



Monday, 30 November 2020

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 8 everyone, not too long to go now. I'd like to start off by reminding our families about our Staff Development days at the end of the year and for the beginning of the 2021 year.

Last Day for Students 2020 and Staff Development Days in 2021

The last day for students this year is Wednesday, 16th December. Our teachers have Staff Development days on Thursday 17th December and Friday 18th December, however this is not based at school and our staff have 'worked off' the last staff development day already. The school is closed on both Thursday 17th December and Friday 18th December, with the start of the school holidays on Monday 21st December.

The Department of Education has changed the Staff Development day dates for 2021. At the start of Term 1 both Wednesday 27th January 2021 and Thursday 28th January 2021 are Staff Development days. Students commence school on Friday 29 January 2021. As a result of this extra day in Term One there will now only be one Staff Development day in Term 4 2021 on Friday 17th December. This means the final day for students is Thursday 16th December 2021.

Share Our Space

The school will again be part of this program for the Summer Holiday break. Entry to our school's bottom playground will be available from the Maize Street entrance and all children using the playground must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. We're very happy to participate in this community sharing of space and I know our grounds are used responsibly and safely.

NAIDOC Week

This week Tenambit Public School celebrates NAIDOC week and acknowledges First Nations culture and traditions. The theme for NAIDOC Week is "Always Was, Always Will Be."

We are celebrating with some traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait activities throughout the week. We'll finish the week with an out of uniform day on Friday 4th December with traditional colours: Black, Yellow and Red to recognise Aboriginal culture and Blue, Green and White to recognise Torres Strait culture.

This week our Year 6 students attending Maitland High School will walk with teachers for their first Orientation Day at the High School. This will be followed by the Jump Start Program soon. Our Student Captains and Vice Captains will visit Maitland City Council on Thursday to speak with planners about their ideas to add to our community's infrastructure. This is something our team has been working on for some time and follows on from their meeting earlier with Mayor Loretta Baker.

The last scripture lessons for our students will be on Tuesday. Usually lessons finish with a whole school assembly, however this year a more scaled back presentation will occur in each scripture classroom. I'd like to thank our scripture teachers for all they've done this year. It's been a little different but they still arrive each week, with a smile.

I do hope everyone managed to stay cool over the weekend. In such extreme temperatures, all we can do is rest, relax and keep our fluids up. Let's hope we don't get too many of these hot days before the end of school. In warmer temperatures, it's very important our kids have their drink bottles each day. We're getting more and more of these (and other items) in our lost property without names. We're also still seeing students arrive in jumpers and these are then left at the end of the day as it grows far too warm to wear them.

I urge parents to please once again make sure your child's belongings have names clearly marked so when lost, they can be returned.

With only thirteen school days (including today) left of school for our students, we've still quite a bit happening; our last PBL badge assembly, our Presentation Days, our Year 6 Farewell, our class parties and our last PBL Acknowledgement Day (our Colour Run) still to go. I'm sure we'll make it!

Until next week,

Donna Stackman


SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
8.30am – 3.15pm

School Calendar Term 4	
Week 8 – NAIDOC WEEK	
Monday 30 th November	Sport Captains Elections
Week 9	
Monday 7 th December	9.30am-10.30am Early Stage 1
Tuesday 8 th December	9.30am-10.30am Stage 1
Wednesday 9 th December	9.30am-10.30am Stage 3
Thursday 10 th December	9.30am-10.30am Stage 2 Year 6 Farewell 6.00pm-9.00pm K-2 Final PBL Badge Presentation 3-6 Final PBL Badge Presentation
Friday 11 th December	Party Day
Week 10	
Monday 14 th December	PBL Acknowledgement Day
Wednesday 16 th December	Last Day of Term 4
School Calendar Term 1 2021	
Week 1	
Wednesday 27 th January	Staff Development Day
Thursday 28 th January	Staff Development Day
Friday 29 th January	First Day back for Students


STUDENT WATER BOTTLES

Due to protocols in the current situation please ensure your children bring their own water bottles to school daily, as they are currently unable to use the water bubblers. Students are only able to fill up their bottles from the water fill station.

For any Uniform Shop questions or concerns, please email:
tenambituniforms@mail.com



PBL Focus Lesson – Gaining Teacher Attention



Expectation – Respect

We show respect when gaining teacher attention by:
raising our hand to speak, waiting patiently and using our manners.

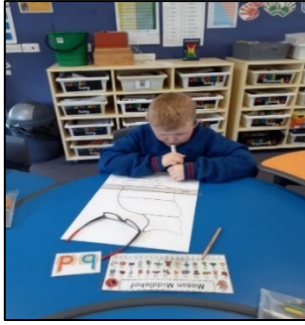
Expectation – Responsibility

We show responsibility when gaining teacher attention by:
keeping our hands and feet to ourselves and staying seated.

Expectation – Excellence

We show excellence when gaining teacher attention by:
continuing the learning activity while we are waiting, asking ourselves, "Is it necessary?" and asking a peer to help.

K-6 Blue have been learning about the artist Piet Mondrian. He was known for his abstract art and using primary colours. We have enjoyed learning about and making abstract art.



The students in K-6 Blue enjoy participating in literacy rotations. They do a range of hands on learning activities. They involve spelling, letter/sound recognition, handwriting, reading and fine motor skills.

K-6 Green have enjoyed producing artwork inspired by Pete Cromer. They have appreciated describing the different shapes they have seen like a tear drop, fat F and lots of circles. K-6 Green loved the vivid colours used.



K-6 Red have been learning about Aboriginal Art and have had great fun applying the different techniques to their own artwork.

