

School Newsletter

TAPS STUDENT VOICE



TAPS TOM TEAM @REGION & STATE - SUPERB EFFORTS AT BOTH EVENTS.

It has been 20 years since Campbelltown has won a regional final in the Tournament of the Minds and TAPS was the team to do it.

TOM is an event where schools across the country and later the world verse each other in problem solving, creativity and confidence. Two teams Social Science and the Arts went to Bankstown Western Sydney University to present their play. The teams spent 5 weeks using lunch, recess and some class time preparing. The Arts team didn't win but they were wonderful and were even filmed for a promotional video. The Social Science team won and progressed to the State final.

On the 9th of September the 'Social Science' team for the Tournament of the minds participated in the 2018 state final. It was held in at the University of NSW.

In the state final all the teams had 3 hours to complete a challenge. They had to come up with an idea, props, script and costumes. They then had to present this to a large audience and judges. During the day the team was also hit with a spontaneous challenge where they had 4 minutes to solve a problem and do a 1 minute presentation. It was pretty tough. Our team members were Yuki, Chris, Aiasha, Josh, Hayley, Grace and Jorja. Well done to the team who were in the top 11 schools across the state which also included many private and independent schools. The team would also like to thank the teachers who have given up months to support and coach as well as getting the team there on a Sunday leaving school at 6am and returning late after 8pm. Thanks Miss Collins, Mrs Rochetto, Miss Pollard and Miss Love. Miss Love said the team was very good, they made good use of props and were extremely creative and unique. Also thanks to the families who supported and transported children to and from events. **Chris & Josh**



Jokes for Kids

Patient - sobbing "I feel like a pair of curtains." Doctor, "Well pull yourself together."



Why did the bee get married? He found his honey.



How did the 'bunny' rob the snowman? She took out her hairdryer and said, "Give me that carrot!"

(by Alisha & Riyaad)

Debating Challenge Champs

On the 6th September, Lacey, Kiara, Jane, miss Collins, Mrs Ponterio and I (Grace) went to Currans PS to do our 5th debate in the Premiers Debating Challenge.

The topic we were given was “All primary schools should ban tests.” We were selected to argue the negative, having to disagree with the



topic. We argued that primary schools should keep tests. Teams are given one hour to brainstorm affirmative or negative points and of course develop their speech. This time we weren't as stressed as our previous debates. We were more confident and did not break down into a million pieces. After the hour passed (which felt like 2 minutes), we met the opposing

school team. There was an audience of Year 5 and 6 students, teachers and the adjudicator. It went like this. Their 1st speaker, then Lacey. Their second speaker, then Kiara. Their 3rd and then me (Grace). The adjudicator gave us encouraging and critical feedback and the announced we had won. We had morning tea with Curran who were pretty nice. This was our 4th win out of 5. While we celebrated we have to prepare for a debate with Bradbury coming up soon.

Grace

PS - Just a quick update from the **Principal**. The team post this article faced off against Bradbury in the knockout 'final' round. They debated superbly and won. Yay

Year 6 Voice

This week we interviewed Tamanna Makkie, Enesha Roy, Zac Heir, Indyanna Camilleri and Connor Rosser.

Tamanna is a well known student here at TAPS. This is what she had to share. Tamanna has been here for seven years (since Kindy) and during here time her happiest memory was doing her house captain speech and everyone

LEADERSHIP DAY

Ambarvale, Rosemeadow and Thomas Acres Public Schools all attended a student leadership day excursion at Wooglemi. Once we arrived we discussed many ways to be a great leader. After we did that we played some games that included teamwork and encouraging each other. All schools came up with 'icebreaker games' to make others feel included and more comfortable in teams. It was a great experience for our leaders to learn how to be better at what they do. This means not being bossy and always telling others what to do but to be good at communication, collaboration, problem solving, building trust in others, developing teamwork and encouraging and helping other.

Riyadh, Jyzelle, Carter & Wyatt



voted for her. Tamara loves being in her Year 6 class. Her advice to other students is “Follow your heart where ever it leads you.”

Enesha is a kind and quiet person at TAPS. She thinks our school has a lot of opportunities which I (the journalist of this article) agree with when you look at the extra curricula activities. Enesha has been here for 8 years (she repeated year 1 - being quite young when she started school). A great memory for her is when her class (this year) were given the responsibility for having a class pet (Rango a lizard in 5/6B). Enesha’s first thought when she came to the school was I’m going to make lots of friends and she was right. Her advice to her peers this year and the years to come is “make the most of Year 6.”

Zac is a sporty guy here at TAPS. He sees school as fun and enjoyable. Zac has been here for seven years. His happiest memories are laughing and talking with others in class. He says he has made lots of friends and has had lots of laughs. Lastly he wanted to say “Have fun at



school and for year 6 good luck in High School.”

Indyana is a quiet but funny kid who described her time here at TAPS as interesting and exciting. She has been with the school for 5 years. She has great memories with friends and teachers. Indyana says, “Coming to school here motivates me to do my absolute best.”

Connor is a jam-packed exciting kid who describes his time here as an awesome experience. Attending school here for 7 years he

has accumulated many hilarious memories with his friends.

Natarsha and Alisha

SPORTS ACTION

Athletics

In week 7 on a dry (the previous attempt had been rained out we held our annual Athletics carnival. This was held at Thomas Acres Reserve. We flew over high jump or just crashed into the mats with Mrs rocchetto and Miss Collins leading the way. Miss Houlton and Mrs Mullen made sure the students got plenty sandy doing long jump. Shot put was nowhere as easy as it seems. Firstly it is very heavy and secondly it is very technical. Mrs Best, Mr Thompson and Mr Pope helped out with this one. Finally with grace

and skill the mighty discuss was hurled on the direction of Mr Marsh.



Later in the day the races began and students of all ages did the best in the 800m (pheew.. its long .. if you’re not feeling fit that is) and the 100m (that’s just quick.

Thanks to Mr Caffrey and Miss Johnston for organising. It was a great day. Thanks to parents and friends for supporting and thanks to the canteen/P&C volunteers for providing great food and drinks.



The week after those who achieved well in their events went to zone to represent the school. We got sport singlets which made us just look like winners. a great day was had and our boys got through to the regional

relay. Thanks Mr Caffrey for running the zone carnival and organising the shirts too.

Niki & Alannah

21.9.18

June 20
Today I was collecting pollen from my favorite flowers called "Daisies".



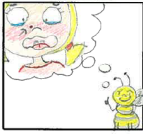
Then I heard thundering noises coming from below me. IT WAS A HUMAN!! running towards me.



I tried to fly away but she latched onto my tiny wings and tried to squash me.



I shot out of a gap through her fingers and gave her a piercing in the nose with my stinger. It must've hurt but it was a great look for her.



Patrick - Diary of a Furry.

Today I discovered that I want to be a 'Furry'. I went on the internet to look for a 'Fursona' suit. I have figured out what I want to have as a Fursona. It was Garfield, however, it costs \$200. I groaned at the price and the at the fact I now had to go and get out of my mum's basement and get a job.

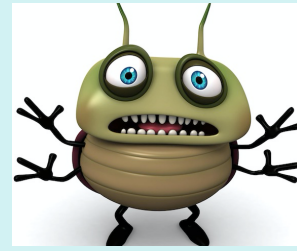
Patrick 5/6B



The BUG

The bug fell down the plug and needed a hug.

Ocean and Evon KH



MORE STUDENT WRITING

Neil Armstrong

You would be wondering to yourself how did Neil Armstrong get his fame. The answer is he was the first person on the moon. He was born on the 5.8.1930 in Wapakoneta, Ohio. When he was 2 years old his dad took him to an airshow. That's how is love of planes started.

In his early life he got his licence at the age of 15. After he graduated college he was a test pilot. As a test pilot he flew over 200 aircraft.

Neil and the crew were on the moon for 21 hours. When he stepped off the space craft he said, "One small step for man and one giant leap for mankind." They landed in the Pacific Ocean and came back as heroes.

On 25.8.2012 in Cincinnati Neil sadly passed away 20 days after his birthday. He was 82 years old. **Molly Surplice. 4M.**

AND YET MORE STUDENT WRITING

Is it better to live in the past or the present?

In the past there were old things but now there is new stuff.

In the olden days they had wooden toys. They had really old things and they didn't have clean water. Also they had snakes get into their houses.

In the present we have plastic toys. Now we can play electronics like a Nintendo or a PX4. Now we can go around in cars. We can go to school and learn new things.

I think it is better to live in the present. Izzy 2I

PRINCIPAL IN BRIEF

Celebrations

Spelling Bee - Hosted by Thomas Acres PS for schools from across the region? - hosted by Miss Johnston. Student that represented TAPS were

Tournament of the Minds Team at the state final top 11 schools in the state (including private schools) - see student article on page one.

Teacher's observed in class using formative assessment and literacy strategies. Great feedback from observers about our teachers.

News

NAPLAN - has arrived and just gone home. Any questions please direct to your child's teacher.

Coming Up

Holidays - starts this Friday. Be safe. Return on Mon 15.10.18

All of term 2 dates on last page.

Reminder

Parents please be reminded that it is never acceptable to approach or speak in an angry way or to discipline another persons child. This can lead to banning parents from school. Please always report incidents to the school and let us manage



Free fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament for children from 4 to 12 years.

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers places rarely open to the public. Engage with roving historical characters and celebrate the 100 year anniversary of women becoming eligible for election to parliament and admittance to the legal profession in NSW.



FREE ENTRY Activities 10.00 am to 3.00 pm Location 6 Macquarie Street - opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Join our great term 3 school holiday activities at PCYC Campbelltown. Daily program starts at 9.00am and finishes at 4.00pm. Workshops are 3 hours in length. Please note food is not provided, pack recess and lunch. Full payment must be made upon booking.

OCTOBER 2018

	Option one	Option two
MONDAY 1	Public Holiday.	Public Holiday.
TUESDAY 2	Gymnastics and cookie making.	Mixed games and boxing.
WEDNESDAY 3	NRL West Tigers and boxing.	Little ninjas 5 years +.
THURSDAY 4	Mixed games and Bunnings arts and craft.	Cookie making and bootcamp.
FRIDAY 5	Soccer and games 7 years +.	Gymnastics.
MONDAY 8	Mixed games and dodge ball.	Gymnastics and cooking.
TUESDAY 9	Gymnastics and Bunnings arts and craft.	Oz tag and dodgeball.
WEDNESDAY 10	Little ninjas 5 years +.	Cricket and mixed games.
THURSDAY 11	Boxing and bootcamp.	Gymnastics.
FRIDAY 12	Little ninjas 5 years +.	Mixed outdoor sports.

Cost
\$35.00 per child, per day.

Call us now to book
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Starting A Child in Kindergarten 2019 Thomas Acres Public School

Thank you for considering enrolling your child at Thomas Acres PS. For us to get to know each other we would like to invite you and your child to the following events in 2016



Kindystart Sessions



Date	Time	Children	Parents
Tuesday 30 th October	2pm -2.50pm	Kindergarten rooms	School Library for Welcome Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 6 th November	2pm -2.50pm	Kindergarten rooms	School Library for Literacy Information Session
Tuesday 13 th November	2pm -2.50pm	Kindergarten rooms	School Library for Maths Information Session

Orientation Day

Tuesday 20th November 9.30am – 11am

Children: in the Kindergarten classrooms

Parents: in the School Hall where you will receive Information as well as an Orientation Pack



COMING UP

Debate v Picton 16.10.18, Swim Scheme 29.10.18 - 2.11.18, Kindergarten Excursion 13.11.18, Kindergarten Orientation 20.11.18, Colour Run 20.11.18, Performing Arts Afternoon 26.11.18, Kindergarten Graduation 6.12.18, Christmas Carols 6.12.18, Sports & Service Assembly 11.12.18, Stage 3 Camp 12 - 14th December, Yr 6 Farewell 17.12.18 and Presentation Assembly 18.12.18.

AND.... MORE WRITING

Plot – by Karli Gosling, 6M

They've been planning for months now. Jackson, the BOSS, was excited, but not showing it (as usual). Karla was ready for the challenge lying ahead & Dui, well Dui didn't know what he was feeling (probably hungry).

It was now or never. They suited up into their cowboy gear (previously stashed into barrels) & headed towards the door. Dui pulled the last slice of Swiss from his ripped pocket & shoved into his dry mouth, Karla kissed the frame of the door to the warm welcoming cottage in-case they never saw it again. As they each stepped onto the luscious green grass they each let out a sigh of comfort.

Karla's observing eyes spotted the target. "Moella", she was the biggest cow on the farm that the Farmer O'Neill owned. She's the biggest cow in the area. There was one problem, she was 'deaf', which wasn't so bad because Dui had a nan who was deaf so Dui knew how to speak sign language.

Moella was day dreaming (as usual). Jackson was prepared for the situation, he tugged her tail. She was in such a shock, she spun around and ran. She didn't Notice she was heading straight for the cottage...

'BANG!' the cottage collapsed within seconds of the collision. Dui was heartbroken. He burst into tears & fell into Karla's open arms. Meanwhile Jackson was steaming. He ran towards the now dizzy cow. He tried to scare the cow but she loomed over Jackson. Karla was starting to worry about the gang. Jackson was determined to get what he set out for. Time for plan 'B'.

Jackson scratched the cow down the leg and grabbed her tail as soon as she took off he grabbed the paws of his accomplices as they shot past. Soon they arrived at a sweet green meadow where they made cheese for the rest of their lives.

