

Monday, 15 November 2021

From the Principal

Wow, can you believe we're starting Week 7 already? Our students have only 24 school days left of the year. Our last student day will be upon us before we know it.

Next week, our current Year 5 students will put themselves forward for selection of our 2022 Student Leaders. Having participated in a Leadership Day last week, our students are well aware of the role, the duties and responsibilities of being a Leader at our school. Students who choose to stand, will work at school to create a speech which will be presented to all students and staff. Several have already spoken to me about this role and their ambitions, and I wish all who are standing the best of luck in their endeavours.

This week our students in Years 4 - 6 will participate in the Tell Them From Me survey. The results of this survey let us know how our children feel about our school and their learning. It helps form the next steps forward in our Strategic Implementation Plan and how best to deliver learning. Our children have a 'voice' at our school, and this is just one of the many ways we hear and listen to it. Also coming up in Week 9 is the Check In Assessment and the NAPLAN on-line readiness test for the online version of next year's NAPLAN. This will help us work out any glitches, issues etc with our systems before participating in the testing next year.

Week 9 is also the week we will host our next year's Kindergarten children as they visit our school. For some of them this will be the first time they've visited. Last week we held the first of our virtual Coffee and Chat zoom meetings and it was great to meet so many new families to our school even through a virtual medium. We will be holding some more of these sessions in the weeks ahead, in different time slots to cater for those whose work commitments mean they can't join us in 'school time'. Our Kinder Orientation dates are Monday 29/11/21, Tuesday 30/11/21 and Wednesday 1/12/21, all at 9:30am - 10:30am. Have a look inside this week's newsletter for more detailed information.

I'd like to thank our organiser Mr Graham for organising our Remembrance Day special assembly last week. Our

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children all joined in via virtual media at 11.00am on 11/11/21. I was very fortunate to meet one of our local community members as he placed a poppy on our Cenotaph in honour of his father who went to WW1. He also just happened to be one of the first students at our school and had very fond memories. Full of living history, he was able to share his stories of what Tenambit used to be like (full of market gardens and orchards), what it was like to live here then and much more.

I met with our building project officer last week and will meet with the full design team later this week and I'm happy to say our refurbishment plans of the Administration Block is going well. To say it's going to look fantastic is a bit of an understatement. While we may have some changes and disruptions to fit into early next year, it'll be worth it. I'm hoping to share an artist concept with you soon.

As we work on the many, many tasks to be finalised prior to the end of the year we'd like to give parents the opportunity to share with us some details regarding class placement for their children next year. Each year, our executives and class teachers spend a great deal of time on creating the following year's class lists. Many things are considered including social needs, academic needs, support in learning needs, friendship groupings, just to name a few. This takes almost a complete term and sometimes longer with many consults with our current year's teachers, the learning and support team, school counsellors and specialist teachers. This week we've included our class preference form where parents may request their child be placed with friends into their next year's class. Please note that while your child may be good friends with another child, this may not be best for their learning and school success to be placed in the same class.

Next year, many of our teachers will be moving class or stage levels for their professional develop and to build in depth knowledge, as part of our school plan for continual improvement. Please don't request a specific teacher for your child or request your child not be placed with a specific teacher, as these requests will not be considered.

We'll take your request into account however please note that we may not be able to fill your request due to the whole class makeup and the way our numbers fall across year levels. We do always try to ensure your child is placed with at least one friend in their next year's class wherever possible. The forms are included in this week's newsletter. **Please have these forms returned by Friday 3rd December.**

On a finishing note, I'd like to point out the importance of regular attendance. I know it's been tricky for some of our kids to come back to full time face to face learning and tricky for you as mums and dads too. Please rest assured that we're doing everything we can to ensure it's safe through following strict protocols and guidelines and once in the school gates among friends, your children are happy and soon moving back to their usual routine. The sooner this occurs, the easier it is for them. If you're concerned, give us a call.

As you're most likely going to be reading this during the afternoon or evening, I just want to be cheeky and point out it'll soon be only 23 days left of school.

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

Sport - Tennis

The ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Racquet Roadshow is again providing 30,000 racquets to foundation students around Australia, thanks to ANZ and Tennis. We are one of 774 lucky schools to be receiving racquets. It's a great opportunity to get our kids moving, both at home and at school! The students have also been given a special certificate to take home to celebrate their new tennis racquets.

ANZ is encouraging all parents to share a picture of their children and their new racquets with the hashtag **#RacquetRoadshow**

Mrs Morison



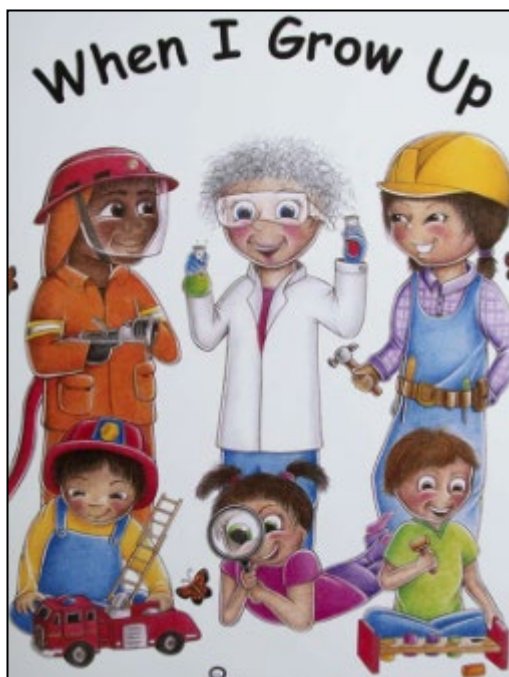
School Calendar - Term 4	
Week 7	
Friday 19 th November	Dream Job Dress Up Day – Gold coin donation
Week 9	
Monday 29 th November	Kindergarten Orientation 9.30am – 10.30am
Tuesday 30 th November	Kindergarten Orientation 9.30am – 10.30am
Wednesday 1 st December	Kindergarten Orientation 9.30am – 10.30am
Week 11	
Thursday 16 th December	Last day of Term



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8.30am – 3.15pm





Dream Job Dress Up Day!

When I grow up I want to be a... Fireman... or a Doctor, no an Astronaut!! On **Friday 19th November** students are encouraged to come dressed to school as what they want to be when they grow up! This is a fundraiser for our Year 6 Farewell so please bring a gold coin donation.

Kindergarten 2022 - Uniforms

As we head closer and closer to the end of year, we know our Kindergarten parents for 2022 are getting excited to purchase uniforms for their young students. As most of you know, we need to operate our uniform shop as '*click and collect*' through the Flexischools app.

Included in the back of the newsletter are instructions on how to use Flexischools for our new Kindergarten students. Uniforms purchases will be available for collection on Wednesday the 1st December and Wednesday 15th December 9.00am - 9:30am from the Edward Street gate.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Matthews-Wall at the office.

Christmas Food Drive

As we begin to see Christmas decorations creep into the shops, we would like to take the opportunity to announce that we will again be collecting food donations for Christmas this year.

In previous years, our community has been extremely generous with our food drives and we are hoping to make this year our most successful yet.

Please consider sending some items in to the school to help out our community at Christmas time. If you have any questions or would like more information on how to help, please contact myself at the office.

Mr Scott Matthews-Wall

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Christmas FOOD DRIVE

Please consider donating to our 2021 food drive.

Items needed include;

- Pantry Snacks - Chips, Museli Bars, Biscuits, Soups
- Pasta, Rice, Noodles, Sauces, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Veg
- Christmas Treats - Puddings, Lollies, Chocolates, Custard
- Toiletries (Soaps, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner)

All items can be sent to the School Office. If you would like more information, please contact Scott M-W at the Office.

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS + HIGH ATTENDANCE
= SUCCESS FOR ALL!**

Timing is everything

Get to school on time

COVID-19 Tests

If your child is required to get a COVID-19 test, we have been asked by some parents if the Rapid Antigen Test kit results are accepted. The Department of Education do not accept these results. Please keep up to date with the latest information and advice from the Department for COVID related enquiries by following this link.
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/response-protocol>



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

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Parent Request for Class Placement - 2022 year

Return by Friday 3/12/2021

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent Name/s: _____

Current grade: _____ Grade next year: _____

Request/reasons for consideration for class placement:

Please note: all requests will be considered by the School Executive Panel on an individual basis. Requests regarding specific teachers will not be considered.

Whilst all requests will be considered, there are no guarantees that class placement requests can be met.

Donna Stackman
Principal

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Date received: _____

Discussions arising: _____

Outcome: _____



Place all your school orders with Flexischools App

Our school has now introduced a great new online ordering system for **Canteen, Uniform, Events & Fundraising** called Flexischools.

Flexischools allows you to place all your school orders online **in a matter of seconds, at any time of the day.**

1. Download the Flexischools App

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.



2. Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you. **For new starters to the school – select New Student 2022**

3. Login/Register

Click the '**Order now**' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app, this will open a login screen.

- **Already a Flexischools user** - Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.
- **New Flexischools user** - Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account.
Once your account is set up, add new student; search for our school, enter student details and select their class.

Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, please visit our **FAQs** <https://community.flexischools.com.au/s/>

The Flexischools system is now available and ready to use, so we look forward to seeing your next order online.

If you have any questions about the online services we are introducing, please ask the school office for more information.