

Monday, 1 July 2019

From the Principal

Welcome to our last Week of Term 2. As always this week we celebrate NAIDOC Week with activities to immerse our children in one of the oldest cultures in the world. Today we started the week off with dancing from our dance group and a smoking ceremony performed by Uncle Tommy. On Friday we'd like to invite all parents and family members to our special assembly at 9:30am where we'll announce the winners of our colouring in competition and the name of our PBL Mascot Eagle. What a great week to finish the term off.

During our special assembly, we'll say farewell to Mrs Chapman as she moves on in the next chapter of her teaching career, her permanent appointment. Mrs Chapman has been a Stage 3 teacher with us since her graduation as a teacher and she's very excited to be permanently appointed through the Targeted Graduate Program, a testimony to her hard work and dedication to her studies, a role model of how working toward goals enables success.

I'd like to remind families that those children who received permission notes for our PBL Acknowledgement days must have these returned by 10.00am Wednesday. Final numbers must be given to the buses and venues and we cannot accept late notes under any circumstances.

Could we have our 3 Way Conferences notes returned to your class teacher by this week too please if possible. The sooner you return your note, the more likely you'll be able to receive your chosen time slot.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our school team for their dedication, hard work and care that they have put into the term. They all deserve a break, to recoup, to get well, to rest.

Please have a safe and restful holiday break.

Until next term,
Donna Stackman

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School Calendar Term 2	
Week 10 - NAIDOC Week	
Wednesday 3 rd July	CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am
Thursday 4 th July	Reward Day – Ninja Parc and PCYC Maitland
Friday 5 th July	Last day of Term 2 School reports to go home
Term 3 - 2019	
Week 1	
Monday 22 nd July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 23 rd July	Students return to school
Wednesday 24 th July	CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am

PBL Affirmation for the Week

Our PBL playground area this week is focusing on the Multi-Purpose Court (MPC).

We show respect by playing ball games only, using appropriate language, protecting the gardens.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8.30am – 3.15pm

P&C News!!!

We cannot believe that we are at the end of Term 2!

Uniform Shop News

The P&C have been working very hard behind the scenes and we are currently in the process of adding our uniform shop to Flexi Schools! We will have lots more news on this in Term 3 but watch this space for more developments.

Fete News

As Term 2 closes, we are even closer to our Fete and Market Day!

We still have a few spaces left for stall holders so if you know anyone who may be interested, please have them get in touch!

Fete Banking will continue in Term 3. This has been very successful in the past and is a great way to encourage students to save for the fete. If you are interested, fete banking is on Friday mornings before school.

Raffle tickets will go home very early next term. Be sure to keep an eye out as we are working on some prizes that will be very popular!



Fete Day Supporters

Our P&C have been very busy talking with businesses about supporting our School Fete. The following businesses have offered support or donations to our day. We would like to thank them and ask that if you are looking for activities to do in the holidays/out shopping, keep these businesses in mind to support them in return.

- Super Strike Maitland
- Gravity X, Rutherford
- Hunter Valley Zoo
- Snap Fitness
- Reading Cinemas Maitland
- Dan Murphys
- Timezone, Greenhills
- Hoyts, Greenhills
- Hunter River Hotel
- Preah Ko
- Newcastle Tree Top Adventure Park

These are just some of the businesses to date and we will be adding even more over the coming weeks!

We hope that all of our families have a great break and we look forward to a very busy and exciting Term 3!

Assembly

A big thank you to Jenny Aitchison MP for presenting our Leaders with Certificates at our assembly last Thursday.



Tenambit Public School CUBS Program

The 2019 CUBS (Coming Up To Big School) Program has commenced at Tenambit Public School on Wednesday's from 9.00am to 11.00am.

This is a school readiness program for children commencing Kindergarten at Tenambit Public School in 2020.

Please register your child at the school office. An enrolment pack will need to be collected and returned to school before commencement.



Updates around out school.....

It's hard to believe this is the final week of Term 2! This week our dedicated staff have planned many wonderful opportunities for our students to be involved in.

With NAIDOC Week 7th-14th July 2019, students at Tenambit Public School will be involved in a myriad of activities to support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. We'll celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) peoples. Today the whole school commenced with a Smoking Ceremony, supported by our ATSI primary students performing a heartfelt dance. Other activities this week include an artefacts talk to all stages, weaving, traditional games, colouring competition, a Stage 3 special guest, cultural activities and stories. Students are invited to come to school dressed in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours on Friday. Many thanks to our dedicated School Learning and Support Officers (SLSO's), Jakeob, Caleb and Neville for organising and supporting many of the NAIDOC activities our students will be involved in this week.

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning reward days, K-2 students who have successfully earned five 'tenners' will be enjoying themselves at Maitland PCYC on Thursday. Primary students with five 'tenners' will be taking the bus to Newcastle Ninja Parc at Cooks Hill to get physically active and have lots of fun with friends on the obstacle challenges. There are lots of excited students and staff! Please return all permission slips to the school to enable smooth organisation of the day.

Semester 1 reports will be going home this Friday. Reports provide parents and carer's information on a student's learning in each of the Key Learning Areas against state-wide syllabus standards. Information will be provided identifying areas of student strength and areas for further development. Teachers are available to discuss your child's report as part of student goal setting and 3 way conferences between the teacher, student and parent/carers. These will be during Week 2 and Week 3 of Term 3. Please ensure you return the note indicating preferences for times, to your child's teacher. Alternatively please make contact with your child's teacher to make another time to discuss your child's goals. Families are strongly encouraged to support the goal setting process and 3 way conferences.

Congratulations to our school leaders who have had a very busy term. Last week their leadership efforts were formally acknowledged at the Primary Assembly. Member for Maitland, Jenny Aitchinson, presented leadership certificates to our school's Leadership Team. Congratulations to you all! Members of the leadership team are responsible for leading by example and have important roles in assisting with the smooth running of the school. Ensuring flags are flown and taken down,

leading assemblies, recycling cardboard and paper are just a few of the many jobs our wonderful leaders do.

This week we say farewell to Mrs Alarna Chapman and congratulate her on her appointment to Thornton Public School as a targeted Graduate Teacher. Mrs Chapman is highly dedicated, passionate, hardworking and motivated in all that she does. The staff, students and community of Tenambit Public School (T.P.S) will certainly miss her. On behalf of our school, I would like to thank Alarna for her commitment and dedication to our students and wish her all the very best as she embarks on the next stage of her teaching career.

Term 3 commences for students on Tuesday 23rd July 2019. Monday 22nd July is a Staff Development Day, with teachers and support staff involved in professional development activities on this day. Thank you to all in our school community for a wonderful term. May the holiday break be safe and enjoyable, with time to rest and relax in preparation for Semester 2.

Regards,
Kylie Caffery
Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 3

Arbor Day Planting

Our leaders had a fabulous morning planting trees in our local community on Thursday 20th June. Thanks to MAITLAND City Council for this lovely opportunity to leave a legacy.



Public Speaking Competition

The Tenambit Public School local Public Speaking Competition was held on 26th June in the school hall.

What a competition it was! We heard from speakers in Stage 1, 2 and 3 and the adjudicators were very impressed with the high level of competition.

We heard speeches on such diverse topics as mermaids, dragons, Prime Ministers, families, animation and cows that can think.

All competitors showed they had worked hard to write and present their speeches, but there could only be two place getters in each stage.

The winning students will be advised of details for the area finals in September. So please keep practising those speeches.

Mrs Manners and Miss Richardson
Public Speaking Co-ordinators



Stage 1

1st – Chase
2nd – Skye



Stage 2

1st – Loisi
2nd – Claire



Stage 3

1st – Emalini
2nd – Ofa



Book Fair is Coming!

Book Fair 2019 will be held next term on Thursday 22nd August. More details will be advised closer to the date. The theme this year is “Reading is My Secret Power”. Our Book Parade will be held on the same day as the fair. So put on your thinking caps, get creative and start planning your costume.

Late Arrivers

If your child arrives late to school, even if only five minutes, please ensure you come to the office to get a late note to give to the class teacher. A lot of students are going straight to class late when the roll has already been marked and then parents are receiving unnecessary text messages to say their child is absent. Thank you for your cooperation.

Spare clothing in student's bags

In the colder months, the younger students tend to have more accidents and we do not always have replacement clothes or underwear we can give them. Please ensure that spare clothes and underwear are packed in your child's bag so we can organise them to change without having to contact parents to bring spare clothing up to school.

News from the Office

Please note we do not keep a float in the school office, so therefore cannot give change. Can you please ensure when paying with cash you have the correct money, or alternatively you can pay online through our website using the 'Make a Payment' tab.



School Community Charter

Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school



We create collaborative learning environments

We all play a part

We work in partnership to promote student learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up to date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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TAKE THE BUS TO SCHOOL AND MAKE BEANIES COOL

You may be surprised to learn that, in Australia, brain cancer kills more children than any other disease and more people under 40 than any other cancer, yet it is one of the most underfunded and under researched cancers of all time. Your participation in Beanie for Brain Cancer Day will enable us to increase awareness of this terrible disease, and raise much needed funds for brain cancer research.

Your school community can help us by participating in our Beanie for Brain Cancer campaign. It's easy, fun, and a great opportunity for students to experience first hand how a small effort by many can make a big difference!

On Tuesday 30th July 2019, Hunter Valley Buses will be donating 10 cents per school Opal tap for school students using their school bus.

Transport for NSW will be providing Hunter Valley Buses with the total school Opal taps for the day so we can contribute to finding better treatments and ultimately to finding a cure for brain cancer.

Participating is simple, wear your beanies and tap on and tap off with your school Opal card when boarding and alighting your school bus.

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