Wow! What a term. I'm sure the older I get the quicker and busier each term gets. Despite the quick pace, it has once again been an exceptionally productive term which will culminate in our Presentation Ceremony on Thursday night at the High School MPC. We ask if you can all be seated by 6pm so we can start on time and not have your young children out too late. Can all children please come dressed in their school uniform. As this is a formal assembly it looks very special if all students can be dressed in their neat and tidy uniforms. Boys: Grey pants and unisex green/white t-shirt. Girls: Black pants, unisex green/white t-shirt or the summer dress. Thank you. We will be walking to and from the High School MPC during the day on Thursday for practices.

School Magazine:
The magazine committee has put together a school magazine for you and your children this year. This has been done before at TPS (the last magazine I found was from 1996) so we thought it would be a great idea to start again. Each class has contributed to the magazine and there are photos from all the extra curricula activities we undertake as well. Thank you all who have already pre-ordered, your magazine will be ready to pick up on Presentation Night. We will have a few for sale on the night too. Once these run out we will take orders for more and print them the next day. It is looking like this magazine will be a success so planning is already underway for a bigger and better magazine in 2016. Please see attached slip.

Classes:
Thank you to you all for assisting us with student placement and classes over the last couple of weeks. The children began their new classes and rooms yesterday and they all looked very excited. Unfortunately, as we have dropped in student numbers, and continue to drop, we have lost our 7th class. This means that our 6 classes are very full and there is little room for movement between classes to shuffle children. We are sorry for this but the number of classes is dictated to us by the Department of Education. Mr Roberts (4/5R), Mr Worth (5/6W), Miss Bramich (1/2B) and Miss Smart (KS) will all be in the Top Block. Mrs Lumsden (2/3L) and Mrs Sharwood (3/4S) will be together in the building near Selwyn Street. The 'Year 6'
room (the old hall) will not be used as a classroom in 2016 but will be used for dance, choir or other activities. The room next to the Computer Lab will remain as a Learning Support Team (LST) room where Mrs Brooksby and Miss O’Dea will work out of. Mrs De Abel will continue her role as Librarian and LST Leader and will either work out of the LST room or the Library. Miss O’Dea will also work in the Top Block during her role as Reading Recovery Teacher. Unfortunately, due to the reduction of student numbers, and therefore funding, Mr Paull will not be with us in 2016 at this stage.

Maths classes will go ahead as per this year. Miss Smart will take Kinder, Miss Bramich Year 1, Mrs De Abel Year 2, Mrs Lumsden Year 3, Mrs Sharwood Year 4, Mr Roberts Year 5 and Mr Worth Year 6. By running our maths classes this way this enables us to target and explicitly teach the mathematical content in a more effective manner.

Mr Paull:
I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Mr Paull over these last several years. It has been a privilege to have Mr Paull working with us and I wish him well on not only his career, but with his role as impending father. Good luck Mr Paull and thank you so very much for all you have done for Tumbarumba and its students.

Calendar:
Just a reminder to parents; we truly do try to keep you informed of all upcoming dates well in advance but sometimes this is out of our hands. We can be issued with a date of an extra curricula activity with only a few days to spare, e.g. sporting activities. We are very sorry about this but we can only notify you of any dates when we, ourselves, have them. We try our very best to give you a fortnight’s notice but sometimes this is simply impossible. We do supply you with a calendar of known dates via the newsletter and we ask that you pop this on to your fridge and add to it as things come up. We also advertise dates and activities through our SkoolBag app. If you don’t have the app you can choose to receive these notifications via email. I strongly suggest that you get the Skoolbag app as it is an instantaneous way you can receive the all-important information.

We will provide you with a Term 1 calendar of events with our first Grapevine of 2016 as there are no known dates of anything to put on it now. There is only our swimming carnival the second Friday back (5 February) so please pencil this in. A note will go home in Week 1 with information about this.

Return to School Dates:
Staff return to School on Wednesday 27 January. Years 1-6 return to School on Thursday 28 January. Kindergarten students each have Best Start interviews and all of these parents should have received a letter explaining the individual start dates and times. If you have not received your letter yet please contact the school immediately. All Kindergarten students will start on Monday 1 February. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I wish you all the very best and I hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Jennifer Harrison
Principal

GARDENING
During the school holidays we are looking for any person or family that is available to assist with the watering of the school garden. If you will be in Tumbarumba at any time during the holidays please contact the school on 69482048 by this Friday 11 December and we will make a roster. Rosters will be sent home confirming times.

SCHOOL UNIFORM/PURCHASES
The wearing of school uniform is compulsory, indicates pride in the school, and shows other people the children are aware of their school and its achievements. The uniforms are neat, attractive and functional, and a strong emphasis is placed on students wearing full school uniform. Most uniform can be purchased from the school office at a reasonable price on Wednesday each school week between 8.30am to 9.00am and 2.00pm to 3.30pm. If you are unable to come in to the school at these times please send a note and correct money (cash or cheque only) with your children and the office staff can fit them for uniforms. School purchase order slips are available from the office. Please note that the girls’ summer dress and winter tartan pleated skirt are custom made and available locally through Tumba Foothills in The Parade. Make up, jewellery and nail polish are not part of school uniform and are to be avoided.

MARIMBA ENSEMBLE
The Tumbarumba Public School Marimba Ensemble were extremely fortunate to be invited to perform at the Talbingo Tattoo by the Tumbarumba Pipes and Drums on Saturday 28 November. This was a fabulous event and the students were so excited to be performing. They played seven pieces with the last piece being Wimoweh (The Lion Sleeps Tonight). For this piece the group
decided to wear animal 'onesies' to much delight of the crowd. They were very privileged to have three drummers from The Pipes and Drums accompany them with this song.

**WELFARE TREAT**
The Welfare Treat will be on **Tuesday 15 December** and will consist of pizza, ice cream and a drink. There will be **NO lunch orders** available on this day.

**CANTEEN NEWS**
There is **NO lasagne** available from the lunch canteen for the rest of the term. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Year 6 Graduation**
Cake, Survival Swimming & Marimba Ensemble
COMMUNITY NEWS
All community news needs to be sent to school on alternative Mondays. Notices can be emailed to: tumbarumba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au (please phone to confirm you have done this).
A REMINDER TO PLEASE KEEP THEM AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE.

KIDS FOR CHRIST
Kids for Christ will be held on Friday 11 Dec from 3.05-5pm in St Jude’s Hall for children in Years 2-5. The cost will be $3 each. Activities include games, stories, songs and food. For further information phone Elaine on 6948 2435.
Elaine Morey

TUMBARUMBA SWIMMING CLUB
Mon, Weds & Thurs nights at the pool from 6pm. $59 registrations now due and can be paid online at nsw.swimming.org.au Final 2015 night Wed 23 Dec, recommencing Mon 4 Jan 2016. For more information talk to Kathy Matthew, or phone Mal Vogan on 0404 488 235.
Kathy Matthew

TUMBARUMBA LITTLE ATHLETICS
Tuesday nights at the Tumbarumba Sportsground - club nights end 15 Dec but special trainings may be held in 2016. Tumbarumba hosts the Riverina Branch Carnival at Wagga on Sat 6 Feb and we have a fun run coming up. For more information see our TeamApp, Facebook page or contact Brooke White 0422 960 641.
Kathy Matthew

RIVERINA CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC
Claiming The Date: Parents and Student Information Night Tuesday 9 February 6.30-7.30pm @ RCM. For more information visit www.rivcommusic.org.au