Dear Parents and Carers

As the saying goes ‘Doesn’t time fly when you are having fun?’ We are well settled into our programs now and yes time does fly by when you are busy.

We have started our Monday Music Therapy program with Anna Chapman, Tuesday integration program with Bowral P.S. and Wednesday Art program with Nicola Howard, which have been well received by students and staff.

Our five new students Courtney, Jacob, Daphne, Connor and Brayden are settling in well and our classes are just about full. It has been a good way to begin the new year with full classes which means we may not have any reorganisation of classes mid term.

Learning and Support Planning Meetings

It is always good at the beginning of the new school year to catch up with parents during your visit to school to participate in the individual educational planning for your child. This is an important aspect of our annual calendar of family involvement in the work of Tangara School. It is an opportunity for you to share ideas with your child’s teacher and seek information to further your understanding of the work of the school. We typically have the meeting with the class teacher, parent and therapists where appropriate. We hope to have student planning meetings finalised by the end of this term.

RDA every second Wednesday

Riding for the Disabled (RDA) continues to be a favourite for some students. The program runs every second Wednesday at Fitzroy Falls. The care and dedication offered by the RDA volunteers at this centre is inspirational. The RDA operated by the team at Fitzroy Falls offers a highly professional service to the children and adults who participate.

Our Department of Education has new guidelines for schools who conduct any horse riding activities which does include Riding for the Disabled. Any horse riding activity organised by a school is seen to be of a high risk to the student’s wellbeing because of the potential of the rider falling off the horse. This school is one of several schools who have to comply with the new policy and Work Health and Safety guidelines and this involves a new approach to planning and collecting information.

I am working with the volunteers who operate our service at Fitzroy Falls to make sure we all follow the new policy. I may need to ask parents to sign new permission notes and renew the application to participate in RDA which will involve a sign off by the student’s doctor if this hasn’t happened in the past two years. I will need to put our participation in RDA on hold until we have new documentation in place.

I will keep you informed of the progress made.

P & C meeting

Next meeting is on Tuesday 31 March at 12.30pm which is the AGM giving the P&C the opportunity to elect office bearers and welcome new members. The meeting will be held in the library and refreshments will be served to celebrate another successful year of the P&C supporting our student programs. I do hope you are able to attend.

Best Wishes
Linda McLaughlin
Principal

MOSS VALE SHOW

Moss Vale Show time is coming soon and we will be as usual entering student artwork into the school section at the Pavilion. Do make sure you go along and take a look.

School voluntary contributions from families will be much appreciated. The DEC has set these at $44 for primary school and $95 for high school. Tangara would like all parents to contribute $45 per student.

Autumn (Easter) holidays begin Friday 3 April.
School resumes for students Tuesday 21 April.
Students from Chevalier College chose a Christmas gift for every student at Tangara and delivered them personally to us. A big thank you for your thoughtful and well chosen gifts.

Students are given a wonderful opportunity to improve their swimming skills in the big pool through the DEC School Swimming Scheme.

Sitting up straight and holding on to the horse at RDA well done Charlotte for good listening and responding well to your RDA coaches.