Over the past few weeks we have been encouraging students to stand up to bullies. We are finding that a lot of students are standing around while unpleasant things are going on in the playground. Any student who witnesses an act of bullying or intimidation should go directly to the nearest teacher and inform them. We are asking for parents to talk to their children about ways to assist people who are being bullied.

The media constantly report about bullying. Every time there is a story about someone being bullied we are reminded of how upsetting this can be. It is important for us to remember that bullying is different to random acts of unkindness. Children often have disagreements. This is a natural part of learning how to get along with others. It only becomes bullying when it is sustained and deliberately hurtful.

The message we send to children when we focus on how terrible bullying can be is that we MUST be devastated by bullying. This simply makes the problem worse. Children start to feel like they should be devastated each and every time someone is unkind to them. We need to remember that coping with people being unkind from time to time helps us to learn how to build positive, lasting friendships. Coping with things like this also builds up self-esteem.

If your child is being bullied or is frequently coming home upset give them space to talk to you about what is upsetting them. Try to help them think of ways to cope with the situation and find alternatives. Schools can assist with the problem on a case-by-case basis but studies have shown that the most successful way to tackle the issue of bullying is to shift the culture in the playground to one of no-tolerance of bullying from the students themselves, not just from the adults. Once students say no to bullying the behaviour is more likely to change.

Please encourage your child to be kind to everyone, not to respond to people with unkind words and also to seek out a teacher if they witness an act of bullying. If students, teachers and parents work together then we stand a greater chance of stamping out bullying in our school.

**School Photos & Uniform reminder**

Don’t forget that school photos are on the first Thursday of next term. We encourage all parents to get their orders in on time to ensure you don’t miss out on this year’s photos.

All students are to wear full winter uniform on photo day. We have been reminding families of the correct uniform items over the past few weeks. Please encourage your child to wear correct uniform each day, including the correct footwear (black leather shoes). If they are unable to wear the correct uniform, please send them with a note explaining why.

**Hockey Success**

Last week Mrs Purdy took an enthusiastic group of girls to play their first PSSA knockout hockey game. It was a great game by all accounts and the girls managed to come away with a win.

Congratulations girls, we are very proud of your efforts. They will be gearing up for their next game in a few weeks time. If successful they will be off to the semi-finals for the North West in hockey. We wish them the very best in their preparation.
Office Hours
We would just like to remind families that our office hours are from 8:45am until 3:45pm each day. If you call the school outside of those hours we encourage you to leave a message. Alternatively, please call back during office hours so that we can assist you.

SISA Sports Day
Last Wednesday we hosted a sports afternoon with lessons run by a company called Schools In Sports Australia (SISA). Students were involved in a range of physical activities and got to use some specialist fitness equipment. The day was to be a showcase for the program that SISA offer over the course of a week.

All students had a great time and the feedback we got from students and staff was very positive. We will be considering offering this program to all students K-6 in term 4. It is a user-pays program therefore there will be a cost involved. We will consider this program and advise parents once we have made any decisions on whether to push forward in term 4.

Tamworth Eisteddfod
Our Junior Band played very well on Wednesday 5th, June at Tamworth Town Hall to take out second place in front of a large audience of parents and choirs from other schools. Everyone was very excited and all our rehearsals paid off to provide an excellent performance on the day. The section was won by Manilla and the other competing school we played against was Calrossy Anglican Primary Orchestra.

Horse Sports
On Friday 14th June 4 students competed at the Narrabri West Public School Horse Sports Day. We again endured cold weather although the students had a fantastic day with each achieving highly. Hugh Morris won Runner Up Highest Pointscore for 9 years boys and Bridie Morris won Runner Up Highest Pointscore for under 8 year old girls. With over 150 competitors on the day the students should be very proud of their achievements. Caitlin Eather.

Canberra Excursion
Mr Scarborough relieved from duty and catching 40 winks in the "submarine" bunk beds at the war memorial.

View from new Parliament House looking towards the war memorial.

Year 5 at war memorial.

War memorial- view of the unknown soldiers tomb.

PSSA Boys Soccer Knockout
Last Tuesday the PSSA boys soccer team went to the Gipps Street Soccer Fields to play two games of soccer against Tamworth South and Westdale Public School. First we played against Tamworth South and the score was 7-0 TSPS’s way the second game we played against Westdale P.S and the score was 4-2 Westdale way. After the game we went to McDonalds for icecream and a flake. Thanks to Chris Day, Logan McCarthy, Woody Dowie, Hayden Hopwood-Young, Bailey Brown, Hayden Todd, Troy Smart, Makalyn Brown, Troy Taylor, Adrian Graham and Mr Steele.

North West Regional Cross Country
On Friday 14th June the North West Cross Country Carnival was held Coolah. There were about 60 children in each group. There was some really good distant runners on the day. It was sleeting rain and it was muddy and slippery and a lot of people fell over.

Daniel Peel and I (Bridie Martin) represented Tamworth Zone and Oxley Vale Public School in the 11 years old boys and girls section. I placed 19th over all and Daniel came in 20th over all. It was cold but a great day.

By Bridie Martin

Congratulations and well done children!

NORTHWEST TENNIS ACADEMY HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS AT TRELARO PArk

Table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Camp 1</th>
<th>Camp 2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>DATES:</strong></td>
<td>1/7/13 – 4/7/13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>VENUE:</strong></td>
<td>Tamworth Tennis Club.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TIME:</strong></td>
<td>9am – 12pm daily.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>COST:</strong></td>
<td>$80 per person.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tamworth’s best choice for holiday activities for children of all ages. Learn and play tennis in a fun, safe and professional environment with 5 fully qualified professional coaches and trainees on site.

HEAPS OF PRIZES TO BE WON

END OF CAMP PARTY & PRESENTATION

2 CAMPS AVAILABLE

All prices cover the full camp duration.

FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

Proudly run by Jarrod Campbell certified T.C.A Advanced Tennis Club Professional.

For bookings and enquiries call Jarrod on 67669552 or 0421287004. Email: northwesttennisacademy@hotmail.com or at Facebook on www.facebook.com/
## Merit Awards

### Infants
- KP: Kyan Gregory, Kaitlyn Hahn
- KD: Paige Washington, Jake Shepherd
- K1M: Jaycob Steele, Nicholas McGrath
- 1E: Jahmaul Leslie, Chelsea McDonald
- 1R: Mikayla Butler, Jorja Morris
- 1/2T: Taryn Unwin, Latesha Butler
- 2P: Tristan Taylor, Ella Davidson

### Primary
- SD:
- 2/3B:
- 3L: Trista Thompson, John Renton
- 4N: Fletcher Morris, Sarah Gill
- 4/5E: Bryce Kelly, Amanda Hall
- 5S: Hayden Todd, Brittany Powell
- 5/6M:
- 6S: Thomas Rogers, Rosharnie Burns

## Book Work Ribbon

- Dylan Hopwood-Young
- Olivia Holz
- Lily Adams
- Bridie Morris
- Kurt Schimann
- Sarah Turner
- Claudia Ruthberg

Romeo winner for great story writing is Taryn Unwin 1/2T

---

**This week’s assembly Friday 21st June is starting at 1:00pm for Primary.**

**No assembly for Infants as they will be on their excursion to the park.**

---

**DISCO!**

**Thursday 20th June 2013**

**Term 2 Week 8**

**THEME: Wild and Wacky!**

**Infants - 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**Primary - 6:45pm-8:00pm**

**ENTRY $2**

**Cans of Drink $2**

**Hot Dogs $2**

**Chocolates $1**

*All proceeds to support Schools Spectacular Dance Team.*
**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2**

**June**
- Thurs 20th: School Disco
- Friday 21st: Infants Park Excursion
- Wed 26th: P&C Meeting
- Mon-Fri 24-28th: NAIDOC Week
- Fri 28th: Athletics Carnival
- Fri 28th: Last Day Term

**Term 3**
**July**
- Mon 15th: Staff Development
- Tues 16th: Students Return
- Thurs 18th: Photo Day
- Mon 29th: Education Week

---

**YARN—UP**

**Wednesday 19th June, 2013**

Our next Yarn – Up meeting is next Wednesday 19th June and will be held between 9:30-11:30am. Please join us.

We will be planning and discussing ideas for Naidoc Week. This will be celebrated in our school from 24th – 28th June. Please bring a plate to share.

Thank You

---

**These advertisers support us, please support them:**

- Tamworth Shoppingworld
- Davidson Bros Electrical
- MIck's Meat House
- Oxley Vale Anglican Community Church
- austnews
- Orthodontist
- Club Synergy
- Bridges

Contact us for more details 1800 245 077 sales@austnews.com.au

www.austnews.com.au

---

**Contact our friendly staff for an obligation free quote**

Free Call: 1800 245 077 Email: info@austnews.com.au

www.austnews.com.au