

Monday, 17 October 2022

From the Principal

I hope you and your child/children have settled into our final Term of 2022.

I want to provide you with an **update on our COVID-smart settings**, particularly with the latest change to isolation requirements and what this will mean for our school. Please review the following information and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have further questions.

On 30th September, National Cabinet announced that from Friday 14th October 2022, people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to isolate. In line with this announcement, the NSW Department of Education have worked with NSW Health to support all schools to adapt to this change while continuing to prioritise student and staff wellbeing by minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions.

Students and staff should continue to stay home when sick. Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health. We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask. We will continue to support our families to use rapid antigen tests (RATs) if symptomatic or if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19. RAT testing may help identify the infection early and is important if you are in contact with people at greater risk of serious illness if exposed to COVID-19.

We are continuing our COVID-smart measures. Our school will continue to operate with our baseline COVID-smart measures in place throughout Term 4 to minimise transmission and keep our school open. This includes a combination of layered safety measures such as maintaining hygiene and cleaning practices, using rapid antigen testing (RAT) when experiencing symptoms, maximising natural ventilation, strongly encouraged vaccinations and strongly encouraging mask-wearing

particularly when indoors and/or physical distancing is not possible.

In certain circumstances, NSW Health and the Department of Education may advise that additional COVID-smart measures be temporarily reintroduced at our school. We will provide further details of any changes to COVID-smart measures at our school, if/when required.

Reporting requirements from 14th October - Please continue to notify our school if your child tests positive to COVID-19 as we will continue to notify the school community of any known positive cases to prioritise student and staff safety and wellbeing.

Selective high school placement process for placement in Year 7 in 2024.

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2024 open on 18th October 2022.

Applications will close on 16th November 2022. The due date is strictly observed. Requests for late applications will be approved only under very specific and well-documented circumstances.

Find information about the application and placement process and apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

All candidates are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 4th May 2023.

The online application dashboard enables parents to log in to make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted. Parents also communicate directly with the Selective Education Unit through the system's messages feature.

Parents having difficulty completing or submitting an application, should contact the Selective Education Unit through their application dashboard or, if unable to do so, by email ssu@det.nsw.edu.au.

Keep updated on the selective high school placement process at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Last day of Term 4 is Friday 16th December 2022

As we near the end of the year, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and notify you of a date change for the last day of Term 4 classes.

Students will now finish school on Friday 16th December 2022.

This is due to an additional School Development Day announced for staff across NSW public schools.

School Development Days allow our staff to participate in professional learning that was put on hold due to COVID-19 staffing pressures and plan ahead for 2023 to ensure we meet the needs of our students.

With this change, we ask that you arrange alternative care for your child on Monday 19th December. While there will be no classes on Monday 19th December, if you cannot arrange alternative care for your child, we will provide minimal supervision at school.

And to finish off, our build has started. The security fencing is going up as I write this – it's all busy, busy. The library/staff room is a hum of activity and there's a buzz of excitement.

We all can't wait until the end of Term 1 as we near the completed project.

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

PBL FOCUS – WEEK 2

“I can be resilient”

ASSEMBLIES - FRIDAY

K-2 12.00pm

3-6 1.30pm

School Calendar – Term 4

Week 2

Tuesday 18 th October	CUBS program 9.15 - 10.15am
Thursday 20 th October	Newcastle Rebels Rugby League Gala Day - Cessnock
Friday 21 st October	Assemblies: K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm Crazy Hair & Sock Day – Gold Coin Donation

Week 3

Monday 24 th October	Stage 2 Excursion – Phoenix Park Farm (3/4 Red)
Tuesday 25 th October	CUBS program 9.15 - 10.15am Stage 2 Excursion – Phoenix Park Farm
Friday 28 th October	Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day – 10.00am NO ASSEMBLIES

Week 4

Monday 31 st October	No Scaredy Cats, Parent Support Program 6.00-8.00pm
Tuesday 1 st November	CUBS program 9.15 - 10.15am
Friday 4 th November	Assemblies: K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm

Week 5

Monday 7 th November	No Scaredy Cats, Parent Support Program 6.00-8.00pm
Tuesday 8 th November	CUBS program 9.15 - 10.15am
Friday 11 th November	Assemblies: K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm

Week 6

Monday 14 th November	No Scaredy Cats, Parent Support Program 6.00-8.00pm
Tuesday 15 th November	CUBS program 9.15 - 10.15am
Wednesday 16 th November	Year 5 Leadership Day

Week 7

Tuesday 22 nd November	Orientation and Kindergarten Expo 9.15am – 11.15am
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Week 8

Tuesday 29 th November	Kindergarten Orientation 9.15am – 11.15am
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Week 10

Monday 12 th December	Presentation Day: K-2 @ 9:30am 3-6 @ 12.30pm
Friday 16 th December	Year 6 Clap Out Year 6 Farewell Last day of school for Term 4

Week 11

Monday 19 th	School Development Day
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Presentation Day Award Sponsorship

At the end of each year we hold our K-2 and 3-6 Presentation Day assemblies. As part of these assemblies, some students are chosen to receive special awards in areas such as academic achievement, citizenship and sport. Most of these awards involve students receiving a medallion and a book prize. Each year we have parents/caregivers or community members who sponsor these awards and we would like to extend the opportunity to others who may be interested. If you would like to sponsor one of these awards please contact the office by Friday 4th November (Week 4). The cost of sponsorship is \$30.00.

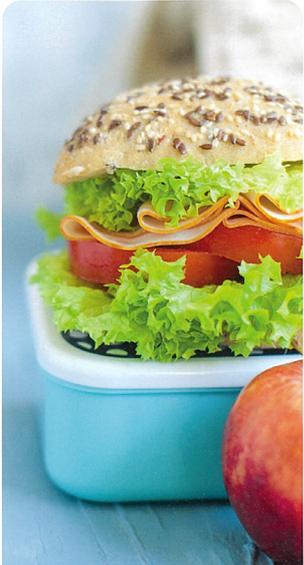
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 To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups in your 'User Profile'.

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- 1 **Place your Order**
 On the app home screen, scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then **swipe left and right** to view all available services.
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 Find the service and press 'Order', then select the items you wish to order.
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Department Guidelines – COVID-19

Please be advised we are still following the Department of Education guidelines with regards to COVID-19.

We will use the Skoolbag app to let parents know of any changes.

No Scaredy Cats - Kindergarten 2023

To help prepare our families for transitioning to big school, we will be running the No Scaredy Cats program which is designed to support parents in reducing anxiety and build resilience in their children.

No Scaredy Cats is a three week program that will run on Monday evenings (6.00pm – 8.00pm) in week 4, 5 & 6. If you would like to attend, please contact the office.



Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day

Invitations will be sent home today to families for Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day to be held on Friday 28th October at 10.00am. Please come and join us for a Sausage Sizzle BBQ. Send your RSVP slip to the school office by Monday 24th October.

DON'T FORGET!





Book Club

orders are due:

ONLINE ORDERS ONLY

Wednesday 26th October

A colorful graphic for 'Crazy hair & sock day!'. At the top is a yellow emoji with a wide smile and a rainbow-colored afro hairstyle. The background is yellow with scattered confetti and streamers. Two golden horns are at the bottom corners, each with a red and green streamer. The word 'CRAZY' is written in large, pink, bubbly letters with orange polka dots. Below it, 'hair & sock day!' is written in a red, cursive font. At the bottom, there are two pairs of colorful socks: one pair is light blue and the other is purple. The text 'Please bring a gold coin donation.' and 'All money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell. School uniform is still required.' is centered below the socks. The date 'Friday 21st of October' is written in pink at the bottom.

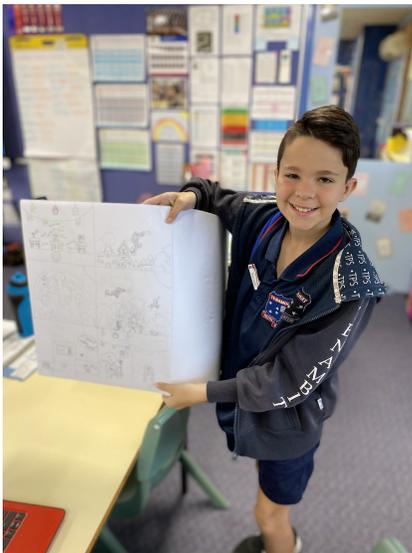
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Stage 3 Update

Stage 3 have had a busy start to Term 4! So far, we have begun drawing detailed picture plans to share with the class to help us write engaging narratives. We have also been working hard in maths and spelling to further our skills. Stage 3 have also been getting creative with our artworks!



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.



Is healthy eating really more expensive?

Packing healthy everyday snacks doesn't need to be expensive. In fact, everyday foods can often be a lot cheaper.

Here are some tips to help choose healthy snacks at the supermarket:

- **Shop the seasons:** choose fruit and vegetables that are in season
- **Buy in bulk:** pack into smaller portions at the start of the week
- **Make your own:** popcorn, pikelets, muffins, scrolls
- **Choose frozen, dried or canned:** berries, beans, corn, fruit
- **Use leftovers:** fried rice, pasta, salad
- **Shop the specials**
- **Look for 3.5 health star ratings or higher**

See lots of ideas on our Tips To Save Money | Good for Kids, Good for Life (nsw.gov.au): www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/tips/tips-to-save-money/



HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

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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



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8.30am – 3.15pm

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



for Android users



for more info visit skoolbag.com.au

