

**Monday, 6 February 2017**

### From the Principal

Welcome to a brand new week. I'm amazed how quickly last week flew by and I'd like to thank everyone for such a lovely welcome to our school. Everyone has made me feel very welcome and it's been a great start already, with the chance to meet our kids on Monday and our new Kindergarten children on Thursday.

Today we recognised our school leadership team in our special assembly and it was lovely to see so many parents, family and friends share this great moment in our children's school life. I know they will all represent our school in the best possible way throughout the year and I'm looking forward to working with them, listening to their ideas and suggestions about how to continue our journey together.

We've already made some changes to some of our learning areas and programs, with the inclusion of a 'theatre room' in our school's library. This area will be used for conferencing with students from other schools, countries and connecting with experts in many different areas of the world. We anticipate this area will be ready for use in the next couple of weeks and we're very excited about it. Our teachers will be undertaking specific professional development in literacy and numeracy and will be implementing new strategies for learning in the classrooms. Creating lots of hands on opportunities to consolidate learning concepts means learning is enhanced and understood.

As the first week of school is now finished I'd like to ask parents to stick to our new 'kiss and drop off' area (between the library and office) when bringing our children to school. We find that it is easier for your children to develop independence, strengthen friendships and social circles and lessens anxiety if you encourage your children to enter the play area, put their bag down and find a friend. Please reassure them that you will be waiting for them at the school gate in the afternoon, show them where you will be and 'kiss and drop off'. If your child has some difficulty separating from you, please pop into the office and let us know and we'll assist. Tears are usually very short lived as soon as parents are out of sight and of course we'll always contact you if your child remains distressed. We

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also ask that parents/carers do not enter the school grounds until just before the afternoon bell time as it is very distracting for your children and hard for them to concentrate on the teacher and their class tasks if parents and family are here early in the afternoon. This occurs if your child is in Year 6 or in Kindergarten. Again, please be reassured that if we have any concerns about your child throughout the day, about their wellbeing, their health, their behaviour etc, we will always ring you. For the security and safety of our children, our Maize and Collinson Street school gates will be locked at 9.00am and will be unlocked at 2:50pm. Our Edward Street gate will be kept unlocked, but latched and we ask that all parents enter and visit the office if bringing their children late or picking up early.

In a couple of weeks' time, we will be inviting parents for a meet and greet afternoon which will give you all a chance to visit classrooms, have a good look around our school, chat with teachers and meet new families. Please keep a lookout for the information in our newsletters and for notes home to parents.

And finally just a quick reminder: - all notes and payment for our Swimming Carnival must be in now, our Carnival is on this Wednesday, rain hail or shine! See you there with your zinc cream on.

Until next week,  
Donna Stackman

### Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club will start today (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February) at 8.30am.

Cost:	Toast	10c
	Cereal	10c
	Milk	10c



### Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL

#### PBL Affirmation for the Week

*We can follow the school values –  
Respect, Responsibility and Excellence*

## Library News

I'm looking forward to welcoming all students back to the library this week for what promises to be another exciting year. The library timetable is included below.

Please ensure your child/children have a bag to enable them to borrow. This can be a shopping bag, a strong plastic bag or a school library bag which is available for purchase for \$8.00 through the uniform shop at the school office.



Last week I sent home notes to students who have yet to return books from 2016. Your assistance to help locate and return books or pay the replacement cost is most

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2G	5/6D	3/4P	4G
2W	5/6C	3/4E	5/6P
2M	1B	3J	5/6B
KJ	1L	KC	KM
	K-6S		

appreciated.

Happy Reading everyone!  
Susanne Riding

**For more library news check the library blog regularly @ [tenambit14.edublogs.org](http://tenambit14.edublogs.org)**

### Star Struck 2017 Auditions!

It is exciting to announce this year is Star Struck's 25th anniversary! **Star Struck 2017 auditions will continue this week, Week 3, Term 1.**

Students will learn the audition dance and then have the opportunity to practise at home before auditioning to be in the Troupe. Auditions are only available to Years 5 and 6, however there will be plenty of opportunities for other students to be involved in dance throughout the year.

#### *Things to know before auditioning:*

Whilst we would love to take everyone who auditions, we are restricted to 16 students only; therefore some students unfortunately miss out.

After auditioning for Star Struck here at school, our troupe will then have to audition to participate in Star Struck. There are over 200 schools in Newcastle, Hunter and Central Coast region who audition to participate in Star Struck.

We (organising staff) are given criteria from Star Struck we have to meet in order to be eligible to participate.

This year, in addition to costuming costs, there is a \$30.00 entry fee per student to participate. This fee is for the Star Struck office and is NOT kept by the school.

Star Struck is a fantastic and exciting opportunity. Whilst it is a lot of hard work for families, students and staff

involved, it is always an exhilarating and proud experience to watch our wonderful students represent our school in such a prestigious event.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs Kristy Robinson or Mr Zac Manning.

## TENAMBIT P&C NEWS

### Family Fun Day

In conjunction with our annual Art show, Tenambit Public School P&C Association will be holding a **Community Fun Day** on **Saturday - 25th March, 2017**, 10.00am - 2.00pm.

Fun Day banking will continue each Thursday from in front of the Library from 8.30am to 9.00am.

The idea behind Fun Day banking is to save up money to be spent on the day. It can either be used to pre purchase the ride bands or spend on activities during the day.

The P&C records each deposit and each student is given a card with amounts of deposits recorded on it.

We will be holding a 2nd hand stall - so if you have any good quality clothing, kitchen equipment, book, toys etc please put aside for our stall. If you wouldn't use the item yourself, please do not donate as it will cost money for us to dispose of it. We will let you know when items can be brought to school.

If anyone would like to put up some cuttings for our plant stall that would also be very much appreciated.

### Bunnings BBQ

Tenambit Public School will be holding a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday - 18th February- 8.00am to 4.00pm.



If you are able to volunteer at any time during the day even if just for an hour that would be greatly appreciated.

Once we have a list of volunteers we will draw up a roster.

Please see Ann Cooper or leave your name and details at the office or with Mrs Gilchrist.

Thank you for supporting this event.  
Tenambit Public School P&C Association

### Notes in Circulation

- Student Background Information and Parental Consent Form (yellow note) please complete and return to the school office or class teacher
- Meet and Greet Day (lime green note)
- Swimming permission notes

**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 this 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.**

Important Dates	
<b>Week 3</b>	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	School Swimming Carnival
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Volunteer Induction @ 9.00am
<b>Week 4</b>	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Volunteer Induction @ 9.00am
<b>Week 5</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Volunteer Induction @ 9.00am
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Bunnings BBQ - P&C
<b>Week 6</b>	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Volunteer Induction @ 9.00am
<b>Week 7</b>	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Volunteer Induction @ 9.00am
<b>Week 9</b>	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	School Photo Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Art Show
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Community Fun Day Art Show