

Monday, 12 December 2016

## From the Principal

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2016.

It has been a great year for Tenambit Public School, with many students involved in a variety of different activities be they academic, sporting, creative, cultural or technology based. One of the great things about Tenambit is the opportunities we provide for students to explore learning outside of the traditional classroom setting. I am proud to say that I work at Tenambit Public School and value the contributions of every staff member.

After nearly 10 years, I am moving on as I was successful in gaining the position of Principal at Tarro Public School. Tenambit will always hold a special place in my heart as it holds many fond memories. I have enjoyed getting to know many families during my time as a classroom teacher and relieving principal and building relationships with hundreds of students.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Christmas break and a wonderful 2017.

### Party Day

A reminder that this Wednesday is class party day. Students will be involved in a range of activities during the day to celebrate the end of the year. All stages will be treated to a BBQ lunch, with students to provide additional lollies and treats to share with their class mates. A reminder that we do have a number of children with allergies, so no nut products should be bought into the school.

### Important Dates

<b>Week 10</b>	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Party Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of school for students
<b>Week 1 - 2017</b>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Students in Yrs 1-6 return
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Kindergarten students commence
<b>Week 2 - 2017</b>	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Carnival – Yrs 3-6

### First day 2017

Students in **Years 1-6 return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**. There will be a short meeting in the school hall after the bell rings where everyone will be placed into their 2017 classes. This will also be an opportunity for Mrs Stackman to introduce herself to the community.

**Kindergarten students begin on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.**

### Last Day

The last day for students is this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The clap out for the departing Year 6 students will take place under the COLA at 2.45pm.

### Presentation Day

Thank you to the many parents and carers who came to our presentation day assemblies last week. Congratulations to Mr McGaw and Ms McDonnell for the great jobs they did in organising the two assemblies.

Also thank you to Mrs Sandner, who I unfortunately left out of my list of thank yous at Friday's assembly. Mrs Sandner does a great job working with K-2 teachers and students on L3 strategies.

## K-2 Party Day

Last week all students in K-2 received a note outlining the organised activities for party day this Wednesday. All students have the opportunity to attend an incursion and see the reptiles and animals from Bob Turner's Wildlife Show. This is \$5.50 and is payable to the office as soon as possible.

Students will also be playing party games and watching a G-rated movie on the day. They are welcome to bring a pillow to lie back and enjoy the movie after a big morning of events. Kindergarten students are also asked to bring some fruit to share with peers at fruit break time. They also need to pay their teachers \$1.00 on party day to cover the cost of a sausage sandwich at lunchtime. Students need to bring their own drink. Stage 1 are asked to provide a plate of party food to share and their own drink. They will be making their own sandwich at lunchtime and need to give their teachers 50 cents on party day to cover this. Party day is an out of uniform day!

## Stage 2 Party Day

Notes went home last week regarding the party day for Stage 2. Children are asked to bring some fruit to be shared amongst the students. Teachers will provide a sausage sizzle for lunch. Children must wear comfortable clothing and closed in shoes. There will be activities in each classroom and in the playground throughout the day.

## Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding our Annual School Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6. Students that are turning 8 in Year 2 may attend if they are confident and are able to swim 50 metres. Permission notes will be handed out during the first week back. The Carnival will be held at East Maitland Swimming Pool and will cost students \$3.00. Students will walk down from school at 9.00am and will return by 2.55pm. Your child needs to bring their swimmers, towel, sunscreen and a hat (clearly labelled with their name). Children are to wear their sports uniform and may add their house colours e.g. hats/head bands/scarves – no crepe paper.

Students wishing to compete in the 100m or Individual Medleys will be required to find their own way to the pool by 8.00am.

Parents and carers are encouraged to attend the carnival to support your child. It is shaping up to be a great event once again.

## PBL Affirmation for the Week

*I can be responsible during the holidays!*

## Carols by Candlelight 2016

A great evening of entertainment was had by all! It was wonderful to see so many family and community members come along to enjoy the food and drinks, sit back and sing along to the Christmas Carols and stroll around the market stalls making early Christmas purchases.

A big thank you to Ms Gray and Mr Eagleton for their tireless efforts providing the music for the evening, Mr Doherty for lending his sound equipment and Mr Gaffney for making sure performances got to the stage on time.

Winners of the Carols by Candlelight 2016 program cover competition were Ava Morrow-Jones, Sarah Gent, Elenoa Ellis and Chloe Della. A surprise visit by Santa was welcomed by all!



## P&C Fundraising

### Fun Day Banking

In 2017 Tenambit Public School will be holding a Community Fun Day at school on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. To assist parents to have spending money or to purchase ride bands for their children Fun Day banking is collected between 8.30am and 9.15am in Mrs Gilchrist's office. This will continue each Thursday morning until 15<sup>th</sup> December and recommence in Term 1, 2017.

**From the office:**

- Want to make a payment? Parents can now make direct payments through our school website. Please see below for further details or contact the school office for more information.



**Parents Online Payments**

Go to the school website,

<http://www.tenambit-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

and the **\$ Make a Payment** link will be on the front page. By selecting the link you will be taken to a secure Westpac Quickweb payment page.

**Parents will need to cease making payments via direct deposit into the school bank account as this facility will not be available next year as we roll into a new computer system, - payments via the bank account will not be accepted anymore. Please use the above Parent Online Payment process for any future payments you make.**



## SCHOOL CHAPLAIN POSITION

Generate Ministries invites applications for the position of School Chaplain at Tenambit Public School

Generate School Chaplains work in partnership with schools, local Chaplaincy Support Teams, and Generate Ministries, to provide pastoral care in NSW Government School communities. Generate Ministries is a Christian organisation employing School Chaplains in NSW state schools. All Generate employees must adhere to the Generate Statements of Belief and Code of Conduct.

Application information can be found at [mychaplain.org.au](http://mychaplain.org.au)

All swimming program refunds are available at the school office. The monies will need to be signed for – if you would like it sent home with your child please call the office to arrange.

### Great memories at TPS.....



Good luck Mrs O'Shea with your new appointment – TPS will miss you!!!

