

Monday, 29 July 2019

From the Principal

Welcome all to Week 2. We had a great first week of term last week with our children coming back to school eager to learn, meet with friends, greet teachers and settle back into school routine.

This week our 3 Way Conferences commence involving students, their parents and caregivers and teachers to chat about goals, progress and how growth can continue. Conferences continue over a two week period, into Week 3 which is also Education Week.

The theme for Education Week this year is "Every Student, Every Voice". Each day our children have the opportunity to be heard, to participate and to learn with teachers working with each and every child continuously throughout the school year. On Tuesday evening, 6th August, our local network of schools celebrate the successes of school programs and acknowledge the hard work, effort and citizenship of students, community and parents within their schools. It gave me great pleasure to hand out invitations to our Presentation Evening to our students, teachers and parents on Friday. To celebrate Education Week at a school level, please come and visit us in classrooms on Friday 9th August from 9:30am – 11.00am. There's lots happening in classrooms each day and you'll have the opportunity to see this and have some fun in participating as well. We'll finish off with a sausage sizzle for lunch so keep an eye out for RSVP notes next week.

Over the last three years, our Executive Team has been working on the development and implementation of a program of supportive practice for our students and families at school. Named the FAST (Families, Agencies, School Together) Program, we are working with specialists in various fields within the school setting to provide supportive practice, knowledge and programs for our kids and support for their families. We acknowledge that it's very difficult in our local area to see therapists with long waiting lists, being uncertain at times of where to seek assistance and the ever increasing costs for families. Currently, our CUBS program is the starting point of this program where our children have speech, sight and hearing checks along with immersion in play, learning and

routines. This is complemented by our whole school and K-2 specific supports including wellbeing and social play, Mindfulness and work with therapists such as Speech and Occupational Therapists. This week our Kindergarten parents received a short note about how our OTs will be working with children and families. This is just a small part of how our school is working with families to provide the best opportunities for success for our kids, as and when we can. I'm more than happy to chat with parents about this further if you'd like to know more.

As part of how you as parents and caregivers, can participate in our kid's successful time at school, our Deputy Principal Instructional Leader, Ms Fittler will be running an information session about the PaTCH (Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers) program. This program is part of the Early Action for Success Initiative (our school has been part of this for the past four years) and is a training program for volunteers to support children in learning to read, write and use counting in the early years of schooling. This information session will be run in the school's library on Thursday at 2:30pm. Please come along to learn more.

And finally I'd like to invite our families to attend our assemblies as they resume this week.

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8.30am – 3.15pm

PBL Affirmation for the Week

Our PBL focus for Week 2 is demonstrating 'Respect' and 'Responsibility' when using our walkways.

Our expectations are:

- making room for others
- following instructions
- moving quietly
- walking on hard surfaces
- staying to the left

Basketball Gala Day

Congratulations to our 3v3 Basketball teams, who competed in the annual AECG 3 on 3 Basketball Gala Day. The students played seven games, competing as three separate teams, with two teams making it through to the semi-finals. All students played with passion and admirable sportsmanship and were excellent representatives of our school. I would also like to thank the parents who came along and supported the students, helping out with scoring and transport. We cannot participate in these types of events without your assistance and it is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Morison



Book Fair is coming!

The big day is getting closer and the theme is 'Reading Is My Secret Power'. The Book Parade will be held under the COLA at 12.30pm on Thursday 22nd and the Book Fair will open from 8.00am to 4.00pm also on Thursday. EFTPOS will also be available.

School Calendar Term 3

Week 2

Tuesday 30 th Jul – Fri 2 nd Aug	Hunter Region GATS Camp
Wednesday 31 st July	Local Government Week School's Breakfast
Thursday 1 st August	Pie Drive Forms due back PaTCH info session 2.30pm
Friday 2 nd August	Zone Athletics Carnival

Week 3 – Education Week

Monday 5 th August	Spelling Bee Finals Years 2-6 @ 12.00pm
Friday 9 th August	Stage 1 Choir perform under COLA at 9.00am Classroom visits 9.30am – 11.00am

Week 5 – BOOK WEEK

Monday 19 th August	P&C Meeting 6.00pm
Thursday 22 nd August	Book Parade – 12.30pm Book Fair – 8.00am to 4.00pm

Week 6

Friday 30 th August	Father's Day Breakfast
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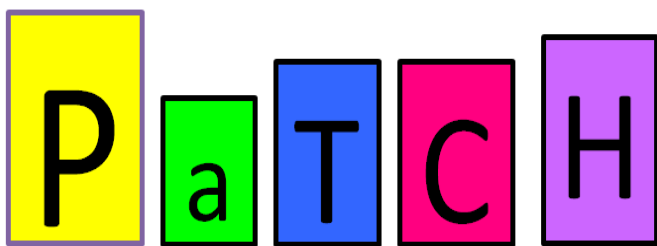
Week 8

Wednesday 11 th September	Hunter Wetlands Excursion Stage 3 Kinder Excursion to Oakvale Farm
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Debating

On Thursday 25th July, our Stage 3 Debaters competed in the third round of the Premier Debating Challenge. Students travelled to Woodberry Public School to debate the topic, 'Year 6 Students should baby sit their younger siblings', with Tenambit arguing on the affirmative team. Although we lost on the day, students tried their hardest and represented our school with pride. Thank you to our parent helper who volunteered their time to transport students to and from the debate. Our Year 6 Debaters will be competing in Round 4 of the Premiers Debating Challenge in the coming weeks. Best of luck to the students who will be competing on the day.





At Tenambit Public School we value the role parents and caregivers play in supporting our students' learning.

We are proud to offer the Parents as Teachers and Community Helpers (PaTCH) course to increase parent and caregiver confidence in supporting children's learning at home and within the classroom.

Participants will receive weekly professional learning covering the topics of:

- how children learn,
- how children learn to speak and listen,
- how children learn to read,
- how children learn to write, and,
- supporting children with numbers.

This learning will be presented as 5 x 1½ hour sessions followed by sessions (at least one hour per week) in classrooms and will take place over 10 – 15 weeks.

If you are interested and wish to learn more, please join us for the PaTCH information session this Thursday, 1st August at 2.30pm in the library.

Thank you

Alison Fittler
Instructional Leader

PIE DRIVE

Please ensure all order forms for the Pie Drive are back by
Thursday 1st August 2019

School gate instructions

When you want to enter the grounds, press the button on the right hand side of the gate which will then ring in the office for us to release and unlock the gate. Once you hear unlocked, **PUSH** the **LEFT** gate to enter.

This is the same process when you leave the school grounds. There is also a button on the other side of the gate to press to alert the office you are exiting and **PULL** the **RIGHT** gate to exit.

ASSEMBLIES

Infants: Monday 2.25pm

Primary: Thursday 2.25pm

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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.

Make your taps count... to apply or update your child's details visit
<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

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TENAMBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C NEWS

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We are very proud to announce that we have secured some fantastic prizes and raffle books will be going home tomorrow.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and all profits will be returned directly to our school

Fun Day Banking

Fun Day Banking will continue this term every Friday morning, in front of the Library before school. This is a great way for students to save some money and has been very popular in the past!

Ride Pre-Sale

We will begin selling our unlimited ride bands from this Friday morning at the Fun Day banking table before school.

Ride bands will cost \$20.00 and any that are purchased before the day contribute money to our fundraising efforts.

Volunteers

The P&C will be holding a BBQ Fundraiser on the day. We are looking for some volunteers to help cook on the BBQ's, make up orders and do sales.

We need as many volunteers as possible for this to enable us to be as quick as possible!

If you can help for even an hour, please get in touch with a P&C member in the canteen, through the office or through Facebook.

Market Stalls

We still have space for any market stall holders who are interested in coming along to join this great day, please have them contact the office.

Spaces are just \$30.00 for a 3m x 3m space or \$50.00 for a 6m x 3m space.

1st Prize - Family Getaway Pack (\$900.00 Value)

- \$750.00 Credit for Big 4 Great Lakes at Forster Tuncurry
- Bottle of wine
- 4 x tickets to Hoyts Cinemas
- \$30.00 Bakers Delight Voucher
- \$25.00 Dan Murphey's Voucher
- \$20.00 Donarch Fine Chocolates Voucher

2nd Prize – Weekend Adventure Pack (over \$450.00 value)

- Tree Top Adventure Park Newcastle, Family Pass
- Bottle of wine
- \$20.00 Gravity X Voucher
- Chipmunks Pack
- Beresfield Golf Club, Mini Golf Family Pass
- \$50.00 Hunter River Hotel Voucher
- Super Strike Maitland, Family Pass
- TimeZone Greenhills, 2 x Free Timed Play Passes
- Reading Cinemas Maitland, 2 x tickets
- \$30.00 Bakers Delight Voucher

3rd Prize – Local Fun and Active Pack (over \$300 value)

- Snap Fitness, One month membership
- Hunter Valley Zoo, Family Pass
- Bottle of wine
- Gravity X Rutherford, \$20.00 Voucher
- Beresfield Golf Club, Family Foot Golf Pass
- Super Strike Maitland, Family Pass