

Term 1 Week 11 Newsletter

Monday, 3 April 2017

From the Principal

Welcome to a fun filled, last week of Term 1. This week our Stage 1 students will enjoy their excursion, our Year 6 students have an 'Odd Feet Day' fundraiser and we finish off the week with our annual Easter Hat Parade. This year, we're inviting parents to enter the fun by parading a hat of their own. It's sure to be a fantastic, creative parade.

Today we held our last whole school assembly of the term and it was great to see so many students being recognised for following our school's expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. Next term our school will host two assemblies each Monday, one for Primary and one for Infants. This will enable our younger students to develop leadership roles as they 'host' their assembly with an assembly developed just for them. Primary students will also have their own assembly concentrating on more comprehensive aspects of leadership. Our school will have a whole school assembly once a term.

Please note the following times for assemblies commencing on 1st May:

Infants – 12.50pm – 1.20pm

Primary – 1.25pm – 1.55pm

Our student's manners and openness were evident as they welcomed Miss McKinnon during her visit last Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many students introducing themselves and welcoming her to our school. She's certainly looking forward to starting next term. Miss McKinnon will undertake a support role for the primary section of the school next term, working with students and teachers from Years 3 to 6. This will complement the work Mrs Dyal and Miss Moss do with the Kinder to Year 2 teachers under the Early Action for Success framework.

This week will also be the last week for Mrs Melissa Brathwaite at Tenambit. We're very proud to say, Mrs Brathwaite has successfully gained a promotion position at Pelaw Main Public School, pending the appeal period.



This position will commence next term and Mrs Nadine Cameron will be teaching 5/6B for the remainder of the year. Mrs Cameron has been filling the RFF role within our school this year and is looking forward to the new position. Mrs Brathwaite is a talented teacher and will continue to be a talented executive teacher and while she'll be greatly missed, we know she'll enjoy the next chapter of her professional journey and she'll be an asset to Pelaw Main as she was at Tenambit. We're sure you will take the opportunity over the week to wish her the very best at her new school.

Mr Potts will step into the Principal's role for the first three weeks of Term 2 as I unexpectedly must take some leave. Ms Amberlee Thompson will be teaching Mr Potts' class during this time.

We have had a very busy and productive start to the year and it's gone past so quickly. I'd like to thank our school community for such a great welcome to our school, for your support and your acceptance. I've had a great first term and I'm looking forward to many, many more. Please have a restful holiday period, don't eat too much chocolate (although the food pyramid is covered with it therefore it's healthy) and we'll see you all next term.

Until next week,
Donna Stackman

PBL Affirmation for the Week

I can get along with others

Message to parents – before school procedures

Can parents and carers please be aware that no students are to remain under the infant's cola in the morning before school. All students are to head straight to the primary cola on arrival where they can be supervised by a staff member. Once a student has arrived at school it is the school's duty of care to ensure they are safe.

Cross Country

The annual cross country event was held on Tuesday 28th March. Below are our top four students, per age group, that will represent Tenambit Public School at the Zone carnival. A huge thank you to the parent helpers who provided assistance and support on the day, your help was greatly appreciated.

8/9 yrs girls – Lucy Greaves, Ava Wright, Chloe Hill, Emalini Waqairatu,

8/9 yrs boys – Seth Gaff, Leo Emmingham, Aziah Ingham, James Elliott

10 yrs girls – Lucinda Boyd, Nyoman Suardana, Sophie Eades, Leah Derry

10 yrs boys – Lucas Iuliano, Deagen Hampton-Jackson, Jayden Green, Kayden Hirsch

11 yrs girls – Zarli James, Kali McCloy, Tyrah Roach, Elanor Ellis

11 yrs boys – Hayden Lean, Tyler Blacktop, Callan Parish, Cohen Parker

12 yrs girls – Carla Nunnari, Amy Carpenter, Olivia Sanderson, Alliyah Hansen

12 yrs boys – Brodie Desantis, Kai Pearce, Darcy Cooper, Austin Driffield

Notes in Circulation



- **Student Information and Parental Consent Form (yellow note) please complete and return to the school office or class teacher before the end of term**

- Year 7 2018 Expression of Interest High School Forms – need to be returned as soon as possible as they are now overdue
- Voluntary School Contributions invoices sent home today with students

Important Dates

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Week 11	
Wednesday 5 th April	Stage 1 Glenrock Excursion
Thursday 6 th April	Playgroup 9.00-11.00am
Friday 7 th April	Easter Hat Parade Last day Term 1
Term 2	
Week 1	
Monday 24 th April	Staff Return Term 2
Tuesday 25 th April	ANZAC Day
Wednesday 26 th April	All Students Return Term 2
Thursday 27 th April	Playgroup 9.00-11.00am
Week 2	
Wednesday 3 rd May	OZ Opera performance First Day CUBS Program (Kinder 2018)

Stage 1 excursion to Glenrock

On Wednesday, 5th April 2017 Stage 1 will be going on an excursion to Yuelarbah Track - Glenrock.

The cost of the excursion is \$15.00 per child. On the excursion, the students will start at the Yuelarbah carpark (off Burwood Road, Kahibah), walk the Yuelarbah track through Glenrock to explore a variety of environments, finished with activities at the creek.

Parent helpers are welcome but need to make their own way. Please see your child's teacher if you would like to come along. If you are unsure please ask your child's classroom teacher or the office staff.

Full school uniform must be worn and a full packed lunch as there is no canteen.

Money and notes are due back to the office this week.

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 2018.

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

Registration is now closed for the first intake commencing next term. Registration forms are available from the school office so you can still register for further intakes during the year.

Hunter Sports High School 2018

Please find attached to the newsletter the dates and times for the upcoming Talented Sports Program trials for Hunter Sports High School. All students and their parents can also access the information from the website www.huntersports.com.au. Information regarding each individual program can also be found on the website. Students need to complete the Talented Sports Program Application which 2018 close on 28th April 2017

School Disco Fun



Got It! Tip of The Week

Encourage your children to face difficult situations in a gradual, step-by-step manner. Don't help them avoid difficulties, as this will only promote fear.



Easter Hat Parade

Friday 7th April 2017

Tenambit Public School Easter Hat Parade will be held on Friday 7th April 2017. The parade will start at 12:15pm under the COLA.

Students and parents to make their hats at home and bring them along on the day.

All parents, caregivers and families are welcome.

Special guest appearance



'Best Hat' competition

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This year there will be a 'Best Hat' competition for parents and caregivers. If you would like to participate in this, make your hat and drop it off to Miss Wright's classroom (2W) on Wednesday 5th April by 3.00pm. Hats can be picked up on Thursday 6th April ready for the parade on Friday. Please label your hat with your name and your child's name.

The winner will be announced on the day.



Opera is coming to Tenambit!



It's not every day we get to go to the opera. On Wednesday 3rd May (Week 2 Term 2) Tenambit Public School will host a performance of El Kid. Oz Opera, the touring arm of Opera Australia, has partnered with Deaf Children Australia to present the NSW Auslan schools tour of El Kid.

The opera will be a shadow interpreted Auslan performance with the Interpreters being involved as performers on the stage and in costume, rather than standing to the side of stage. This innovation offers the audience members, both hearing, hard of hearing and deaf, with a better performing arts experience.

The classic tale of Billy Goats Gruff meets the popular music of Carmen in this opera/fairy-tale mash-up for school children

He's just a kid. El Kid, in fact, but the other goats don't think he's got much to offer. When they all head out to attend Seville's biggest Fiesta, no one thinks little Diego will have a part to play. But in opera, it's often the outsider who comes in to save the day, and before the party's over, Diego will prove he's no silly goats gruff.

This 50-minute opera explores the courage you find when you believe in yourself, using the popular tunes of Bizet's Carmen to introduce the drama of opera to primary-school aged students.

<https://opera.org.au/on-tour/in-schools/new-south-wales>

The performance time is 1.45pm at a cost of \$7.00. Get in early to secure your place.

Odd Feet Day Year 6 Fundraiser

Term 1 fundraiser will be held on Thursday 6th April. Students are able to wear odd socks, odd shoes or a combination of both. It is a gold coin donation with all proceeds going towards the Year 6 Farewell.



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Easter Raffle

The P&C will be holding an Easter raffle at the Easter Hat Parade and are asking for your assistance by donating an easter egg, bunny or other suitable items that can be used for the raffle.

Thanks for your help.

New Office Finance System Transition

Tenambit Public School will transition to the new NSW public schools' finance system and a new bank account on 24th July 2017.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments.

1. Direct deposits: We no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one.
2. EFTPOS payments: We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between 17th July and 24th July 2017. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before 17th July 2017. From 25th July 2017, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
3. Cash and cheque payments: Between 17th July 2017 and 24th July 2017, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before 17th July 2017. From 25th July 2017, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact our office on 4933 7196.

Parkrun Saturday 1st April



Community Fun Day Pics



Seasons for Growth is a small group loss and grief education program. The Children and Young People's Program strengthens the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people (aged 6 – 18) who are dealing with significant loss or change. This may include the death of a loved one, parental divorce or separation, the experience and aftermath of natural disaster, moving house or school, as well as many other life changes and losses.

Small groups of 4 – 7 children work with a trained adult Companion (facilitator) who supports the children in learning new ways to share, think about and respond to the changes and losses in their lives. Children learn that they are not alone in dealing with the effects of change, loss and grief. They build their understanding and communication, decision making and problem solving skills as part of a supportive peer group.

The *Seasons for Growth* Children and Young People's Program takes place over a structured eight week period filled with peer-to-peer learning opportunities – with time to talk and listen as well as take part in activities including drawing, music, art, journaling, roleplays and story telling. A celebration session and two follow up “reconnector” sessions complete the program, and each session explores an age appropriate concept, for example “Change is a part of life” and “Caring for my feelings”. The story of the seasons is used to explain the cycles of life, including change and loss, and provides a valuable metaphor for children to explore and understand their own story.

Tenambit Public School is offering this program to interested families in Term 2. Please register your interest at the school office.



The Maitland High School Creative Arts Workshop Day will be held on Tuesday 11th April, 10am-2pm

A BBQ Lunch will be provided.

The workshops will take place at MHS in our specialist rooms and run by our amazing CAPA staff.

Participants will rotate through workshops covering a session in ART, MUSIC, DRAMA or DANCE

The workshop is open for all interested students from Year 4 across our Partner Primary Schools

To register your child's interest email me at brittany.benton@det.nsw.edu.au