



Monday, 27 February 2017

From the Principal

Wow, what a busy week. We had students participating in Zone Swimming and representing our school really well, our first whole school assembly for the year with our school leaders doing their first 'official' job and an evacuation drill. In between that we had the first scripture/ethics/non participant's session, choir practice, debating training, flew our drone for the first time (lots of fun), started to plan our exciting sporting program for the year and had our first P&C meeting with lots of new parents joining us. AND we still managed to think, read, write, calculate, create and laugh. How do we fit it all in? Good job there are those wonderful two days of the weekend to recharge.

Those who were at our P&C meeting completed a 'task' for me. They kindly shared their honest viewpoints with me about what they like about our school, what they don't like and/or should get rid of and what they would like to have at our school. I'd love to hear from the rest of our school community too. If you'd like to also share your thoughts with me on these topics, please don't hesitate to do so and give it to the office. It can be totally anonymous if you'd like or you can put your name and contact on it too.

I'm so happy to say that we've lots of exciting things happening in each and every classroom with our kids really enjoying what they're doing. I do love visiting and seeing what's going on, seeing smiling faces and excitement as they tell me what they're learning. I especially loved hearing about the sentences our Kinder are already having a go at and the enthusiasm of the seniors as they learn about our planets and our solar system.

I'd like to give our parents the heads up about an upcoming working bee at our school. We've lots of gardening to do and we'd like to get it all done on a Saturday morning in a couple of weeks. We'll finalise a date as soon as possible and announce it soon. We'd love to see lots of our families come along to help, particularly lots of

Important Dates	
Week 6	
Wednesday 1 st March	Volunteer Induction @ 9.00am
Thursday 2 nd March	Playgroup 9.00-11.00am
Friday 3 rd March	Clean Up Australia Day
Week 7	
Wednesday 8 th March	Volunteer Induction @ 9.00am
Thursday 9 th March	Playgroup 9.00-11.00am
Week 8	
Thursday 17 th March	Playgroup 9.00-11.00am
Sunday 19 th March	Maitland Harmony Day
Week 9	
Monday 20 th March	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 22 nd March	School Photo Day
Thursday 16 th March	Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am
Friday 24 th March	Art Show
Saturday 25 th March	Community Fun Day Art Show
Week 10	
Thursday 30 th March	Playgroup 9.00-11.00am
Week 11	
Thursday 6 th April	Playgroup 9.00-11.00am
Friday 7 th April	Easter Hat Parade Last day Term 1

dads with tools.

Thank you to the family who wrote a lovely note complimenting our Grounds Assistant on the wonderful job he does maintaining our school gardens. I do agree, they look fabulous and he and our school families do a great job of weeding, tidying and planting.

Recently we advertised two positions vacant in our school for Assistant Principals. These applications close this Wednesday and our panel will meet to review the applications this Friday afternoon. We hope the process will

be finalised over the next couple of weeks and we'll let parents know the outcome as soon as we can.

Mrs Robinson and I spent Thursday in a workshop along with School Administration Managers and Principals from our entire area, to learn more about how our schools will roll over to the new LMBR running system, a state wide school management system. Our learning will be ongoing for the next few months and our school will 'go live' into the new system early in Term 3. During this process, some changes will be made to the way school staff, systems and parents need to do things. We will be giving further information as we get it to our families and staff and we know you'll all be patient as our "L" plates are on.

And finally I have to end on a few sad notes. Last weekend our school was vandalised. This is an on-going problem and I urge our local community to report any incidents they see to the police. We've been tagged and had smashed glass in one of our school buildings. The repair to this costs our school money, which in turn does not get spent providing your children with learning opportunities or on school repairs. Also this week a young student came to me really worried because he'd heard parents, 'Saying really bad words, Mrs Stackman' in the afternoon on his way back to his classroom. He went on to ask that I go and tell them not to because they were being naughty. Therefore, I'd like to extend a reminder to parents when they are on the school grounds collecting or dropping off children to please use appropriate language and remember that there are children around. We are a school with children from the age of 4 and inappropriate language should not be used and conversations should be kept PG. We'd like to also remind parents of the appropriate way to approach issues at school. The first port of call should be your class teacher. If a resolution cannot be reached, then the next step is to your stage Assistant Principal who may then choose to bring in myself as the Principal. At no times should parents approach students or any other parents. This can and may lead to the issue of an Inclosed Lands warning or ban to those concerned as it's treated very seriously. We are a welcoming school and we expect our whole school community to uphold this ethos, as I know the majority by far, do.

Until next week,
Donna Stackman

Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL

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, William Doherty, Elenoa Ellis, Sarah Gent and Aishnn Iuliano attended a debating workshop at East Maitland Public School on Tuesday 21st February.

I am very proud to report that they not only learnt a number of new debating techniques but were also congratulated on their enthusiastic involvement in the course. Those who attended are already looking forward to reporting back to other debating team members.

We wish the entire debating team well with 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 put 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.

FAMILY FUN DAY RAFFLE

Raffle books were sent home with families last week.

There are some great prizes to be won:

1st Prize: Entertainment Package

50" Smart TV and X Box One S Console Bundle

2nd Prize: Framed Signed London Olympic Hockey Uniform and Vouchers

3rd Prize: Pearl Necklace and Hamper

Don't miss out on the opportunity to win one of these great prizes.

If you have a workplace or sporting venue where you could sell some extra tickets

- please call at the office to get some extra books.

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)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Sixteen of our finest swimming athletes participated in the Zone swimming carnival at Maitland Pool this week. The weather was perfect for the event and the students were very excited and a little nervous! The competition was fierce and although we all tried our best we did not make the regionals in any event. The students represented our school with pride and passion and they all enjoyed the day. A huge thank you to the parents who provided transport and supported our students on the day, it was very much appreciated.

Mr Nathan Davies



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.

WORLD BOOK ONLINE

Our library now subscribes
to the **WORLD BOOK WEB**

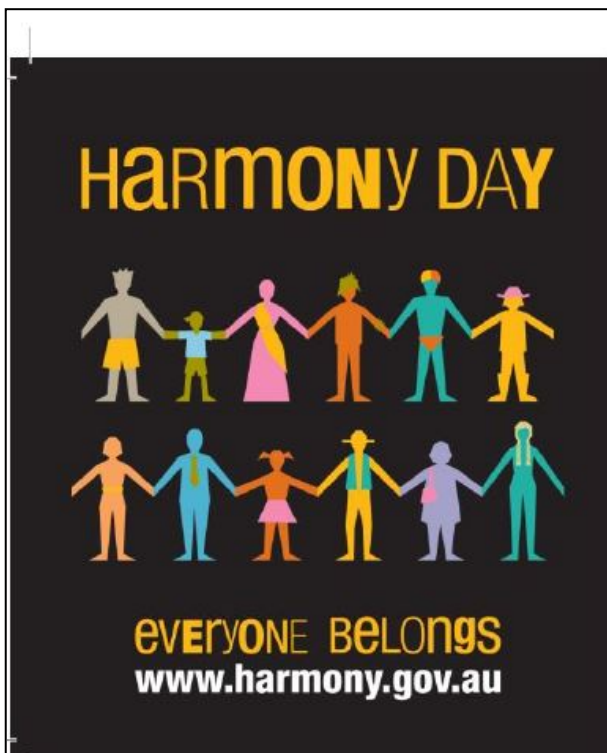


Our school subscribes to the following **World Book Web products**.

- **World Book Kids**—is based on World Book's award winning Discovery Encyclopedia and is designed to give younger students, ESL students and reluctant readers a rewarding online learning experience. The site illustrations, diagrams and maps enrich more than 2,000 articles selected for appeal and relevance.
- **World Book Student**—forms the foundation of an expansive reference database that includes over 40,000 encyclopedia and reference articles, thousands of links to outside web sites selected by World Book editors and contributors. It also includes an extensive Dictionary and Atlas plus audios, visuals and animations.
- **World Book Timelines** – Hundreds of unique timelines spanning the arts, science and technology, society and culture, sports, world history and geography.

Our World Book subscription allows students and their families access to this valuable reference source at your home computers 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

To access the World Book products students will need to log in through their DET portal, click on Oliver Library and then the link to World Book Online on the home page. If logging in to World Book directly on the web a user name and password will be required. See Mrs Riding if you would like this.



The Maitland community invites you to

Maitland Harmony Day

Date: Sunday 19th March 2017

Time: 11am- 2pm

12 noon- shared picnic

Venue: Maitland Park, Elgin St Maitland

Picnic will be held on the grass on your right as you enter the main gates. Opposite the cenotaph.

Info: Please bring a plate of food (representing your culture) to share. Bring a picnic rug, chair to sit on and utensils to eat with!

Maitland Harmony Day is a family friendly, free community led event to celebrate Maitland's growing multicultural and diverse community. There will be games and activities for children and grown-ups to participate in, and lots of time to share cultural stories, and make new connections and friends.

Facebook: Maitland Community Harmony Day



Queries: Elicia Krisenthal 0411 812009

2017 ICAS Competitions

Entries are now open for the ICAS Competitions. These are external tests coordinated by the University of NSW. Students may sit the tests at the school. Parents receive an individual report on their child's performance and a comparison to other students across Australia. These tests only run for approximately 40 minutes each and are valuable for parents wanting more information on their child's performance in each subject area. The table below outlines what is available this year and the cost of each.

ICAS Subject	ICAS Sitting Date	Cost
Digital Technologies	Tues 23 May	\$9.00
Science	Tues 30 May	\$9.00
Writing	Mon12 – Fri 16 June	\$18.00
Spelling	Wed 14 June	\$12.00
English	Tues 1 August	\$9.00
Mathematics	Tues 15 August	\$9.00

If you would like to enter any of the competitions, please complete the slip below and return with payment to the office, no later than Friday 17th March 2017.



ICAS TESTING 2017

Name: _____

Class: _____

Competition	Entering
Digital Technologies \$9.00	
Science \$9.00	
Writing \$18.00	
Spelling \$12.00	
English \$9.00	
Mathematics \$9.00	
TOTAL \$ _____	

TENAMBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND SUB COMMITTEES 2017

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the annual general meeting of the Tenambit Public School Parents and Citizens Association will be held on Monday ,20th March at 6:00pm.

In accordance with the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Association guidelines the following will apply:

* The officer positions determined at the AGM, according to both Standard and Prescribed Constitution are:

President
Two Vice Presidents
Secretary
Treasurer

* Other representative positions held by the P&C members will be elected at the AGM. These positions include:

Canteen Co-ordinator and sub committee
Uniform Co-ordinator and sub-committee
Fundraising Co-ordinator and sub-committee

* No more than one office position can be held by the same person

* Two people from the same family can hold office-bearer positions at the same time

* Office- bearers can be elected regardless of their place or type of employment

* Only financial members are eligible to stand for a position (To be a financial member, a community person must have paid their \$1.00 membership fee no later than the General Meeting prior to the AGM.)

Roles and responsibilities:

President

The President is responsible for: the successful functioning of the P&C; the attainment of the P&C's objectives; ensuring that the P&C takes part in decision-making processes in the school; fostering fair participation of all members; supporting volunteers; consistent adherence to the constitution; acting as the P&C's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed; setting up lines of communication with the Principal; being a signatory on the association's bank accounts; chairing meetings. Note: The president is automatically a member of all sub-committees

Vice President (x2)

The Vice Presidents are responsible for: supporting the work and actions of the President; acting as 'President' in the event of the president's absence; being a signatory on the association's bank accounts

Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for: all funds held in the name of the P&C (including canteen, uniform shop and OOSH accounts); receiving and depositing monies; maintaining financial records; drawing cheques and presenting accounts; reports income and expenditure statements together with a reconciled bank statement at each P&C meeting; ensuring a cash book or books are kept; recoding all financial transactions; being a signatory on the association's bank accounts

Secretary

The secretary is responsible for: attending all meetings and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of minutes for distribution to members and for possible amendment and adoption at the following meeting; receiving and tabling incoming correspondence; write and despatch outgoing correspondence; give notice of meetings; provide information as requested by P&C federation; maintain all official records: the constitution, by-laws, rules of sub-committees, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members, minutes, attendance, correspondence; being a signatory on the association's bank accounts

SUB-COMMITTEES

Canteen Coordinator and committee-

Responsible for the day to day operations with the canteen; liaising with the canteen supervisor; ensuring adherence to mandatory legislation and DET policy (Healthy Canteen policy); financial management of the canteen and reporting back to treasurer and P&C

Uniform Coordinator and committee-

Responsible for the operation of the Uniform shop; sales to families, ordering of new stock; monthly stocktaking; financial reporting back to treasurer and P&C

Fundraising Coordinator and committee-

Responsible for whole school fundraising coordination; communicating activities to the school community; liaising with suppliers; collection of funds; preparation of fundraising activities; financial reporting back to treasurer and P&C

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND SUB COMMITTEES 2017

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Our P&C needs you!

The effectiveness of our P&C depends on people who are prepared to get involved and take an active interest in their child's schooling. The P&C is a great way to get to know what is happening in the school and get to know other parents.

Parents and community members are asked to nominate positions below that they be prepared to undertake as part of the Tenambit Public School's Parents and Citizens Association for 2017.

Expressions of interest should be returned in an envelope to Maree Gilchrist (acting as returning officer). P&C members may also nominate on the night of the AGM.

Parents and community members can self nominate for a position.

Please cut and return the slip below.

Thank you for your support,

Ms Rochelle Dial
P&C President 2017

Mrs Donna Stackman
Principal



TENAMBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND SUB COMMITTEES 2017

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

NAME: _____

I am interested in undertaking the position/s below in 2017

I would like to nominate the following person for a position below:

NAME: _____

EXECUTIVE	TICK: (Please number preference if nominating for more than one position)	
PRESIDENT		
VICE PRESIDENT (2 positions)		
TREASURER		
SECRETARY		
SUB-COMMITTEES	TICK: (Please number preference if nominating for more than one position)	Are you willing to take a coordinators role?
CANTEEN		
UNIFORM		
FUNDRAISING		

Signed: _____

Date: _____