Tambo Upper PS

NEWSLETTER: 15/5/2026

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- May

Wed 20th- World Bee Day
Thurs 21st- Yellow Rm Forge Theatre excursion
Fri 22nd - Interschool Winter Sports (Purple)
Wed 27th- Reconciliation Week begins
Thurs 28th - Cape Conran excursion (Blue, Orange and Purple)

Important Dates- June

Thurs 4th- Police incursion for whole school
Mon 8th- King's B'day Holiday
Tues 9th- Curriculum Day (No students at school)

Principal's Report

Eureka! 3/4 Camp

Last week, our Year 3/4 students enjoyed an incredible three-day camp experience at Sovereign Hill. Students travelled by train from Bairnsdale to Southern Cross Station before continuing on to Ballarat. The students did an outstanding job managing the journey, including carrying all of their own luggage between stations, trains and camp accommodation. Their independence, resilience and positive attitude throughout the trip were a credit to themselves and our school community.

While staying in the cabins onsite at Sovereign Hill, students were immersed in a jam-packed program filled with authentic gold rush experiences and hands-on learning opportunities. They made traditional candles, travelled 25 metres underground into a mine shaft, attended the spectacular night show about life on the goldfields and explored the fascinating living Chinese museum, complete with miners' huts, a medical tent and a place of worship. Students also enjoyed seeing how lollies were made in the old days and, of course, sampling some freshly made treats along the way! Meeting characters in full costume and in-role from the gold rush era brought history to life and created many memorable moments for everyone involved.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Gould for the enormous amount of work she put into organising such a rich and engaging program. Her planning ensured students experienced a wonderful balance of education, adventure and fun across the three days. I would also like to sincerely thank Alix for giving up time with her own family to support the camp and help ensure everything ran so smoothly.

The camp was an enormous success, with students representing Tambo Upper Primary School beautifully at every stage of the experience. We are already looking forward to taking another group of Year 3/4 students back to Sovereign Hill again in two years' time.

Mother's Day Morning Tea

Our Mother's Day Morning Tea was a wonderful celebration and it was fantastic to see many mums and special mother-like figures join us at the school to share in the occasion. The hall was filled with a warm and welcoming atmosphere as families enjoyed a delicious selection of goodies, slices and cups of tea together. Events such as these provide a lovely opportunity for our school community to connect and celebrate the important people in our students' lives.

A huge thank you must go to Claire, Sammy and Deb for the fantastic job they did coordinating the event and ensuring everything ran so smoothly. Their organisation and preparation helped create a very special morning for all involved. Thank you also to Tash for organising the catering orders and to Alix for assisting with serving throughout the morning.

We hope all of our mothers and special guests felt celebrated and spoilt on the day and enjoyed both the thoughtful gifts from the Mother's Day stall and the special morning tea prepared in their honour. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the morning such a success for our school community.

Attitude to School Survey

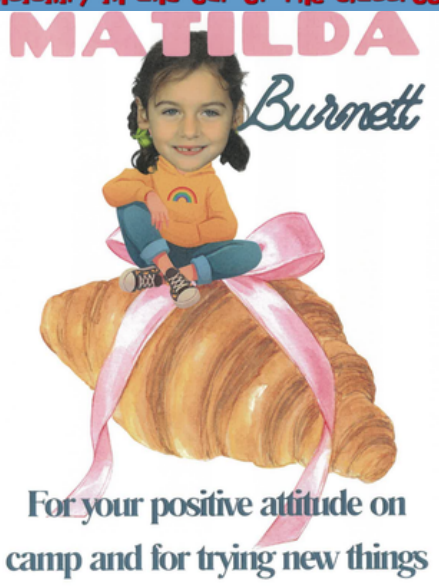
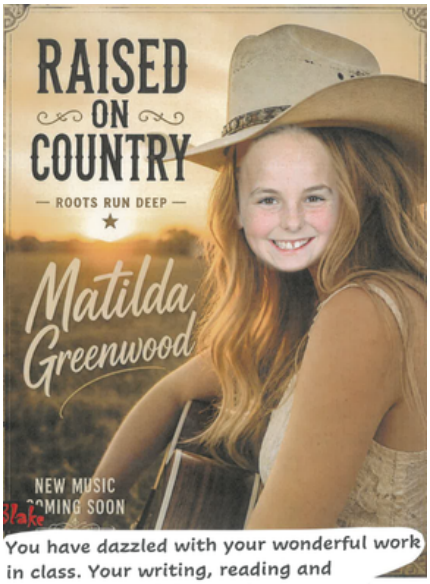
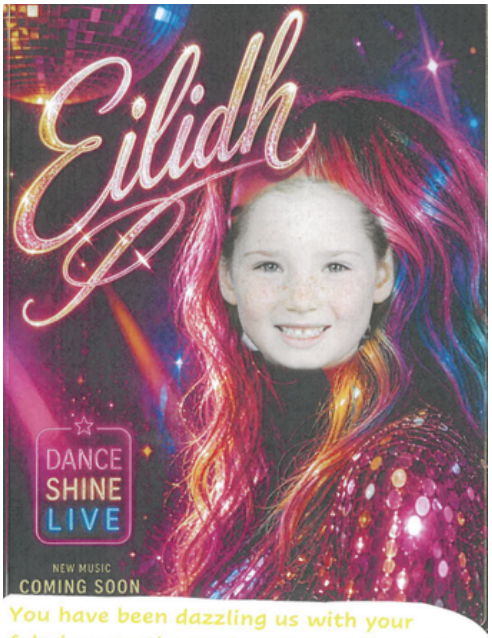
Next Thursday, students in Years 4–6 will participate in an anonymous online student survey designed to gather valuable feedback about their experiences at school. The survey provides important information to both the Department and our school about how students feel in relation to their learning, wellbeing, connectedness and overall school experience. The information collected plays a significant role in helping schools strengthen programs and supports that promote student wellbeing, welfare and positive mental health outcomes.

At Tambo Upper Primary School, we place a strong emphasis on student voice and learner agency, and surveys such as this provide students with an opportunity to share their thoughts and perspectives in a safe and supportive environment. The data gathered helps us reflect on current practices, celebrate areas of strength and identify opportunities for further improvement to ensure every student feels safe, supported and engaged in their learning.

Mr Chandler, Mrs Gould and Mrs Blake will support students throughout the process to ensure they feel comfortable and understand the purpose of the survey. We encourage students to answer thoughtfully and honestly, as their feedback is highly valued and contributes to shaping the future direction of wellbeing and learning support programs across our school.

TUPS- Targeting Unique Personal Strengths

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

School Council Members: Office Bearers- President-Paul Andrews, Vice President & Treasurer- Simon Murrell. Parent Members: Lucy Thomas, Jack Larkins, Mark Burnett, Sam Prazza, Deb Long, Claire Ricardo and Sam Steenholt. DET Members: Erica Blake and Mark Chandler

Golden Frame Award Winners