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Tanilba Bay PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Cruise into Kindy Celebration Playdate
Now on next Wednesday 20th Nov 9.30-11.00am

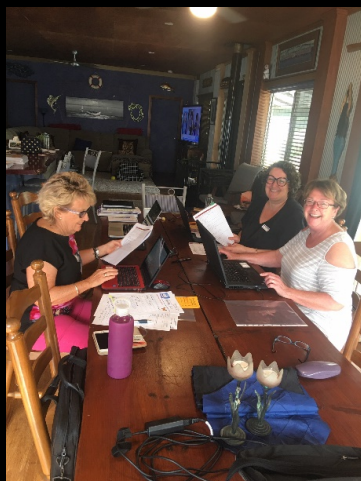
P&C Fundraiser: COLOUR RUN 22nd November

Stage 1 Wetlands Excursion: MAKE UP DATES

Year 1 Thursday 28th November

Year 2 Monday 9th December

Do we have your **BUSHFIRE CONTACTS FORM?**



What a week! Yesterday's school closure brought the importance of effective bushfire planning and preparation into sharp focus. Next week, the Bureau of Meteorology is predicting more extremely hot conditions. It is possible that the fire rating will again rise. We want to be super-ready, just in case.

This time, we were fortunate to have advance notice that the school would close. Should the school be directed to close during a school day, we will once again use all communication channels available to get the message out.

If advised that the school will be ceasing operations during a school day, follow all directions given in official communications. Directions are given after consultation with emergency service personnel and basically, whatever the RFS says, goes.

Should we be directed by the Department of Education and/or the RFS to evacuate students home, we will likely implement our 'pick up procedure'. Instructions for parents picking up children in a bushfire emergency are overleaf.

CELEBRATE! Join us for some end-of-year fun
Thursday Dec 12th from 5.30pm



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PICK UP DURING A BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY

1. Make your way to and into the school quickly and calmly
2. If you can't come, try to contact your bushfire contacts
3. When picking up, go straight to the classroom of children you need to collect
(No need to sign in during an emergency)
4. Class teacher will sign out any children you are authorised to take with you (your children and any for whom you are a designated bushfire contact)
5. Take the children you are responsible for home or to another safe place and attempt to contact the parents/carers of any children you have with you who are not your own
6. Try not to call the school unless necessary – if you have been able to contact your bushfire contact, trust them to do their job then call them at their place later – we need our lines open for essential communication and will call you if we need to

Remember, we will not let your child go home with an adult who is not on your bushfire contacts form, unless we have phoned you for permission. Having to do this would slow down our evacuation – please make sure you have identified people you are happy for your child to go home with in an emergency. We were already planning a Bushfire Drill this week, and it will go ahead before week's end. Teachers' Bushfire Folders are currently being checked against the Master List, so that should we be directed to send students home, we can do that as quickly and safely as possible.

Tanilba Bay Remembers....

Stage 3 students represented the school with distinction at the Tilligerry RSL's Remembrance Day ceremony. The teachers and I were very proud of their respectful behaviour. Check out the [Port Stephens Examiner](#) for some great pictures.

One more chance to CRUISE into Kindy 2020

We were very sad to have to postpone our *Kindy Celebration Playdate* until next Wednesday 20th November. 2020 Kindies should come along at 9.30am for a morning of fun indoor/outdoor activities. Activities will be set up on The Green at the front of the school and in the Kindy play space. Classrooms will also be open for children's play and for parents to speak with 2020 Kindergarten teachers. The Big Buddies will be on duty and Little Buddies will be joining in the fun. At 10.30am, Little Buddies will head off to their Year 1 rooms and the new Kindy kids will go to their classrooms for a short group time with their teacher, where they will receive notes and a gift. Parents of Kindy kids should remain in the play and learning space during the morning. While you can't leave the school, you can give your child free rein to enjoy the activities while you chat with other parents on The Green or in the Kindy play space.

KINDY KIDS: BRING A PACKED MORNING TEA, HAT AND WATER BOTTLE....AND GET READY FOR FUN!

Wetlands Excursion

Staff at the Wetlands EEC have generously found us two dates when our Stage 1 students can go on their planned excursion. Year 1 will go on Thursday 28th November and Year 2 on Monday 9th December. All same arrangements...just a new date.

Finally, a BIG thank you for your patience, understanding, support and respectful communication throughout our recent closure. Tanilba Bay, you rock!

Abigail Sawyer, Proud Principal

In case you're wondering what the staff got up to while we were closed for business, never fear, we were all hard at work...just in different places. On the front page, you can see some of our SLSOs and office staff, busy inputting Kinder enrolment forms into the Department's computer system. Great job, Team Tanilba.