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Dear Parent/Carers,

A special mention goes to Mrs Nancy Martin who has been recognised for 40 years of service at Tabulam Public School. Mrs Martin has been a valued member of the school community and will be dearly missed by students, staff and the community alike. Please see the attached information and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Thank you and good luck Nancy!



Our annual Intensive Swimming Program will be held in week 7 from the 25 - 29 of November. Stay tuned for more information to come!

If there are any community members looking for casual work who have a paid working with children check number and would like to work at TPS, can you please drop in a resume to the school front office and I will contact you if you are successful.

Enrolment packs went home with our transition class today for kindergarten 2020. We are hoping to have all forms back in by November 5 to assist with the planning of staff, classes and organisation for next year. I truly appreciate your support in getting these in ASAP to support school planning.

If any parents have any concerns regarding their child's education, I encourage you to come to the front office and see me for a chat.

Regards,

Shaun Piccoli

Relieving Principal Tabulam Public School

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Dates to remember

Dance Fever every Friday 1pm

28 October – Dental checks
(transition, kindy and year 2)

29 October – Dr Jacki at TPS

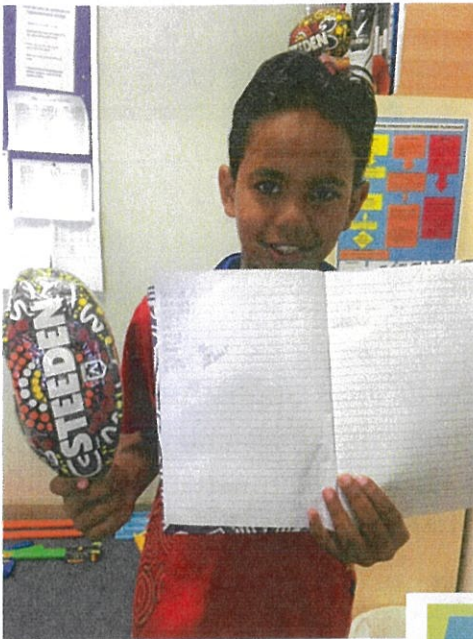
4 November – Variety Bash at TPS

18 November - P&C meeting 2.30pm

25-29 November – Intensive
Swimming

3 December – Year 6 High School
Transition Bonalbo – all day

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Well done to Robert who worked hard all week to learn his spelling list and got 100% correct. Robert was very proud of his efforts. When we try our best anything is possible!



Bandanna Day will be held this Friday 25th of October. Children can buy these designs from the front office and all money raised will go to supporting young people battling cancer.

ATTENDANCE REWARDS EXCURSION

Congratulations Mrs Martin

TPS will be booking out the Bonalbo Pool and Kyogle slides for our attendance rewards excursion towards the end of this term. Children need to be at school each day or have a parent/carers contact the school to let us know why they are away. Children who have unsatisfactory attendance, will not be eligible to attend the excursion.

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Nancy Martin

40 Years of School Administration Support (amongst many other roles) for Tabulam Public School

Nancy Martin has seen many changes over her 40 years working at Tabulam Public School.

Not long after moving to Tabulam in 1979 with her family; husband Bob and children, Bobby (8), Kerrie (6) & Fiona (3), Nancy Martin, a young 29 year old, commenced employment on a casual basis for Tabulam Public School on 15th October 1979; it was the first day of term 4.

Nancy worked across Tabulam Public School, as well as at Bonalbo Central School and Mallanganee School before being put on as permanent fulltime at Tabulam.

Nancy started out at the school as the Clerical Assistant in the office. Nancy had no experience in an office and had to find her feet by herself from day one as there was no one there to do a hand over or teach her the system and processes.

Nancy had to find her way around many different pieces of office equipment. One of these being a Spirit Stenciler to produce copies of documents. This proved challenging at first with Nancy often heading home at the end of the day with ink stain on her clothes (this was unavoidable). To use the Spirit Duplicator firstly a master needed to be created from a specially coated paper which was then laid against a special carbon paper; this was called the master set and involved up to six different steps to produce. Once the master set was ready, the typing process could begin. Once the document was typed up it was placed on the duplicator; this then moistened the master with a chemical fluid called "spirit". This caused the carbon paper to transfer onto the paper that was fed into the duplicator; the crank was turned and out popped a copy. This crank was turned around and around for every copy required. A new master was required to be set up for each new document that required copies. Now we just press print on the computer or pop the paper into the top feeder and press start and we get as many copies as we want.

Computers were introduced at Tabulam Public School in 1999. This was a challenge for everyone. Internet came much, much further down the track.

For approximately 30 years there was only one phone in the entire school which meant that almost every time the phone rang, Nancy would have to walk down almost 20 stairs and across the school grounds to deliver a message to staff before returning back up those stairs back to work. This happened many times throughout the day. This could be one of the reasons Nancy is still so fit and active today. Nancy then moved down stairs to the new office demountable once the school received some upgrades.

In the earlier years, Nancy was also responsible for ringing the school bell for breaks and as required so needed to stick to a schedule to ensure the bell was rung on time. This then became a special responsibility for selected students.

During Nancy's time at the school, she started as a Clerical Assistant working solo in the Office for many years, this then changed with the introduction of the SAS (School Administration Staff) Classification. As the school numbers grew, Nancy received some help in the office a couple of days a week for a few hours a day. Nancy then came under the SASS (School Administration and Support Staff) Classification. As the number of students varied throughout the years, so did Nancy's work hours and the assistance she received in the office. In her later years at the school Nancy became the SAM (Senior Administration Manager). The help in the office was greatly appreciated and Nancy developed some very special friendships with the staff.

Nancy has seen up to 3-4 generations of families come through the school. She has seen Kindergarten students from her days in 1979 now returning with their great children as students. Some students had also returned to the school as teachers. At any point in time whilst in town or whilst walking down the street in Casino, you can often hear someone singing out "hey Mrs. Martin". This always brings a smile to Nancy's face.

Whilst at the school, Nancy has worked alongside 9 different permanent principals and multiple teaching staff. Nancy treasures all of the special friendships she has made with the staff and support staff during her 40 years at the school.

Nancy is a very efficient Office Manager, she was always very busy in the office but she was also very involved in the preparations for the school level athletics carnivals as well as for zone & regional events. Nancy was also involved in Swimming Carnivals at Bonalbo Pool, end of year school presentation nights and Christmas tree events. These were all some of her most favourite times.

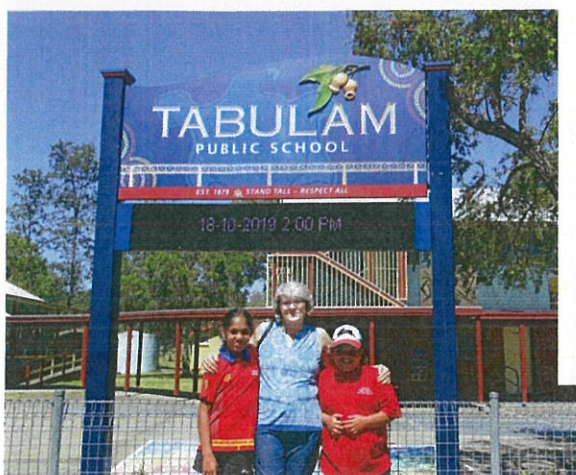
Not only was Nancy working fulltime at the school, she was also involved in many community committees and events always being willing to put her hand up to help out.

Nancy was involved for many years with her husband Bob in the SES, Camp Draft Committee, Town Water Board, the P&C Committee and many other community activities. Nancy & Bob were also involved in the creation of the Tabulam Golf Club. Nancy is still helping out with events as they arise in Tabulam and her surrounding communities.

Nancy is currently on a very well earned holiday until mid-2020 and will then move into retirement.

Nancy is keeping herself very active and busy and is finally getting to do some fun things for herself. Finding things to do in her "free time" has not yet been an issue.

Congratulations on your 40 years with Tabulam Public School.



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