make a night of it and book a room at The Central Hotel (wink wink nudge nudge).
- Details for local babysitters (if you've used up your limit with family)

All this for \$50 per ticket which can be purchased through Trybooking. Please type in the website, or scan the QR code. Tickets are limited, please contact Tambo Upper P.S for any enquiries.



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