

Monday, 12 February 2018

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 3 (already) to our families. What a successful start to school it's been for our kids and particularly for our Kindergarten children. We can already see the progress they are making each day and it's only been a week for them at school. Our children all had such a great start to the year, we gave them an additional 10 minutes of playtime on Friday to acknowledge their great efforts.

I am very pleased and proud to announce our Miss Creagan has been given a wonderful professional opportunity this year due to her professionalism, her abilities in teaching and keen learning skills. She has been selected to be one of the new Language, Learning and Literacy Trainers for our area and will be undertaking this role on Thursdays and Fridays starting this week. This is not only great for her, but for our school as we gain additional staff skills and abilities to share with our staff and our students, and we get to show off our school as other teachers come to our school to undertake this L3 training. Mrs Sargent will relinquish her library role on Fridays to team teach with Miss Creagan. They will work together to form a strong teaching team for the Kindergarten class.

Our school staff would like to remind our families of our two Kiss and Go areas. One area is located in front of the Admin office and the other in the Infants Cola near the entry from Collinson Street. Please use these two areas, let your children know where you'll collect them in the afternoons so they're not concerned about where to find you, and give them the independence they need to have at school. Some of our areas are becoming quite congested, quite early in the afternoon. Lessons continue up to the afternoon bell and our children are quite distracted in the afternoons by early arrivals. Please help us with this. We'd love to have you in our school and in classrooms volunteering your time to help our teachers and our kids and there are lots of opportunities to do this. We need helpers in canteen, with reading groups in our Infants classrooms, gardeners in the afternoons in our Green and sewers to help with our sewing program

(starting soon). Please keep an eye out for 'helper lists' during our Meet and Greet on Thursday.

Our school is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools Program this year. We are getting quite low of some items of sporting equipment and this is a fabulous way to get replacements and additional equipment. When you shop at Coles Supermarkets, you will receive a voucher for every \$10.00 spent. Bring your vouchers into the school office and place them in the Coles box. All the vouchers we collect will go towards purchasing sporting equipment for our students. The more vouchers we can collect the better. If you (or family, friends and neighbours) shop at Coles, please support us.

The first P&C meeting for the year is next Monday. We'd love you to join us in the library at 6.00pm. Our P&C supports our school in many ways, lots of which you saw last year and already this year, and they cannot do it without members to volunteer.

I'd like to thank those families who used our Facebook survey to let me know your thoughts last year about Assembly times. We'd like to make it easier for our families to attend their child's assemblies and it's often a little easier to be released from work commitments for an afternoon. Therefore, because of the survey results, our Infants (Kindergarten to Year 2) Assembly will be held on Monday afternoons at 2:30 pm and our Primary (Years 3 to 6) Assembly will be held on Friday afternoons at 2:30pm.

Join us for our "Meet and Greet" on Thursday afternoon. This is a chance to meet your teachers, find out what's going on in classes and have a snag, have a chat with other parents and should you want a longer chat with your teachers, make an appointment for a meeting. 3:30pm to 5:30pm in our hall.

See you on Thursday,

Donna Stackman

PBL Affirmation for the Week

"I can strive for excellence"

ASSEMBLIES (from Week 4)

Infants: Monday 2.30pm

Primary: Friday 2.30pm

School Calendar Term 1

Week 3

Wednesday 14 th February	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office
Thursday 15 th February	Parent Meet & Greet 3.30pm – 5.30pm Play 2 Learn 9.00am-11.00am

Week 4

Monday 19 th February	P&C Meeting at 6.00pm
Wednesday 21 st February	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office
Thursday 22 nd February	Play 2 Learn 9.00am-11.00am

Week 5

Wednesday 28 th February	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office
Thursday 1 st March	Play 2 Learn 9.00am-11.00am
Friday 2 nd March	School Clean Up Day

Week 6

Wednesday 7 th March	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office
Thursday 8 th March	Play 2 Learn 9.00am-11.00am

Week 7

Thursday 15 th March	Play 2 Learn 9.00am-11.00am
Friday 16 th March	Athletics Carnival

Week 8

Tuesday 20 th March	World Story Telling Day
Wednesday 21 st March	Harmony Day
Thursday 22 nd March	Play 2 Learn 9.00am-11.00am

Canteen Roster

Week 3

Tuesday	13 th February	Molly, Pieta
Wednesday	14 th February	Molly, Kaye
Thursday	15 th February	Liane, Molly, Scott
Friday	16 th February	Liane, Kaye, Karleigh

Week 4

Monday	19 th February	Liane, Belinda, Karleigh
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Gardeners wanted!

We need help!

We're extending our kitchen garden project and making improvements to our grounds.

No experience needed, just willingness to help!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS - 2:20pm

Come once or come more often, please see Mrs Stackman for further details



Play 2 Learn is a meeting place for families to connect with each other, talk to professionals, learn strategies on how to support your child to learn through play and other activities at home. Children will have access to a variety of play experiences and opportunities to enhance their learning and development while having fun!

These sessions are facilitated by Hunter Prelude Educators, Therapists and staff from partnering community organisations.



Who: Families with Children 0-6 yrs.

When: Every Thursday

Term 1— 15th February, 2018

Where: Tenambit Public School Hall

Time: 9am-11am

Cost: Free

Contact: 49374549 for more information

Please bring a drink bottle, morning tea & sunhat. Sunscreen will be available.

Contacts for Play 2 Learn community Groups

Greta Play 2 Learn - Greta Public School - 4938 7331
Kurri Play 2 Learn - Kurri Hunter Prelude - 49374549
Tenambit Play 2 Learn - Tenambit Public School - 4933 7196
Woodberry Playgroup - Woodberry Public School - 49642174
Rutherford Public School - 49374549



2018 Swimming Carnival

Tenambit Public School held their annual swimming carnival on Wednesday 7th February. The weather was perfect and all students participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. A huge thank you to the parents who gave up their time to assist. Your assistance contributes greatly to the success and smooth running of our carnival.

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to try out for the zone swimming carnival, to be held at Maitland Swimming pool on Tuesday 20th February: Emalini Waqairatu, Indiana Thompson, Zarley James, Lily Driffield, Lucas Ialiano and Brayden Owens.



Get involved in the School Banking program.

Tenambit Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5.00 for every ten deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Thursday. Each week you need to hand your bank book into the banking box at the school office.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

