

Monday, 19 February 2018

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 4 everyone, hard to believe it's arrived so fast. I'd like to say a huge thank you to our school staff for the organisation of such a great first "Meet and Greet" last week. It was lovely to see so many families who were visiting our stage stalls, finding out about the learning tasks and directions, the excursions coming up and meeting our teachers. Thank you too to our P&C ladies for manning the second hand uniform shop and to our BBQ crew for cooking and serving the BBQ for our families. It's great to meet so many people and have a chat.

Our first gardening afternoon starts this week on Wednesday afternoon and I'd love to see you join me from 2:30 in the afternoon. We'll be working in the Green so bring your gumboots, your gardening gloves and some digging tools.

We commenced our School Assemblies this week with the Infants having their first for the year this afternoon. I love watching the kids organise and manage our assemblies, they do such a great job and everyone loves it. Our Primary Assembly is on Friday afternoon, see you there.

We'll be talking to our children about aspects of Road Safety this week, particularly using the crossings to cross the road. Some of our children (and parents) are still choosing to cross without using the pedestrian crossing. This is very unsafe and our children are reminded of this on a continual basis. Please support us by demonstrating safe behaviour and discussing this with your children too.

And finally, we'd like to invite you all to our first P&C meeting for the year tonight at 6.00pm in the school library. Come and join a friendly and dynamic group of people who work to support our kids.

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

School Calendar Term 1	
Week 4	
Monday 19 th February	P&C Meeting at 6.00pm
Tuesday 20 th February	Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 21 st February	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office Parent Info evening - MHS
Sunday 25 th February	Bunnings BBQ - Maitland
Week 5	
Wednesday 28 th February	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office
Friday 2 nd March	School Clean Up Day
Week 6	
Wednesday 7 th March	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office
Week 7	
Friday 16 th March	Athletics Carnival National Against Bullying Day
Week 8	
Tuesday 20 th March	World Story Telling Day
Wednesday 21 st March	Harmony Day School Disco
Friday 23 rd March	National Ride 2 School Day
Week 9	
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Hat Parade

PBL Affirmation for the Week

"I can follow the 5 star rules"

ASSEMBLIES

Infants: Monday 2.25pm

Primary: Friday 2.25pm

Resolution Room

As of today, students who are not meeting behaviour expectations may have the opportunity to discuss and reflect on their choices in the Resolution Room at recess with Mrs Ainsworth. The resolution room will provide students with the opportunity to accept responsibility for what they have done, understand how their actions have affected other people and use the conferencing process to help change their future behaviour. This is part of our Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) program.

If your child attends the Resolution Room you will be contacted as to the reason for their attendance and the goal that was set. We appreciate your support in helping our students strive for positive behaviour choices.



Tenambit Public School is holding a Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser on Sunday 25th February. We are in need of helpers and would appreciate any help. You can volunteer for as little as half an hour. There are spaces available all day between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

If you are able to assist, please see Mrs Gilchrist in the school office.

Maitland Regional Show Scarecrow Competition

'Katie the Kind Scarecrow' has been crowned CHAMPION Scarecrow (Yr3-Yr6) at Maitland Regional Show. Congratulations to Mr Davies and his team. Katie will be in the office for the rest of the week, so if you are in the school come in and check her out.



School Hats

Just a reminder to ensure your child has a school hat packed daily, so they do not miss out on sport activities or outside play time.



Canteen Roster

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Week 3		
Tuesday	20 th February	Molly, Pieta
Wednesday	21 st February	Karleigh, Kaye
Thursday	22 nd February	Liane, Kaye, Victoria
Friday	23 rd February	Liane, Molly
Week 4		
Monday	26 th February	Liane, Belinda, Karleigh



Dear Parents,

Home Reading Program 2018

All children have been given their new 'Home Reading Program' record book.

Reading is the single most important skill the child will learn at school and while many children have developed reading skills, further development depends on using these skills regularly.

Parents are asked complete their child's reading card. Younger students will need extra support whereas older students will be more independent. Parents should sign for each night the child reads (holiday periods and weekends can be included). The time spent reading each night will depend on the age of the student, other homework tasks and family schedules.

The following points may help you and your child make the most of this program:

1. Always be positive - you can't make a child read BUT you can ensure you provide enough stimulating material at an appropriate level that your child will want to read.
2. Your own role model is very important. Do you read and discuss books in front of your children?
3. Make sure your child is not making 'heavy weather' of their reading.
4. Let children choose what they read. The aim is to enjoy reading, not what we think it is good for them. Never criticise their choice of book. Books can be borrowed from the school, town library or from home.
5. Share reading, take it in turns reading a page.
6. Be aware of your child's favourite author and sort of books or series e.g. Captain Underpants, Dork Diaries, Tom Gates. Please encourage your child to read as widely as possible.
7. Make use of book clubs such as our Scholastic Book Club. There are lots of reasonably priced, quality books.
8. Visit your local library or bookshop together - get the whole family to borrow and read at once.

Awards will be presented:

25 nights - 25 reading sessions - certificate presented in class
50 nights - 50 reading sessions - certificate presented at assembly
75 nights - 75 reading sessions - certificate presented in class
100 nights - 100 reading sessions - certificate presented at assembly
125 nights - 125 reading sessions - certificate presented in class
150 nights - 150 reading sessions - certificate presented at assembly
200 nights - 200 reading sessions - certificate and a book presented at Presentation Day

*If your child reads more than one book in a night please record this in the same box as it is the number of nights of home reading, not the number of books.

The program awards are for each calendar year.

Looking forward to an exciting year of reading,

Class Teachers
Tenambit Public School
