

Monday, 11 December 2017

From the Principal

Welcome to our last week of the 2017 school year. What a busy year it's been.

Thank you, parents and families for being a part of our wonderful school in 2017. Thank you for taking the time to meet me and those other new staff members to our school this year. Thank you for being welcoming and ensuring we know what we need to know, and for being patient when we didn't know all the stuff we didn't know.

It's an emotional time of year for us. Our Year 6 are ready to move to High School – it is time for them to explore all that High School can offer them. We have prepared them as well as we can, and I know that you will continue to support them as they move on through their education. We love to hear how they are progressing, and hope that they will stay in touch. At the other end of the school, our Kindergarten children are ready for Year 1 with a new group raring to go in 2018. Parents – I know you will make sure that you treasure these times with your children – they go so fast.

As I reflect on the year I think about the achievements, the fun times and the hard work. Amongst the staff we have had engagements, weddings and babies. We have had new teachers appointed, teachers gain permanent positions and leadership roles, and teachers retire.

We've had success in our creative arts programs and sporting achievements, our kids and their teachers have worked hard to achieve and grow. Thank you to all the teachers who train our various creative arts groups, sporting teams, debating and public speaking groups, our gardeners and support groups. Our teachers give many hours to develop skills in your children. Of course, these things don't happen in isolation, they are supported by our families and our community. A huge thank you to everyone.

So where will 2018 take us? Onward and upward and forever improving! In 2018 we welcome new staff members and new families. We will be focusing on new strategic directions for our school over the next three years. We will be providing a new focus in reporting to families and communication with parents. We will extend our garden program, our focus on student wellbeing, continue creating learners for the future, and we will grow, succeed and build the best school we can.

I would like to congratulate all the children on their hard work this year. I wish all those leaving us a successful future and look forward to seeing everyone else in the New Year. Don't forget to spend lots of time with family, to rest, eat far too much, play, have fun and read some good books in the holidays!

See you all in 2018.

Donna Stackman
Principal

School Calendar Term 4	
Week 10	
Wednesday 13 th December	Class Party Day Last day for canteen
Friday 15 th December	Last day for students
Term 1 Week 1 2018	
Thursday 25th January	Uniform Shop open from 10.00am to 2.00pm
Monday 29 th January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30 th January	Students Years 1-6 return
Wednesday 31 st January to Friday 2 nd February	Best Start Screening for Kindergarten 2018. Times to be advised.
Week 2	
Monday 5 th February	Kindergarten students first day

Class Party Day



Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 class party will be held on Wednesday, 13th December, 2017. During the morning session the students will enjoy games, sports, dancing or craft. They will also share a fruit platter. We ask that all students bring some pre-cut fruit to share.

A sausage sandwich lunch will be provided for students. If your child does not like sausages please pack their lunch as normal. The cost of lunch will be \$2.00, which can be given to the classroom teacher.

Please return note and money to class teachers if your child is having a sausage sandwich.

A couple of extra treats will be provided by classroom teachers in the middle session as students enjoy a movie (G-Rated). Students are welcome to bring a pillow to use during the film.



To celebrate 2017 **Stage 2** will be having lunch together as a stage then watching a choice of two movies (both "G" rated). We ask that students bring a small plate/platter of fruit to share.

Stage 3 class party day will be held at East Maitland Pool. We will leave school at 9.30am. Students must bring swimmers, hat, sunscreen, towel, a piece of fruit and a water bottle. Cost is \$3.50 for the pool entry. Organised activities will keep everyone busy and active - Stage 3 teachers included!

After 2 hours of pool fun, Stage 3 students will return to school where a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided. Permission notes for the pool were sent home on Friday afternoon. If your child was absent or needs another note, please ask your child's class teacher. We would love for all Stage 3 students to join us for the day!

CANTEEN NEWS

We wish to advise that the last day the canteen will be operating is Wednesday 13th December, 2017.

Winners of the \$10.00 canteen voucher is Pieta Hynes and Luke Adams. Congratulations!!!!

UNIFORM NEWS

In order to comply with Sun Smart regulations which are mandatory in NSW Schools the uniform shop will no longer stock baseball caps. School students will have until the beginning of the 2019 school year before they can no longer be worn at school.

We will be changing over to a new school bucket hat. This hat is reversible with the sport house colour on the other side. Students can then display the house colour on sports days and sports carnival days.

The cost of the hat will be \$15.00. The hats have been ordered and will be available through the school office at the start of the 2018 school year.



Update OPAL Cards for students going from Year 2 to 3

As eligibility rules change for students going from Year 2 to Year 3 you need to reapply for their OPAL cards. Please follow the instructions as per the OPAL website. Attention to this before the end of the school year would ensure passes are available at the start of the school year.

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

PBL Affirmation for the Week

"I display Respect in the Tenambit community"

During our Primary Presentation Day last week, the 2018 Student Leadership Team was announced. Congratulations to the following students.

School Captains:

Kali McCloy
Madison McDonnell

School Vice-Captains:

Elenoa Ellis
Olivia Thompson

School Prefects:

William Beer
Kane Cox
William Doherty
Hannah Elliott
Noah Fairbairn
Siraaj Sadien

Student leaders:

Lucinda Boyd
Jayden Green
Austin Hewitt
Hannah Holmes
Aishnn Iuliano
Elly Suardana

