

Monday, 25 July 2022

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 2. It was great to see everyone back at school last week and quickly getting back into the groove of learning.

Attendance Matters

I am continuing to notice many student absences each day as well as many late arrivals at school. Our overall attendance percentage is well below our expected level and I would like to see that rise over the coming weeks. When your child is sick, please keep them at home and let us know that they are unwell either by calling, entering it on Skoolbag or replying to the SMS you receive. It is important that students are at school when they are well so they do not miss out on more learning than necessary. Missing just one day every two weeks adds up to approximately four weeks each year which is equal to one year over the student's school life. If you have any queries please contact me at school to discuss this further.

Wet weather impacting play areas

Due to the continued rain over the past weeks we have made the decision to close all grassed areas for play this week. This will mean students are only able to use the hard surfaces like the basketball court, MPC and COLA areas when they are not in class. Currently we have been able to keep the play equipment open for students to use but will continue to monitor the access to and from the equipment.

Medication at school

Parents of students requiring medication at school need to have completed and returned the necessary forms and permissions prior to any medications being able to be administered at school. Please ensure any changes in medication or dose is communicated with the school as soon as possible. All medication needs to be supplied to the school in either its original packaging or webster packs with the student's name, dosage, the time the medication is required, the prescribing doctor's name and the expiry date all clearly visible. This is extremely important, and we thank you for your understanding and assistance with this requirement.

Education Week

Next week is Education Week and unfortunately, we will once again be impacted by Covid. This will mean that there will be some slight changes to what we had anticipated we would be able to do during our open day. We will continue with our assembly to recognise the Education Week award recipients on Monday; however this will now be held under the COLA at 10:30am. We will then continue with our planned family picnic (weather permitting) on the basketball court instead of the grassed areas. Please bring along your own lunch and a picnic blanket to sit on. We look forward to a wonderful day.

Have a great week,

Luke Potts
Relieving Principal

PBL FOCUS – WEEK 2

“I can move safely
around the school”

ASSEMBLIES - FRIDAY

K-2 12.00pm

3-6 1.30pm

School Calendar - Term 3	
Week 2	
Monday 25 th July	FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT FOR STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION
Thursday 28 th July	TASH Homework Club
Friday 29 th July	Assemblies: K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm
Week 3	
Monday 1 st August	Education Week Award Ceremony – 10.30am
Tuesday 2 nd August	Canberra Parent Information Session – 6.00pm
Thursday 4 th August	TASH Homework Club
Friday 5 th August	Jeans for Genes Day Assemblies: K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm
Week 4	
Thursday 11 th August	TASH Homework Club
Friday 12 th August	K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm
Week 7	
Wednesday 31 st August	Stage 1 Excursion
Week 9	
Mon 12 th – Thurs 15 th Sept	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Friday 16 th September	Maitland High School transition

Education Week

Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, students and education system. Education Week 2022 will be held from 1-5 August (Week 3, Term 3). This year's theme is 'creating futures – education changes lives' and celebrates the quality education we provide and the opportunities available to everyone in NSW public education.

Our Education Week Award Ceremony will be held on Monday 1st of August at 10:30am, followed by a picnic lunch (BYO).

Education Week is our chance to celebrate the achievements of our school, students and learning community. We invite you to join us on this special celebration beginning in the hall at 10:30am.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8.30am – 3.15pm


PARENT REMINDER

Final day for payment for the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra is:

**TODAY
(MONDAY 25th JULY)**


Please ensure the camp is paid in full by 3.00pm today.

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**




FREE BOOK OFFER!
ON ISSUE 5

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

 SCHOLASTIC

DON'T FORGET!



 **Book Club**
orders are due:

ONLINE ORDERS ONLY

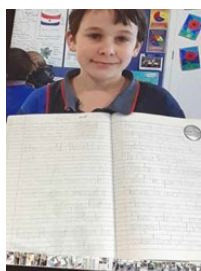
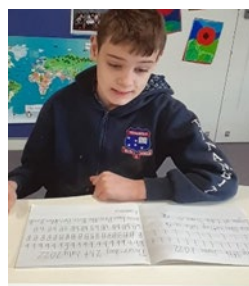
Wednesday 3rd August

K-6 Green, K-6 Blue and K-6 Red News

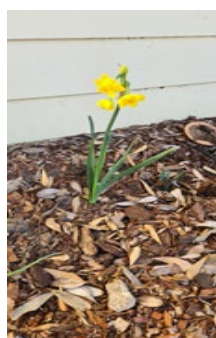
Hi my name is Gemma Murphy and I am pleased to be beginning this term teaching K-6 Blue and diving into the school community. I have recently completed a Masters of Disabilities specialising in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education and before that have been teaching for 17 years (oh how time flies!). I am originally from Tamworth and have lived in the Lake Macquarie area since the end of 2017 and have recently moved to the Newcastle area. I am part of a family of four, with my husband Tim and our two children Anna, who is turning 8 and Liam who is 6. It has been a pleasure to meet the class and I look forward to getting to know them and sharing my knowledge and experience. Thank you to everyone who has been so welcoming and if we have not met yet, I look forward to getting to know you.



The students of K-6 Green have been working so hard on improving their handwriting and informative writing skills. They are learning how to write in paragraphs and are using their Draw, Talk, Write, Share knowledge to help them plan their writing. This term they are learning and writing about the States of Australia.



Last term K-6 Red planted some daffodil bulbs in our garden. We learnt that plants need soil, water and sun to grow. We were very excited to see some shoots coming out of the ground before the school holidays. This week students returned to discover some of our daffodils had blossomed! We observed the flowers closely and for our art lesson we drew some daffodils. Take a look at our beautiful artwork!



From the Office

If sending cash in with your child to make a payment at the office, please ensure you send the correct money as we do not carry a float.

Our preferred payment option is via our online payment system on our website. Please go to the Tenambit Public School website and click on the blue 'Make a Payment' tab along the top.

Follow the instructions and enter your payment details etc. **Please note, you are not required to enter the student registration number.** Contact the office if you need assistance or have any enquiries. Thank you.

Please note when paying by EFTPOS at the school office, there is a minimum transaction amount of \$10.00 due to fees charged to the school.



COLLECTING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL FOR APPOINTMENTS

When picking your child up early from school for appointments, please aim to collect them before or after lunch/recess if possible.

As students need to be paged during these times, they often do not hear the page from the office and it can take considerable time to locate them in the playground.





Lunch runs from 11.15am to 11.55am


Recess runs from 1.55pm to 2.25pm

Thank you for your cooperation.

Our school has a new look **online payment page!**

We're now accepting payments for Tenambit Public School via the school's website. To make a payment, simply:

-  Visit our school website on your mobile, tablet or desktop computer
-  Select 'Make a payment' from the main page menu
-  Enter the required student, contact and payment details
Note: You are NOT required to provide the 9-digit Student Registration Number.
-  Check your email for a copy of the receipt of payment

 Education

Tenambit Public School
a beginners guide;

Enrolment



To enrol for Kindergarten 2023,
please visit
www.tenambit-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

Good for kids good for life 

Active indoor play

Try these fun activities to get kids moving indoors!

-  Play games that get kids moving e.g. Twister, balloon tennis, Simon Says, hide & seek
-  Use Apps that get kids physically active e.g. yoga, dance
-  Get your groove on! Have a dance party, with lots of movements e.g. jumping, hopping. Freeze the music and balance on one leg!
-  Set up a gym circuit using home equipment e.g. mini trampoline, balls, hula hoops, skipping ropes. Include star jumps, squats, running on the spot, bridges

Get active with your kids, its fun!

Source: Keeping kids active indoors: Top tips from our experts | Boston Children's Hospital
<https://answers.childrenshospital.org/kids-active-indoors/>

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the start of Term 3, after hopefully enjoying a safe and enjoyable winter break. I want to give you an overview of how we are continuing to ensure our school remains COVID-safe throughout this term.

As we continue to prioritise student and staff learning and wellbeing while at school, our layered COVID-smart measures will continue for Term 3. These 'baseline measures' are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings and include:

- staying home and getting tested if unwell, and only attending school when symptom free
- strongly encouraging mask-wearing for all staff and students, particularly in the first 4 weeks of term
- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff, and close contacts attending school to learn and work
- strongly encouraging students, staff and their families to get a flu vaccination
- strict requirements for close contacts attending school
- good hygiene practices
- maximising natural ventilation
- boosted cleaning during the day, with particular attention given to high touch surface areas
- responding to local COVID-19 conditions when necessary, by working with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing team.

Continuing these baseline COVID-smart measures allows us to prioritise student and staff wellbeing while giving our learners a consistent and productive learning environment this term.

What's new in Term 3?

As winter continues, our COVID-smart measures have been updated in consultation with NSW Health to provide appropriate protection to our school community.

- **Boosted day cleaning.** The department has made a slight change to its cleaning process. Cleaning of school sites will now be more concentrated during the day, with an increase in cleaning in school hours, and a subsequent reduction out of hours. Boosted day cleaning will continue to focus on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.

What's continuing for Term 3?

- **Masks.** Masks are an effective way of minimising the transmission of respiratory viruses and infections, and protecting our community, especially those who are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and flu. We **strongly encourage** all students and staff wear a mask for the first 4 weeks of Term 3, particularly in indoor settings or when distancing is not possible. The latest NSW Health advice also recommends wearing a mask for people who have recovered from COVID-19 and recently completed their 7-day isolation period for an additional 3 days (from days 8 to 10 after receiving a positive COVID-19 result). Additionally, as outlined in the below section on close contacts, mask wearing is mandatory for staff and high school students returning to school as close contacts for 5 school days and strongly recommended for primary school students returning to school as close contacts for 5 school days. Students or staff identified as close contacts who are unable to wear a mask will be supported to learn or work remotely.

- **Rapid antigen tests (RATs).** The department has sent another round of RATs to our school this term, which we will provide to you in the form of 1 multipack of 5 RAT kits per student. These RATs can be used as required for symptomatic testing, such as if your child is displaying even mild symptoms, and daily testing for close contacts returning to school. Once these department-supplied RATs are exhausted, please continue to access store-purchased RATs which are now readily available in the community or PCR tests. Alternatively, let the school know that you need more and we will try and assist. Additionally, our school will be maintaining a reserve stock of RATs onsite to support symptomatic testing in the event of an outbreak in our school community. Please also remember that positive RAT results must be registered with ServiceNSW, and students who test positive to COVID-19 must not attend school until their isolation period ends and they are symptom free.
- **Close contacts.** Students identified as close contacts remain able to attend school providing they are symptom free, notify the school and return a negative COVID-19 test result daily for 5 consecutive school days. Primary students, while not required, are strongly encouraged to wear a mask for 5 consecutive school days (except when eating/drinking or exercising). Please note that students identified as close contacts are still unable to attend overnight excursions, including camps. Visitors identified as close contacts who are engaging directly with students are required to return a negative COVID-19 test result before attending our school and wear a mask.
- **Responding to our local situation.** We will continue to liaise with NSW Health and the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing Case Management team to ensure our COVID-smart settings keep up with the latest developments. If local conditions require it, this may mean reintroducing temporary additional COVID-smart measures to act as a 'circuit breaker',
- **Reducing the risk of illness this winter.** Finally, it is important to note NSW Health's advice to reduce our risk of not only COVID-19, but other illnesses that may affect our school at this time of year such as the flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)[External link](#), both of which can be serious in younger people. We can all protect our loved ones and our community by:
 - staying home and getting tested if unwell or displaying any symptoms
 - keeping up to date with our vaccinations – including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP, pharmacy or Aboriginal Medical Service now
 - flu vaccines are free for all children aged 6 months to under 5 years, or for a small charge for those aged 5 years and older
 - getting tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result and are symptom free
 - practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water
 - taking a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events.

On behalf of our school, I want to thank you again for your ongoing support and resilience as we continue to work together to support our students.

Luke Potts

Relieving Principal