

Monday, 25 October 2021

## From the Principal

Welcome to Week 4 as we ALL return to face to face learning at school. It was certainly lovely to see how excited our kids were this morning and they bounded into school.

We have made lots of plans and procedures to keep our kids and staff healthy and happy at school keeping in mind all the Department of Health and Department of Education guidelines. As outlined previously, we have staggered lunch and recess breaks throughout the day along with different play areas depending on if your child is in Infants or Primary and will move to separate play areas with the same break times later this week, now that our canteen has resumed operations.

Cross ventilation is in all learning areas as we know fresh air is important. This doesn't mean that air conditioning isn't utilised in hot weather though. In the classroom, most is as it was before, children still learn and interact with each other. Learning areas in the classroom are spread out as much as possible in the space available and children are using hand sanitiser when needed. Sharing of items is limited and items sent home and returned to school to support learning, has minimised and in some cases stopped for the moment.

Hygiene measures including additional cleaning of our space is happening every day and our kids are encouraged to bring their own drink bottles each day and of course, no sharing of food.

The canteen is open for online orders only for your child's health and safety, ensuring no mingling in canteen lines. Please note canteen isn't available on a Wednesday so children will need to bring their own lunch. Fruit break isn't available at all so children will need to bring their own each day.

Entry and exits each day are from designated gates, Infants (K-2) from the Collinson Street gate and Primary (3-6) from the Edward Street gate. Infants leave 5 minutes early each afternoon.

As before, parents aren't able to be on site.

We don't know how long these measures will be in place for, but we will adapt and change when we are able to and will let you know about any differences through our weekly newsletter.

I'd like to thank Mr Mason, Mr Marr and Mr Savage for working on creating a new play area for our Infants children. Designed to be a quiet play space this area allows focus on sharing, strengthening social skills and exploratory play. It is also a great place for our Tenambit Tots when we're able to resume this program. Teachers are already arguing (in a quite funny way) as to who gets to do playground duty in this area and it's such a great place to be. It's still a work in progress with softfall flooring to go in yet, some hammocks for chilling in, along with some big sandstone blocks for climbing and sitting. As an everchanging environment, this will grow and change with the kids.

Our permaculture area is growing all the time with veggies going gang busters and the fruit trees already growing well. This totally organic garden compliments our other sustainable grading practices and Mr Potts is looking forward to resuming activities in this area with our primary kids now that we're all back at school.

Our Admin and Office area refurbishment is entering the next stage of development. The plans have been finalised, the engineers have viewed our site and it's almost ready to go to tender. We will be clearing this area throughout this term with work due to commence during the Summer Holidays and throughout the first Semester of the 2022 year. Reflective of our community needs, this refurbishment means we'll have much of what our school needs for many years to come, moving it into another level of supporting our kids. For the first Semester, our Admin will move into the school library area and the library will be fully mobile, delivering lessons and borrowing ability into student classrooms. While the build will have some impacts on how we do things for the first half of the year, the end result will be totally worthwhile. I hope to share an artist impression soon with you all.

And finally, we're urging all who will have children starting school next year to pop online and complete an enrolment form. If unable to do this online, please contact us at school and we will organise enrolment for you. Knowing how many Kinder children we'll have in 2022 is essential to our planning of classes and allows preparation for our kids starting school. Our virtual sessions for our next year's Kindergartens will start in Week 6 (2 more weeks) and we'll get information out to our families so no-one misses out.

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

### Infants Play Area



### Canteen

Our school canteen will be open for **online** lunch orders only from today. This will be available on Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until further notice.

Please note, the canteen will not be open at all on Wednesdays until further notice.

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop has returned to our usual operations from today. Orders will be delivered to classrooms on the Monday and Wednesday as they were in the past. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at [tenambituniforms@mail.com](mailto:tenambituniforms@mail.com) and one of our volunteers will be in touch as soon as possible.

## How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users

 Download on the App Store

for Android users

 GET IT ON Google Play

for more info visit [skoolbag.com.au](http://skoolbag.com.au) 

## World Teachers' Day



29 October 2021





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## O'HEARN ST PARK

WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER  
11:30am - 12:30pm

Tenambit Public School staff will be at O'Hearn Street park  
with enrollment paperwork, ready to help sign up your child  
for Kindy in 2022.