



# School Newsletter

## TAPS STUDENT VOICE

### Character Ed = Good Mindset

Character Ed is a system that we use at Thomas Acres to keep and teach our children in a good mindset. Each fortnight we introduce a new goal to try and achieve not just inside the classroom but at home too. Every week the teachers of each classroom watch out to see who's been working towards their goal so we can hand out their awards of achievement. Character Ed includes, respect, kindness, cooperation, mindfulness, empathy and compassion, responsibility, friendship, perseverance, courage, creativity, etc...

Every Monday morning we have a K-6 assembly where we sing our school song and the National Anthem Advance Australia Fair, after these moments the school captains, Stevi Wagner and Lucas Fammanatu go through our goals for each fortnight. Mr Pope hands out our awards of achievement to the outstanding students who have been working hard towards their goal. During their class time the teachers have been given a card with the goal and meaning on it, the teachers will also go through the meaning once again and have a short and sharp lesson on their goal. This follows on in the 2 weeks.

During lunch and recess the teachers have a pile of tokens that they can hand out to students who have shown themselves to be safe, respectful, learners.

We interviewed two students who received this weeks award for being a good friend. Brylee said "Being a good friend means helping others." Rayan said, "A good friend is someone who is nice and is always there for you."

In conclusion it isn't hard to be a good friend, often its about doing the small things that are kind and make others feel better and valued.

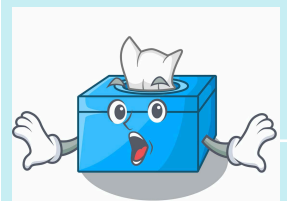
Amelia & Fatima



### Cheesy Jokes

Knock knock jokes:  
 Person 1: knock knock!  
 Person 2: who's there?  
 Person 1: Justin  
 Person 2: justin time for dinner

Person 1: knock knock!  
 Person 2: who's there?  
 Person 1: nobel  
 Person 2: nobel who?  
 Person 1: no bell so i'll knock



Person 1: knock knock!  
 Person 2: who's there?  
 Person 1: hatch  
 Person 2: hatch who?  
 Person 1: do you need a tissue?

(by Ashleigh C)

# Public Speaking - Success - "I'm sure I was listening to a TED Talk"

On the 13th of June the public speaking competition started with great excitement. Stage 3 had prepared their speeches with determination and hard work to represent their class. Irene and Hannah were selected to represent T.A.P.S at the stage 3 Zone.



The topics were about multiculturalism. Some ideas to talk on included, "Colour Blindness", "Welcome to Australia", "Global Citizens" and more. Schools from all around Campbelltown came with their representatives but in the end one lucky student had won and moved on to regionals.

That lucky student was Irene Daniel from our school. Hannah Al Keir was the first runner up. Our school is really proud to let Irene to represent Campbelltown in regionals later next month (Good luck Irene) and also of Hannah being the first runner up. Our teachers, students and parents are also immensely proud of all students who had a go, (its a scary thing to speak in front of others). We are also proud of the vast number of students who continue to improve in their public speaking skills.

One of the things that Irene focused on in her speech was encouraging everyone to do something to make a difference to our world. She really pushed the audience and the judges to think about what they could do.

Rianna & Irene

## GOING ON AN EDVENTURE

Have you ever been on an Edventure? No, well after this you will know what we do here at Edventure time at TAPS. Well, from 2018 to now TAPS has started a new program called Edventure. The students and teachers here at TAPS enjoy Edventure a lot. Edventure is fun and has many opportunities for infants and primary TAPS students.



## GOING ON AN EDVENTURE - continued

Infants have their edventure on Tuesday afternoons and primary on Thursday afternoons. All of infants and primary students at TAPS enjoy Edventure and they think it's a good way to learn and have fun at school.

The primary Edventure activities are much like high school activities. These activities include fitness, drama, cooking, art, lego, technology, boxing, photography, robotics, wood work in 2018 and more. These things that we do here in Edventure teach us things we might need for jobs in the future, like cooking. Cooking can teach you how to become a chef. Lego and wood work can teach you how to become a builder. Everything we do here in primary Edventure at TAPS will teach you something.

The Infants do a range of activities like ours but are modified to their age group. These activities include play based learning, drumming, music, drama and many more these activities provide an exciting afternoon for the kids to look forward to. These afternoons could never happen if our amazing teachers didn't spend hours on end creating things like this.

Edventure is an amazing way to end the day. How do you like the way we do things here at Thomas Acres? Edventure creates a vibrant atmosphere and adds a kick to our learning environment.

Zahraa & Bethany





## Stimulating Stem

STEM, the place to use your creativity and imagination every Thursday after school with the supportive and enthusiastic Mrs Best and Mrs Ganem.

What is STEM I hear you say? Well STEM is a mixture of scientific, Mathematical, technology and engineering tasks. It helps students become better at solving problems, increases creativity, teamwork and communication just to mention a few.



This year, the STEM team has been working towards building an airport using minecraft. They have put their best foot forward and their thinking caps on after school. They have been trying hard to develop the most creative airport design that they can think of. Students work in groups to solve problems while integrating technology. All students are very enthusiastic and have found this learning incredibly rewarding. These skills also help prepare us for life in the mid 21st Century and futuristic work/career demands

Olivia



## PRINCIPAL IN BRIEF

- **Re-connect Meets:** I am so pleased to see our students, parents and teachers working together at our re-connect meets. These meetings are designed to increase student responsibility for learning. We want our students to become more aware of what they are doing well (and keep doing it) and what they need to work on (e.g. what strategies they can use to aid improvement). It's been great to see such open and positive communication between students, teachers and parents. Parents you can support your child by celebrating effort, encouraging resilience and that mistakes and failures are not bad but instead things to learn from. Encourage your child to listen, not give up, look and ask for help. Positive encouragement is important as learning is more likely to occur when positive emotions are attached to it. Parents please note that should you require a separate, more private meeting at any time in the year then please contact the school and your child's teacher to arrange an appointment.
- **Child Protection–** This term teachers are using curriculum materials have been developed to support the implementation of child protection education within school PDHPE programs. The key learning area of PDHPE provides the main curriculum context for teaching and learning about child protection. A core focus of any PDHPE K-6 program is to provide experiences that develop students' knowledge and understandings, skills, and values and attitudes. Effective PDHPE K-6 programs will assist students to demonstrate an ability to recognise abuse, maintain positive relationships and keep themselves and others safe. These outcomes are consistent with the aims of child protection education. children learn: to develop positive relationships, recognise safe and unsafe situations, develop skills in making informed decisions, develop support networks and to understand their body and how they grow and develop. Many aspects of the program are taught throughout the year. A small part of the total program includes sensitive issues such as the naming of body parts. If parents require more information about this please contact your child's teacher or stage supervisor.
- **What's on this term?**
- Grandfriend's Day /Open Day/ Book Parade - 6.8.18
- Athletics Carnivals - 7.8.19
- PSSA Gala Day 16.8.19 & 20.9.19
- Stage 2 excursion - Art gallery - 20.8.19
- Zone Athletics - 4.9.19
- Swim Scheme - 16.9.19 to 20.9.19
- Kindergarten Excursion - Farm - 18.9.19
- Colour Run 23.9.19
- Performing Arts Afternoon 24.9.19
- Talent Quest Try outs start soon from 12.8.19 - see Mr Thompson.

## STUDENT WRITING

### Tigers

Tigers are usually 3.3 metres and they are about 11 feet tall. Tigers can be up to 660 pounds. Did know female tigers are white and male tigers are orange.

#### Habitat

Tigers sometimes live in grassy places with water and trees with lots of running space.

#### Diet

They eat meat like dears and buffilow. Tigers drink water and they also eat foxes.

#### Lifespan

Tigers can live up to 20 years-26 years[ in cavity] Did you know that baby tigers are called cubs.

#### Behaviour

They can easily jump 5 meters in one go. Tigers can run really fast nearly as fast as a cheetah.

#### Intresting facts

Tigers are a member of the cat family and they are famos.

#### Predators

Tigers predators are bears .Bears can kill tigers if they want food. When bears try to eat tigers they grab them with their claws and bites them.

#### Hunting

They hunt alone at usually in the night. Tigers can not run for long so they prefer to creep up on it.



Dakota

## MORE WRITING - Excerpt form Danni 3/4L

### The Milky Way

Dani Moyer - Saturday, 20 July 2019

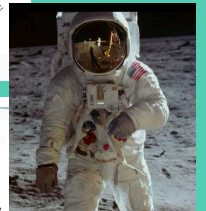


#### *Intro on stars*

People have different ideas about the Milky Way galaxy especially about stars. Sometimes people think they are the gateways to heaven. When it comes to comets, meteors and asteroids (aka Shooting Stars) people like to make wishes on them, however science shows stars are balls of gas, comets are pieces of Satarnus ice rings and meteors and asteroids are come from the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

#### *Counting Stars*

In the Milky Way there are 250 + 150 billions Discovered stars (400 billion) and 88 official constellations. I will talk about 2. The first 1 is Ursa Major which includes 26 stars, 1 constellation called the Big Dipper and a famous star often called the North Star, Polaris. (The other is the Southern Cross. It has 5 stars and Australia lies beneath it. Only a tiny fraction of the sky can be seen by the naked eye.) That's why if you look up at the sky through binoculars you'll see more stars and even more through a telescope.



#### *Apollo 11*

50 years ago mission Apollo 11 was launched. (This was the first successful mission to the Moon. Onboard the Eagle (their space ship) were 3 Astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Alton and Michael Collins. While Micheal collins stayed in orbit of the Moon Buzz Alton and Neil Armstrong explored it. Neil stepped off the space ship followed by Buzz. (For further information refer to Google.)



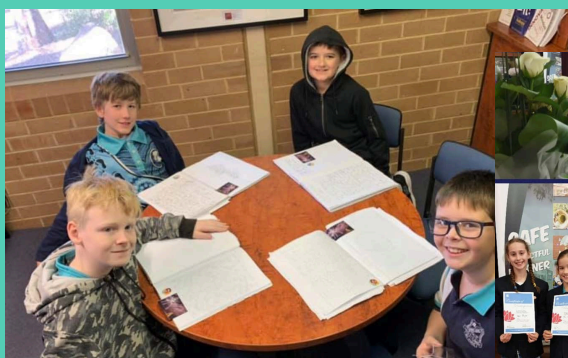
#### *Comets*

Comets are pieces of Satarnus ring. (This means they are made out of ice.) They are snowballs of frozen gases, rock and dust that orbit the Sun. When they're still frozen they can be the size of a small town, however when they come close to the Sun comets heats up and explodes into dust and gas larger than some planets. A comets tail always faces opposite to the sun.

#### *Meteors*

Meteors are pieces of dust and debris that come from the Astroid belt located between Mars and Jupiter.

## OTHER THINGS THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE UP TO







Our Book Fair will be held in the Library on Tuesday 6th August

### ***EFTPOS and Cash Sales***

We have a new supplier this year, **Redgum Books**, so come along and see the great titles on offer. Remember to bring a reusable bag to carry home your books.

We appreciate the support of our community as all the proceeds are used to put more books on our Library shelves

The fair will be open before and after school until Friday 9th August.

*(Students will be able to view the books and make a "wish list", prior to the Fair)*



## **Book Week Parade**

Tuesday 6th August we will be celebrating Book Week 2019, with our annual Book Week Parade.

The theme for Book Week this year is "Reading is My Secret Power".

Students are invited to come along dressed as either their favourite book character, or in a costume that fits the theme. Parents are reminded that costumes need not be expensive or elaborate. Let your imagination run wild with things you already have at home, and let students help design their outfit.

Students will parade after the open classrooms, under the Primary COLA.

