Tambo Upper PS

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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- February

Tuesday 10th - Parent Meet and Greet

Important Dates- March

Monday 9th - Labour Day Public Holiday

Principal's Report

Welcome Back to the 2026 School Year

Welcome back to all our students and families to the 2026 school year. As Tambo Primary School enters its 147th year of education, all staff are very much looking forward to the privilege of educating your child. Our first days back have gone extremely well, with students settling into school life quickly and comfortably.

Over the past week, our focus has been on establishing classroom routines, strengthening connections with peers and staff, and re-engaging students in their core literacy and numeracy learning. It is wonderful to see all students return healthy and well, and we are especially excited to welcome our 15 new Prep students, who have settled in beautifully.

Meet and Greet Your Child's Teacher

We warmly invite all parents and guardians to our Meet and Greet evening on Tuesday 10th February. Each teacher will deliver a short 15-minute presentation outlining your child's learning program, classroom routines, upcoming events, and ways families can support learning at home.

To support families with children in multiple classes, sessions will be staggered:

- Yellow Room: 4:00pm
- Blue Room: 4:15pm
- Orange and Purple Rooms: 4:30pm

We look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher or myself with any questions.

2026 Staffing

Our 2026 staffing arrangements are as follows:

- Yellow Room: Mrs Lucy Carson (Teacher), Mrs Peta Smith (Education Support)
- Blue Room: Miss Rachel Kennedy (Teacher), Ms Mikaela Baylis (Education Support)
- Orange Room: Mrs Shelly Gould (Teacher), Mrs Alix Armistead (Education Support)
- Purple Room: Mrs Erica Blake (Teacher), Mrs Riveena Hayden (Education Support)

Specialist staff include:

Physical Education – Mr Gould
Art & Rainbow Room – Mrs Danae Murrell
Geography & STEM – Mrs Tripp
Business/Administration – Mrs Jodie Lampkin
Bus Driver – Mr Clayton Smith

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a skilled and dedicated team supporting our students.

Forms Coming Home Today

A number of important forms are coming home today in an envelope. Please complete and return these as soon as possible. If you require further explanation, please contact Jodie or myself.

Works Around the School

Several improvements were completed over the holidays. The hall has undergone concrete levelling in the kitchen area, installation of a new retaining wall to improve drainage, and a brand-new roof. New line markings have been added to the yard, including an alphabetical snake, a compass and a large map of Australia. Initial planning has also begun for an upgrade to the student toilet block—further details will be shared once designs are finalised.

School Bus Service and After School Care

As we transition to a new bus driver, communication regarding bus absences or changes will now occur through a Dojo bus group. Clayton will check updates prior to each run. Please notify changes by 7:00am for morning runs and 3:00pm for afternoon runs.

Please note that After School Care will operate Monday to Thursday only. Unfortunately, due to staffing constraints, the Friday session will not run at this time.

2026 Student Leaders

A big congratulations to all students who presented their leadership speeches yesterday. They demonstrated excellent confidence and public speaking skills. Students and staff will vote, with leaders announced on Monday. A badge presentation will be held on Thursday 19th March.

Golden Frame Award Winners

Thursday 5th February

Yellow Room: Finn has started his first week of school with a great attitude , being respectful, trying his best and always smiling. Keep it up.

Blue Room: Remi has displayed an awesome responsible attitude in the classroom and is always trying his best in all learning activities this week. Keep up the great work Rem.

Orange Room: Angus has done a great job stepping it up and being a fantastic learner in Orange Room during our first full week back.

Purple Room: Jaxon has exploded out of the starting blocks this year, he has completed all tasks to the best of his ability and has been a real asset to the Purple Room

A message from our School Council President

As we begin the 2026 school year, I'd like to introduce the Tambo Upper Primary School Council—a committed group of parents working in partnership with the school to support its effective running, fundraising efforts, and ongoing development. The council plays an important role in school planning, policy, and decision-making, always with a focus on creating the best possible learning environment for our students. We value your feedback, ideas, and perspectives from our school community. Please connect with our current council members.

- Paul Andrews - President
- Simon Murrell - Treasurer
- Samantha Prazza
- Lucy Thomas
- Claire Ricardo
- Jack Larkin
- Damien 'Frog' Bartlett (outgoing)
- Stash CHandler (outgoing)

I encourage families to connect with me at the upcoming Meet and Greet Day and also warmly invite any parents interested in being involved to join us at our next council meeting as we work together toward a positive and successful year ahead.

Thank you,
Paul Andrews
School Council President