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- March

Mon 9th - Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 12th - NAPLAN starts
Fri 20th - Cross Country @ Buchan- Whole School
Tues 24th - School Council meeting @ 6:00pm
Thurs 26th - Orange and Purple Rm Buchan excursion

Important Dates- April

Thurs 2nd - Easter Raffle draw @ 9:00am
Thurs 2nd - Last day Term 1- 2:15pm finish
Mon 20th - First Day Term 2

Principal's Report

New School Council Members Elected

We are pleased to introduce our 2026 School Council team and thank them for their commitment to supporting Tambo Upper Primary School. Congratulations to Paul Andrews on his appointment as School Council President and to Simon Murrell as School Council Vice President. We thank them for their leadership and willingness to guide our governance work throughout the year. We also acknowledge our continuing members – Lucy Thomas, Jack Larkins, Sam Prazza, Claire Riccardo and Erica Blake – whose ongoing contribution and dedication to the school community are greatly valued. A warm welcome to our new School Council members: Mark Burnett, Deb Long and Sam Steenholt. We appreciate your readiness to contribute your time, ideas and expertise to support the strategic direction of our school. School Council plays a vital role in shaping the future of Tambo Upper PS, and we look forward to a productive year working together for the benefit of our students and community.

Our School Values

This term, in collaboration with our students, we have refined our school values to create a clear and focused foundation for our community: Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Learner. By narrowing our focus, we are strengthening shared understanding and ensuring our values are visible, meaningful and consistently applied across the school. Importantly, students played an active role in redefining what these values look like in action. They generated their own definitions and statements describing how each value can be demonstrated in classrooms, the playground and the wider community. Students then voted on the statements they believed were most important, ensuring genuine voice and ownership in the process. These agreed statements will now anchor our conversations with students, guide expectations and shape our school culture. They will be used to celebrate positive choices, support restorative discussions and reinforce high expectations for learning and behaviour. By sharing these values clearly with families, we strengthen the connection between school and home. When students experience consistent language and expectations in both settings, it supports their social, emotional and academic development, building confident, respectful and responsible young learners. A copy of the values is shared on the back of the newsletter.

Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter Raffle is just around the corner and this has always been a fantastic fundraiser for our school community. We are now calling for donations of Easter-themed goods and prizes. If you are able to contribute, please send your items to the school office as soon as possible. Tickets will be sent home later next week, so keep an eye out! In the meantime, we greatly appreciate families getting behind this event by sending in donations early. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2nd April at 9:00am. Thank you for your continued support!

Parking for pick up and drop off

We kindly ask families to please avoid completing pick up and drop off beyond the school hall in the driveway area. When vehicles travel further up the driveway, it creates congestion, limits available parking for staff and increases potential health and safety risks. As a reminder, the designated pick up and drop off point is at the front of the school and using the driveway parking up to the hall.
Your support in following this process helps us maintain a safe, calm and well-organised environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

District Cross Country event at Buchan Reserve

We are looking forward to our Interschool District Cross Country event at Buchan Reserve on Friday 20th March. This is a whole school event, with students travelling together by bus to represent our school with pride and enthusiasm. It is always a fantastic day that promotes perseverance, sportsmanship and house spirit, while encouraging students to challenge themselves and support one another. Parents and carers are more than welcome to attend and cheer on our runners. Your presence adds to the positive atmosphere and means a great deal to the students. A permission note with all relevant details was sent out via Xuno yesterday. Please ensure this is completed promptly. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a wonderful community event.

Golden Frame Award Winners

Wednesday 4th March

Yellow Room: Mylee is off to a flying start. Mylee is a great learner and kind friend.

Blue Room: Renn for her awesome learning in Maths and Writing. You have also shown great motivation and perseverance in everything you do. Go Renn.

Orange Room: Zarli for having an eggcellent start to the school year.

Purple Room: Lilly your resilience and fabulous work ethic make you a super star student.

School Values

Be Respectful

Meaning:

Helping others, playing with someone who is alone, and sharing.

How We Show It:

- **Include others in games and activities**
- **Share equipment and resources**
- **Use kind words and actions**
- **Take turns and listen to others**
- **Help people when they need support**

Be Responsible

Meaning:

Think before you do something and listen keenly.

How We Show It:

- **Look after school and your own property**
- **Stay on task and complete learning activities**
- **Make safe and thoughtful choices**
- **Take responsibility for your actions**

Be a Learner

Meaning:

Making mistakes and learning from them, being focused and listening, and achieving your goals.

How We Show It:

- **Try our best, even when learning is challenging**
- **Listen carefully and stay focused**
- **Ask questions and seek feedback**
- **Reflect on our learning**
- **Set goals and work towards achieving them**