



TPS Bulletin

Term 2 Week 4

21 May 2019

A Message from the Principal

As you may be aware, the year three and five students are sitting NAPLAN testing this term. It has been mentioned by the media that schools across Australia have experienced glitches within the system. Tammin Primary School was slightly effected on Tuesday of last week during the year five writing test and all other tests have run smoothly. I will correspond with the year five student's families to discuss the action we will take directed by Schools Curriculum and Standards. I have facilitated all of the NAPLAN and the students have been calm and focused. We are very proud of the way they are handling the tests.

Over the past two weeks I have been visiting each classroom and I am extremely impressed by the level of engagement and the explicit teaching experiences the teachers are providing students. Teachers know their students well and are differentiating each year level. The year five and six class were using a computer program that allows them to choose descriptive words to engage the reader when writing stories. They were then able to choose the ending they felt best matched the story. This was a great interactive program allowing students the opportunity to discuss ideas and look at options provided for them. The year 3 and 4 class were working on persuasive writing and Mrs Haythornthwaite used a similar program to the senior class to guide the students through the different characteristics of their writing. The Kindy and PP students were exploring words starting with the letter 'H' and completing independent activities on letters they had been learning over the past few weeks. The activities had a great variety of fine motor, reinforcement of letter knowledge and imaginative play. The year 1 and 2 students were reading procedures and looking for information within the text. All the students were engaged in the learning experiences and I really enjoyed visiting the rooms.

I would like to welcome our new School Council members and our existing members back for 2019. The parent representatives are Kate Raston, Narelle Caffell, Liz McDonald, Glen Bradley, Kiera Wirth and Herlina Joubert .The school representatives are Narelle Robinson, Emma De Cinque, Lee Constantine and myself. We have held our first meeting for the year and signed off on the Tammin Primary School Annual Report and our next meeting is scheduled for 26th June.

This year Ashlee Kujawski our year 5/6 teacher has taken on the role as lead STEM teacher. The students have already experienced the fantastic program last week with Brad from Creator Kids visiting the school. It was challenging however, the students really enjoyed the whole process of planning, implementing and presenting their projects. We have now ordered Bee Bots and Edison Robot Kits ready for teachers to start intergrading STEM into their lessons. Over the next few months we will run a few more STEM days and the year 5 and 6 students will compete in the Lego League.

We have had a great start to term two and I am looking forward to what's to come.

Have a great week

Sarah Sims

Have you seen our beautiful new entrance to the school?

We have finally found a suitable home for our wonderful piece of artwork by Perth based artist, Mel McVee. Last year Mrs James entered Tammin PS in a competition to win the art piece. She explained that we were a little school in the Wheatbelt looking to improve our grounds and guess what? We won! Mel was thrilled to see it displayed and said that it looked like it was made for the space. Thankyou Mr Sims for all of your hard work and troubleshooting getting it up there.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK—Congratulations!

WEEK 4 – MISHA

Coming up...

- ⇒ Wednesday 22 May - P & C Sausage fundraiser
- ⇒ Week 4 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
- ⇒ Thursday 23 May - Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Tuesday 28 May - Barry Peters Incursion
- ⇒ Wednesday 29 May - P & C Sausages
- ⇒ Monday 3 June - WA Day Public Holiday
- ⇒ Thursday 6 June - P & C Meeting 7:30pm venue TBC
- ⇒ Tuesday 11 June - Possum Magic Merredin Kindy-Yr 4
- ⇒ Friday 14 June - 4/5/6 Winter Carnival Kellerberrin

Tammin P & C Association

P & C sausage fundraiser every Wednesday this term.

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Communicating Pick ups/Bus changes

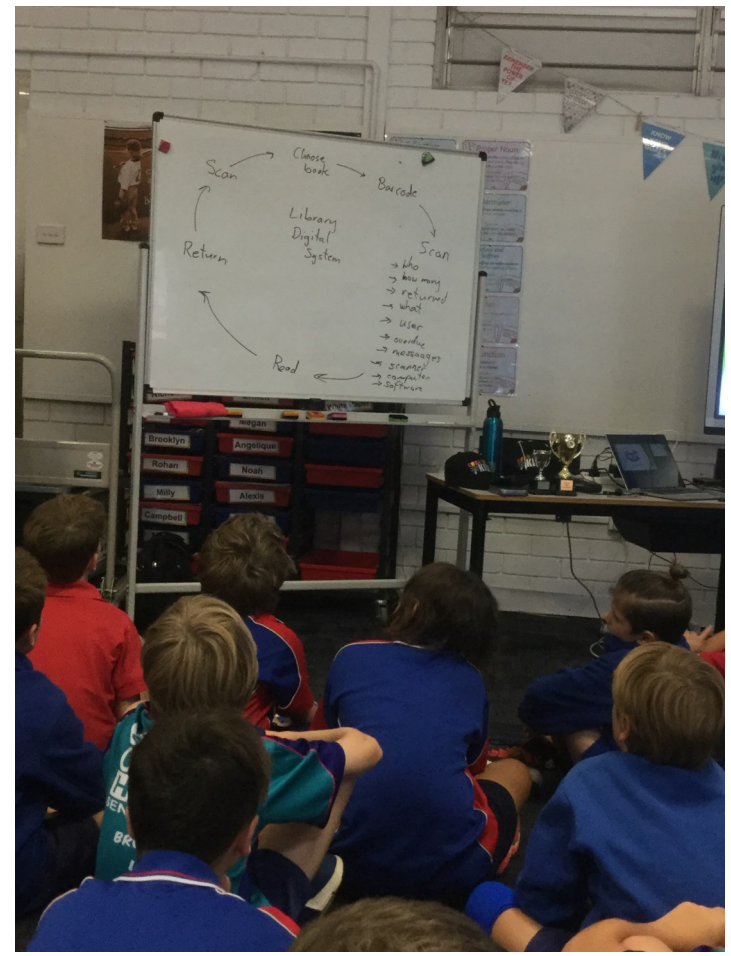
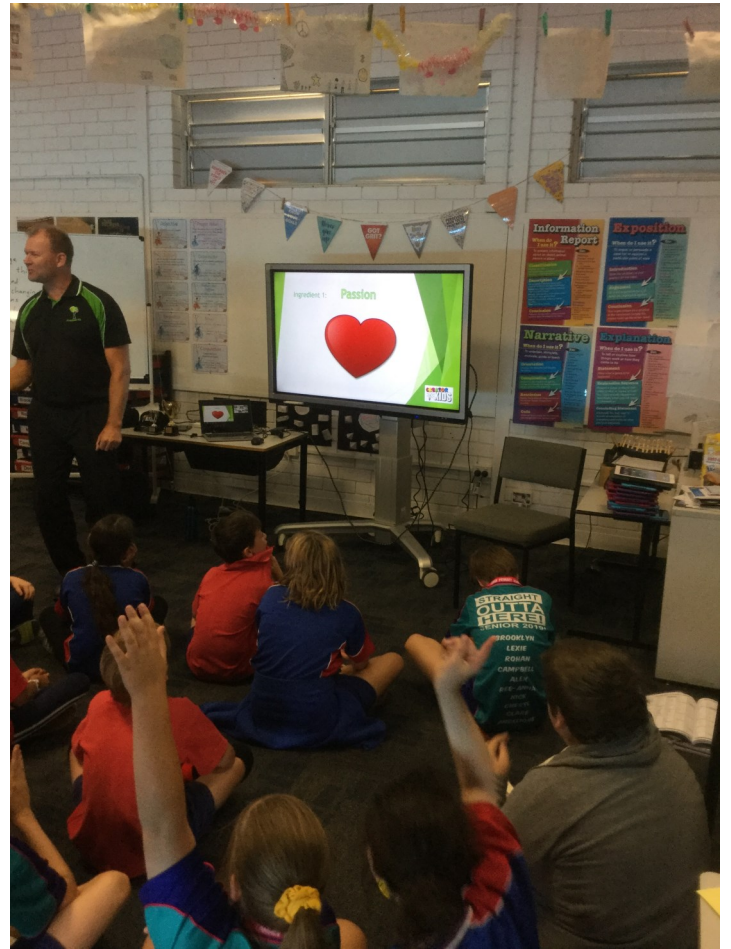
Please ensure that **ALL** communications regarding afternoon pick ups, early collection, bus changes, students walking to sport etc. are written in your child's diary. Even though your child may have something on as a regular occurrence, could you please still communicate in the diary each time as we often have relief teachers that are not aware of commitments. A verbal communication from your child will not be sufficient. We understand that things happen last minute, therefore an SMS or phone call to the office ASAP will be greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday 15th May we got to learn all about STEM with Brad! It was all about how technology is used in the world. The K-2 class got to use 'bee bots' to create pictures. We had to attach a texta to the robot and then use the program arrows to make the bee bot move around the page. We practised making squares and circles and then we had a special challenge to see if we could make a teddy bear! We had so much fun and are very excited to get our own bee bots soon!



Last Wednesday and Thursday, Brad Howard from Creative Kids came out to Tammin primary school to work on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) based projects. The Year 3-6 children had to find people who had similar passions, to design a solution to a problem for that passion. For example- Mitchell and Milly had a passion of running and found out that when you run for a while, you get stitches. Their solution was to create a stitch stimulator that helps relieve the runner without stopping. The children then had to incorporate a robot and how that robot was going to help with their solution. Was it going to be a product or a service to their solution? We then looked at digital systems surrounding their robots and how they help their solutions. The days were very engaging and was fantastic to see the children working so creatively. I think we might have some world class inventors here! Congratulations to Brooklyn, Lexie and Clare for your creative cup winning of your anti-drowning device in pools. Also to Mitchell, Milly and Shontaye for their ongoing hard team work to win the creator caps!





Wednesday Sausage Roster—Term 2

22/5 -Tanya

29/5 -Liz

5/6 -Caroline

12/6 -Herlina

19/6 -Sharee

26/6 -Narelle

3/7 -Samara

If anyone has missed out/keen to swap or would like to be on the roster in Term 3 please contact Tanya anichollintime@gmail.com

Sausages and bread will be provided unless you would like to donate. Tanya will contact each person on the Monday before their rostered on date to discuss sausage and bread collection. School will send a text message on Wednesday morning to the person rostered on with the number ordered for that day.