



Monday, 20 February 2017

From the Principal

Welcome to a new week. They're certainly going quickly and will continue to do so, I'm sure.

Our first P&C meeting for the year is this evening and it would be lovely to be able to meet lots of new parents for what will be my very first meeting. Our school's P&C plays a very important supportive role within our school for both our school's students and our staff and to do that they need volunteers to participate in the many things that our school does. If you've not come to a meeting before or are a newbie to our school, as I am, come along. We meet in the school's library at 6.00pm. A special thank you to those members of our P&C who were able to assist with the first Bunnings BBQ of the year last Saturday. Fundraising is just one way for members to help our school deliver programs to support our student learning.

On Tuesday some of our students will participate in the Zone Swimming competition. We wish the following students the best of luck in their races and I know they are very proud representatives of our school. Matilda Macdonald, Jordan Della, Lily Driffield, Chloe Harris, Zarley James, Alliyah Hansen, Olivia Sanderson, Sarah Gent, Bella Maystone, Emilini Waqairatu, Hayden Lean, Callan Parish, Kai Pearce, Austin Driffield, Tyler Blacktop, Lachlan Lawrence, Lucas Iuliano, Jayden Green and Jack Threlfall.

Our Kindergarten children will be having their Kinder photos taken this Thursday as a special start to school package. This is all part of our overall school photos package and comes at no extra cost to parents. I know we're going to have lots of good looking young boys and girls in Kindergarten looking extra gorgeous for the day.

Last week our 'bloke' teaching staff undertook BroSpeak training. BroSpeak is a small group program for Aboriginal boys. The program is designed to help the boys be strong in their Aboriginal identity and smart in their approach to achieving their life goals. Central to the program is the completion of a cultural project such as a bush tucker

garden or the construction of totems. BroSpeak links Aboriginal boys with local Aboriginal male role models. The participants listen to the life stories of the Aboriginal men who visit the program and learn from them as well as participating in a number of activities designed to help them set and achieve their goals. This program will commence in Term 2 for our students.

I do hope our families enjoyed a little rain over the weekend. Unfortunately it is still very dry in many of our Hunter areas but hopefully rain will be forthcoming. We've got some warm days still coming up, please don't forget to send water bottles with your kids, they do drink lots during the day.

Until next week,
Donna Stackman

Important Dates

Week 5	
Monday 20 th February	P&C Meeting
Tuesday 21 st February	Scripture program starts today Zone Swimming Carnival Debating Workshop
Wednesday 22 nd February	Volunteer Induction @ 9.00am
Thursday 23 rd February	Playgroup 9.00-11.00am
Friday 24 th February	Zone PSSA Rugby League Trials
Week 6	
Wednesday 1 st March	Volunteer Induction @ 9.00am
Thursday 2 nd March	Playgroup 9.00-11.00am
Week 7	
Wednesday 8 th March	Volunteer Induction @ 9.00am
Thursday 9 th March	Playgroup 9.00-11.00am
Week 9	
Wednesday 22 nd March	School Photo Day
Friday 24 th March	Art Show
Saturday 25 th March	Community Fun Day Art Show

PBL Affirmation for the Week

Understand that our teacher is here to support our learning

CUBS – Coming Up To Big School

Our CUBS Program will be commencing at Tenambit Public School on Wednesday 3rd May at 9.00am.

This is a school readiness program for children commencing Kindergarten at Tenambit Public School in 2017.

There will be an information session for parents towards the end of term.

Registration is now open at the office. Please register your child now for the first intake of children.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open from 8.30am.

Cost:	Toast	10c
	Cereal	10c
	Milk	10c



TENAMBIT DEBATING 2017

Tenambit Public Prosecutors Debating team, members Alison Doherty, Banjo Longworth, Lucy Boyd, Elenoa Ellis, Sarah Gent and Aishnn Iuliano, will be attending a debating workshop at East Maitland Public School on Tuesday 21st February.

Unfortunately other team members William Doherty and Jai Hewitt are unable to attend this workshop but they will receive any relevant information from attending members at a later date.

Our 2017 debating team are already enthusiastic and interested and I am sure they will enjoy their debating challenges in the year ahead.

Debbie Manners, Debating Coach

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 pot up some cuttings for our plant stall that would also be very much appreciated.

Rides – Family Fun Day

We have booked our rides for the Community Fun Day. They are Sumo Soccer, All Sports Combo Jumping Castle, Chair Swing, Carnival Slide and Mini Jeeps. They look like lots of fun.

Arm bands purchased prior to the Fun Day are \$20.00 for unlimited rides and \$25.00 when they are purchased on the day. Individual rides are \$5.00 each.

Arm bands can be purchased at the Fun Day banking table on Thursday mornings outside the Library from 8.30am.

Please advise the ladies if you would like the Fun Banking money to go towards the Ride bands.

Notes in Circulation



- Student Background Information and Parental Consent Form (yellow note) please complete and return to the school office or class teacher
- Star Struck (Note 1)
- Zone Rugby League Trial Permission Note

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.

Wednesday Sewing Group



On a Wednesday afternoon in the hall, Mrs Doherty will be running her sewing group for Year 6 students. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn how to use a machine. Keep posted for photos of their wonderful finished products. Thank

you Mrs Doherty for volunteering your time for our students.

Bunnings BBQ



A big thankyou to the parents who assisted at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday with special thanks to Ann Cooper for her co-ordination. Thanks also to Mrs Stackman and Ms Palmowski for their assistance.

Final figures haven't been finalised yet but the P & C raised in excess of \$1000.00.

Got It! Tip of The Week

Praise your children for trying and not for being perfect.

Try to help your child focus on their effort in giving things a go and not necessarily for the outcome of their efforts.



Aboriginal Cultural Day

