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Term 1 Week 2 Newsletter



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Monday, 4 February 2019

From the Principal

A huge welcome to everyone for what will be a terrific 2019 year. We have lots of new families joining our community this year and I hope you will all feel welcome. It was absolutely loads of fun in the playground on Wednesday last week, as I watched our kids catch up with their friends, our newbies shyly joining in playground games and our teachers happily catching up with students. Lots of hugs were given along with big smiles everywhere.

As you would have noticed, we have got lots of scaffolding up at the moment as many sections of our school buildings are being reroofed. Our office block and library, along with our stage 3 classrooms were completed over the holidays, last week our Year 2 classrooms were reroofed (with our classes utilising our library space) and now it's on to our hall and canteen area. Because of this, we won't be having assemblies until Week Four of this term or later if the roof is not completed for some reason. This will also give our children time to concentrate on developing routines in the classroom and getting to know their teacher.

You may have read in the media of the development and release of two quite important policies for school from the Department of Education. One is the expectations around adult behaviour in our schools and the other is for the use of mobile phones in schools. There is a link provided which will take you directly to the School and Community Charter <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/school-community-charter> and it is expected that the policy for mobile phone use will be delivered during the early part of Term 1. We ask that parents not send mobile phones to school with children during this term as next term children will not be able to have phones at school unless through agreement with the principal.

Forms have been sent home to families to complete contact details. Please return these forms promptly as the updated information is incredibly important. We have already had to make contact with some families due to

Illness of their child and we do need to have up to date contact details.

Families will also shortly receive a request form regarding Ethics. Should these not be returned, those students will attend Non Scripture classes where students will read quietly for the period of the lessons. This is in accordance to the relevant Department of Education policy. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/REimplementproced.pdf>

A big thank you to parents who answered the shout out for canteen volunteers. The provision of Canteen is an incredible service provided by our P&C, which without volunteers will not be possible to provide. As the Canteen is manned by volunteers, prices are kept as low as possible, providing nutritional foods for your children. If we don't have the volunteers, the Canteen will be forced to limit the operational times. Check out our FB page and our Parents FB page for information about how you can volunteer.

There are several ways you can be involved in our school. (Joining the canteen is just one.) Assisting with reading and maths groups in classrooms is another, covering books for our library, assisting with our gardening program and joining our P&C are just a few ways you can assist. Supporting our fundraising efforts is always important as this goes toward ensuring great additional items and projects in our school. Last year, fundraising efforts built the sun shelter over our fixed equipment in our playground, ensuring our children can now play on this all year round. This year, we're working towards getting our hall area air conditioned. This unfortunately is not part of the cooler classroom project so additional ways of providing this does need to be found. Please join our school's P&C, meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, at 6.00pm in our library. You must be a financial member at the meeting prior to the AGM to vote in the AGM. (This means members must be financial at our first meeting, Monday 18th February – membership can be paid on this night.)

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Please take notes of the upcoming events and put them on your calendar. An important one is our annual “Meet and Greet” expo held in the hall on Monday 11th February at 3.00pm. Please come along, meet your child’s teacher, find out a few of the things they will be involved in this year and enjoy a sausage sanger as well. Please note, this is not the time for parent conferences, however, please feel free to make a more suitable time at a later date with your teacher.

Our Swimming Carnival is Thursday 14th February at the East Maitland Swimming Pool. Students turning 8 years old this year and older will participate and will walk with their class and their teachers to and from the pool. Parents are more than welcome to join us at the pool, but children must remain in the stands while at the carnival. Should you wish to take your child home early from the carnival, please see your class teacher to have names ticked off. As always, hair sprays and crepe paper are not to come to the carnival due to colour issues.

I’m sure you join me in welcoming our new staff to our team and our school this year. Please don’t hesitate in introducing yourself and extending your welcome to our school community.

And finally, I want to extend a huge public thank you to Mr Potts and our Executive Team for stepping in last term during my illness. Knowing our school was in safe hands took lots of worry off my shoulders, allowing my recovery. I am truly lucky as a Principal to have such a wonderful team of Executive, Classroom Teachers and School Staff in our school and I’m sure you all feel the same.

Until next week

Donna Stackman



Mrs Caffery – Stage 3 Classroom Teacher
Stage 3 Assistant Principal



Mr Bourke, Miss Pike, Ms Moss, Miss Vella,
Miss Richardson, Miss Hamilton, Mrs Henry

School Calendar Term 1 - 2019

Week 2

Monday 4 th February	Kindergarten commences
Wednesday 6 th February	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office

Week 3

Monday 11 th February	Meet & Greet 3.00pm (Hall)
Wednesday 13 th February	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office
Thursday 14 th February	Swimming Carnival

Week 4

Monday 18 th February	P&C Meeting - 6.00pm
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Week 7

Friday 15 th March	Athletics Carnival
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Week 8

Wednesday 20 th March	School Photos
Friday 22 nd March	Cross Country

Volunteer Inductions

If you would like to be a volunteer at school there have been some changes since September last year. Volunteers need to complete a Working With Children Check NSW at

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>, print out the final page with the application number on it and take it to Services NSW (old RTA) and submit the application.

Once approved, bring the copy of the clearance with you when undergoing the volunteer induction at the school.

Inductions will take place on Wednesday mornings at 9.00am from 6th February through to the end of Term 1.

What a Star!

We would like to acknowledge the amazing act of kindness that Brooklyn Jones-Smith displayed when she found out you could donate hair. Last week, Brooklyn cut off 40cm of her beautiful locks to donate to the Cancer Council, who supply wigs to cancer patients undergoing treatment. Well Done Brooklyn! You make us very proud.



Tenambit Public School CUBS Program

The 2019 CUBS (Coming Up To Big School) Program will commence at Tenambit Public School on Wednesday 8th May from 9.00am to 11.00am.

This Program is a school readiness program for children commencing Kindergarten at Tenambit Public School in 2020.

Please register your child at the school office. An enrolment pack will need to be collected and returned to school.



Swimming Carnival

Permission notes and payment must be back to the school office by Friday 8th February. **NO LATE NOTES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** All students must pay the \$3.60 to the school office regardless of how they are getting to the pool. Any parents attending can pay their \$2.60 directly at the pool on arrival.

Are You Caring for Grandchildren?



East Maitland Pine Tree "GAPS" Support Group

Providing Grandparents As Parents Support

Come along and join our volunteers for morning tea, relax, meet new people, be involved in discussions with guest speakers discussing relevant topics and access information we have available.

Venue: Bruce Street Hall
22 Bruce Street,
East Maitland NSW 2323

Time: Every Tuesday in School Terms
From 10.00am till 12.00 midday



For More Information
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SkoolBag

Don't forget to download
our school's SkoolBag
app to ensure that you are
kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just search for our
school's name in
the App Store on
your phone and
download our app!

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8.30am – 3.15pm