

*Respect Responsibility Excellence*

Term 3 Week 5 Newsletter

Monday, 14 August 2017

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 5, we're almost half way through another term already. We have some great things coming up over the next few weeks before term ends.

I'd like to recognise our students who participated in Zone last week. They represented our school really well and some are moving through to Regionals. Well done and thank you to our teachers and parents who supported our kids.

Tomorrow some of our students will be involved in a cricket clinic, learning skills and the basics of the game. Cricket is a game with a strong history and continues to grow in strength to strength.

Our students will be able to dress in their favourite 'footy colours' as a fundraiser for our Year 6 Farewell on Friday. Bring a gold coin (or two) to support our Year 6 students. It'll be an interesting 'sporty' day I'm sure.

Next week is Book Week and we're starting off with our Book Fair on Tuesday. Our book parade is on Thursday and teachers are already getting their costumes all ready. I know I'll be buying lots of books for my family and I'm sure you will be too.

On Monday, 11th September, our Year 3 and 5 students, along with many others from schools, will be participating in a trial of NAPLAN on-line. Information accompanies this newsletter for those parents. This trial will be a test of our hardware capabilities and it is not a registered 'test', rather a trial to see how it will operate.

Congratulations to all those who participated in both our Public Speaking and the Spelling Bee. The Regional Spelling Bee will be hosted at Tenambit on Tuesday 5th September and we'll be visited by many schools during the day.

We would like to thank parents for their understanding during last week's Lock Down Drill. Our kids did really well, following teacher instructions well and completing the drill quickly. These safety drills are practiced regularly each year in every school as it's important our children (and school staff) know what to do should an emergency arise.

Finally I'd like to remind our families of our upcoming P&C meeting next Monday in the school's library. We'd love to see lots there.

Have a great week,

Donna Stackman
Principal

Attendance

Congratulations to the students who received their attendance awards last week for Term 2. To be eligible for this award students need to have an attendance of 95% or above. (Maximum number of days off is 2).

There has been a lot of sickness affecting our students in the past few weeks – please be conscious of notifying the school for their reason for their absence. This is a legal requirement.

This can be done in a number of ways – verbal to teacher, note to teacher, phone call to office, email to school (tenambit-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or by using the skoolbag app.

We appreciate you following up with this notification on the day your child returns to school.

Book Week: Escape to Everywhere



Book Fair

On Tuesday 22nd August we will be holding our annual book fair as part of our Book Week celebrations. All classes have been allocated a time to visit the book fair. There will be a variety of books available to suit all interests and budgets. I encourage you to join your child and help them select a book to treasure. I look forward to seeing you at the book fair.

Book Fair Timetable Tuesday 22 nd August	
9.00 – 9.30	5/6P, 5/6N
9.30 – 10.00	5/6C, 5/6D
10.00 – 10.30	4G, 3/4P
10.30 – 11.00	3/4E, 3J
Lunch	
12.00– 12.30	2G, 2M
12.30 – 1.00	2W, K-6D
1.00 – 1.20	1L, 1B, K-6S
Recess	
2.25 – 2.55	Kindergarten

Author Visit – Deborah Kelly



Deborah Kelly will be visiting our school on Wednesday 23rd August. For the younger students she will talk a bit about what an author is, how she became one, then share two to three of her books. For the older students she will discuss her journey to becoming an author, about the process of publication from manuscript to finished book, and share two to three books with them. She will also provide the opportunity for questions. Cost is \$3.00.

If students wish to purchase one of Deborah’s books they can return the completed order form attached to this newsletter with their payment to the school no later than 14th August. Orders will then be collected and books delivered back to the school at the end of that week ready for Deb’s visit.

Alternatively, parents may wish to order directly through MacLean’s website and these will be delivered to the school as well – This must be done by 14th August as well. <https://www.macleansbooks.com.au/>

The school will also benefit from any sales made from Deb's visit as MacLean’s will give the school a credit on their account for 10% of total sales.

Book Parade

On Thursday 24th August I hope you are able to join us for our parade of book characters. The parade will begin at 12.30pm with performances from our Star Struck dance troupe and Dance Festival dancers. At the conclusion of the parade prizes will be awarded to the winners of our book week writing and art competitions. Each class has also been busy decorating their classroom door inspired by an Australian children’s book and the announcement will be made as to which class has been judged by their peers to have the best decorated door. This lucky class will score a movie and popcorn afternoon in the library theatre.



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Author Visit – Deborah Kelly – 23rd August

Name:..... Class:.....

Cost: \$3.00 Money Enclosed: ☐

Signed:

Please pay at office by Monday 21st August.

School Calendar Term 3

Week 5

Tuesday 15 th August	Cricket Clinic
Wednesday 16 th August	CUBS Program 9.00am-11.00am
Thursday 17 th August	Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am
Friday 18 th August	Footy Colours Day

Week 6

Tuesday 22 nd August	Book Fair
Wednesday 23 rd August	Author Visit CUBS Program 9.00am-11.00am
Thursday 24 th August	Book Parade Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am

Week 7

Wednesday 30 th August	CUBS Program 9.00am-11.00am
Thursday 31 st August	Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am
Friday 1 st September	Father's Day Breakfast

Week 8

Tuesday 5 th September	Regional Spelling Bee Finals
Wednesday 6 th September	CUBS Program 9.00am-11.00am
Thursday 7 th September	Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am

Week 9

Monday 11 th September	NAPLAN on-line testing Years 3 & 5
Wednesday 13 th September	CUBS Program 9.00am-11.00am
Thursday 14 th September	Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am

Week 10

Wednesday 20 th September	CUBS Program 9.00am-11.00am
Thursday 21 st September	Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am
Friday 22 nd September	Fun Day Colour Run

Footy Colours Day

On Friday 18th August (Week 5) we will be holding our annual footy colours day. Students can wear any sporting jersey they want e.g. netball, soccer, rugby league. We do ask that no singlets are to be worn as it is not sun safe. You will need to bring in a *gold coin donation to help support our year 6 Farewell*.

Mr Carter



Colour Run

I hope you are all busy fundraising as much as possible for our first ever colour run. Just a reminder that all money will be due on 31st August (Thursday Week 7), so get fundraising!!!

Mr Carter



ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 11th August saw athletes from Tenambit compete at the Annual Maitland Zone Athletics Carnival. The day shaped up to be perfect weather wise until the wind came up almost blowing our runners away on occasions. All of our students competed and represented our school with excellence and showed great sportsmanship and respect to students from other participating schools.

Congratulations go to our Senior Boy Relay team, Kai Pearce, Darcy Cooper, Hayden Lean and Tyler Blacktop, who came first in their event and will head to the Regional Carnival. Congratulations also go to Carla Nunnari and Zarley James on making it to the Regional Carnival. We are waiting confirmation on the results for the timed finals and field events to see if we have any other students who made it to the Regional Carnival. A complete list will be published next week.

Mr Manning and Mr Davies would like to thank all the parents that assisted in transporting our students to the event and that stayed on to cheer all of our students in their events. They would also like to thank all the students for their excellent behaviour on the day.

Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL

PBL Affirmation for the Week

"I can follow instructions"

Assemblies

Infants: 12.50pm – 1.20pm

Primary: 1.25pm – 1.55pm

Shopping Fundraiser

Don't forget our great shopping trip to Sydney that has been organised as a fundraiser for Tenambit Public School. We'll visit six factory outlets that sell a variety of goods including clothes, accessories, homewares, toys and much more.

Please ask your friends and family to come along as the more seats we fill the more money we will raise for our school!

When: Saturday 14th October 2017

Cost: \$65.00 (includes luxury coach travel, hostess, lunch, morning/afternoon tea)



Please hand note into the office with your deposit as soon as possible.

New Office Finance System

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

There have been changes to the way we can 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.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. If you have any questions, please contact our office on 4933 7196.

Canteen News – Chicken Burger

In order to comply with the new Healthy Canteen guidelines our chicken burgers will now be made with a chicken pattie from Tenambit Butchers.

Please try out our new burger!!

Canteen Roster

Canteen Roster		
Week 5		
Tuesday	15 th August	Karleigh, Pieta, Kaye/Julie
Wednesday	16 th August	Karleigh, Kaye
Thursday	17 th August	Liane, Kaye, Molly, Rebecca/Natalie
Friday	18 th August	Liane, Samantha, Molly, Luke
Week		
Monday	21 st August	Liane, Belinda, Molly

AUTHOR VISIT 2017

DEBORAH KELLY

BOOK WEEK

Below is a list of books that will be available to pre-order before the day DEBORAH KELLY visits your school

A signed copy of a book is a wonderful memento and reminder of what will surely be a fun and inspiring day for all.

Title	Price	Order Qty
The Chalk Rainbow	\$25.00	
Dinosaur Disco	\$25.00	
Jam for Nana	\$10.00	
The Bouncing Ball	\$20.00	
Ruby Wishfingers #1: Skydancers Escape	\$10.00	
Ruby Wishfingers #2: Toad-ally Magic	\$10.00	
Ruby Wishfingers #3: Hide & Seek	\$10.00	
Ruby Wishfingers #4: King of the Castle	\$10.00	
Me And You	\$25.00	

Total Amount \$ _____

Ordering a book for your child can be done a number of ways.

- You can return this completed form to your school with payment 1 week prior to the event (**No later than - 14th August**)
- You can contact us directly via phone or e-mail and we will have the book available for your child to collect on the day.
T- 49 692525 | E- sales@macleansbooks.com.au
- You may purchase online at www.macleansbooks.com.au (Search under title or author's name and include a note ("To be collected at "insert school name " author visit")

All enquires regarding book purchases should be made to MacLean's Booksellers

School Name: _____

Student's Name _____ Student's Class: _____

Parent Contact (Name & Phone): _____

Total Amount Due: _\$ _____

Payment via : Cash (Please use a labelled envelope) **Credit Card : VISA Mastercard Amex**

Credit Card Number _____ Exp Date: _____

Name on the Card: _____ Signature: _____

Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

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What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

** Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.