

Monday, 14 November 2022

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 6, with a wet start to the week. At least it's no longer cold, however it does mean play time inside again, something we've managed to go without for quite a few weeks.

We need your help to solve a little mystery... During our build, a framed copy of a photo along with a letter was found behind a built-in cupboard. The photo is of Private Pearce Barton whose name is on the cenotaph outside the school. The letter gives information about his service and is addressed to Mrs S. New of Tarro. We are seeking any information about this photo and how it may have come to be at our school. If you know any information about this, please get in touch with us.

I sadly need to remind our community of our Respect Charter. Interactions with the school and with staff are to be conducted in a respectful manner and this includes words that are used. Inappropriate language and swearing is not acceptable and in fact can be a chargeable offence. Remember, we all have young people who watch our every move and mirror what they see us do. The Respect Charter is included inside this week's newsletter.

We have had some incidents of family members smoking around our school during pickup and drop off times, on the footpaths and near the gates. Many of our children suffer breathing difficulties. Please do not subject them to second hand smoke, it does travel and children don't need to walk through it on their way in and out of the school gates. Also, dropping cigarette butts on the ground is littering, we teach our kids not to litter - adults shouldn't do this either.

I had the great pleasure to hand out some 20 and 30 year service awards to our staff members recently. Mr Gillard received a 30 year service award, Mrs Gillespie and Mr Potts received a 20 year service award as well. That's a lot of years of dedication to education. Congratulations!

And on that lovely note,

Enjoy the week,

Donna Stackman

Remembrance Day

Our school leaders Sybella and Lilly represented our school at the Remembrance Day service at the East Maitland War Memorial with Miss Hamilton and Miss Taylah on Friday. The students were invited to lay a wreath on the Cenotaph. It was a lovely service. Thank you to the RSL for inviting us.



School Calendar – Term 4

Week 6

Monday 14 th November	No Scaredy Cats, Parent Support Program 6.00-8.00pm PBL Slushie Day - Kindergarten
Tuesday 15 th November	CUBS program 9.15 - 10.15am PBL Slushie Day – Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 16 th November	Year 5 Leadership Day PBL Slushie Day – Years 3 & 4
Thursday 17 th November	TASH Homework Club PBL Slushie Day – Years 5 & 6
Friday 18 th November	PBL Out of Uniform Day Assemblies: K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm

Week 7

Tuesday 22 nd November	Orientation and Kindergarten Expo 9.00am – 11.00am
Thursday 24 th November	TASH Homework Club
Friday 25 th November	Assemblies: K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm

Week 8 (Healthy Harold Visit Tues 29th – Fri 2nd)

Tuesday 29 th November	Kindergarten Orientation 9.00am – 11.00am
Wednesday 30 th November	Book Club Due
Thursday 1 st December	TASH Homework Club
Friday 2 nd December	Assemblies: K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm

Week 9 (Healthy Harold Visit Mon 5th – Tues 6th)

Thursday 8 th December	TASH Homework Club
Friday 9 th December	Assemblies: K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm

Week 10

Monday 12 th December	Presentation Day: K-2 @ 9:30am 3-6 @ 12.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Uniform collection: 9.00 – 10.00am Class Party Day
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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Kindergarten 2023 Parents

A reminder that this week will be our final week of our 'Coming Up to Big School' program. We will be welcoming back Hunter New England Health who will be finishing off their vision screening. If your child wasn't seen last week, please come along this week with your consent form, if possible.

We hope to see everyone this week so our students can receive their certificate of graduation from our CUBS program.

Orientation / Kindergarten Expo

Next week, we will begin our official Orientation program. This will run for 2 sessions on the 22nd and 29th November between 9:00am and 11:00am. This will be very different to CUBS as the children will get to experience being in a real Kindergarten classroom with a teacher instead of Mum and Dad.

On the **22nd November**, we ask that parents are in the hall ready to start on Tuesday at 9:00am. Once parents wave their children goodbye, we will begin our Kindergarten Expo. The Expo is a great opportunity to talk to various people from the school and community about what we do and how you can help. We will also have our uniforms available so that parents can purchase and see sizing. The Kindergarten Expo will run for one hour and then we invite parents to grab a coffee from our school canteen and relax while having a chat with your fellow parents.

On the **29th November**, we will follow the same process of meeting in the Hall at 9:00am and waving the children goodbye. Parents do not need to stay for Week 2 and are welcome to head home or across to the shops for a little break.

Uniform Sales

We are pleased to announce our summer uniform shop days for collection of uniforms, for those who would like to order uniforms on Flexischools either for their Kindergarten 2023 starters or for those wanting a new uniform for the new year.

Wednesday 14 th December	9:00am – 10:00am
Friday 27 th January	9:00am – 10:00am
Monday 30 th January	2:30pm – 3:30pm

PBL FOCUS – WEEK 6

"I can be part of a team"

EVACUATION

Please note the school will be having an Evacuation practice this week.

Christmas News - 41 Days until Christmas!

Santa's Mailbox

As we continue our countdown to Christmas, we are very excited that our North Pole Mailbox has arrived! We have been assured that letters posted in this mailbox have a direct link to the North Pole and the elves have promised to do their best to get Santa to send a reply. Santa's Mailbox is located at the entrance to our office and will remain there until the end of Week 9.

Food and Gift Drive

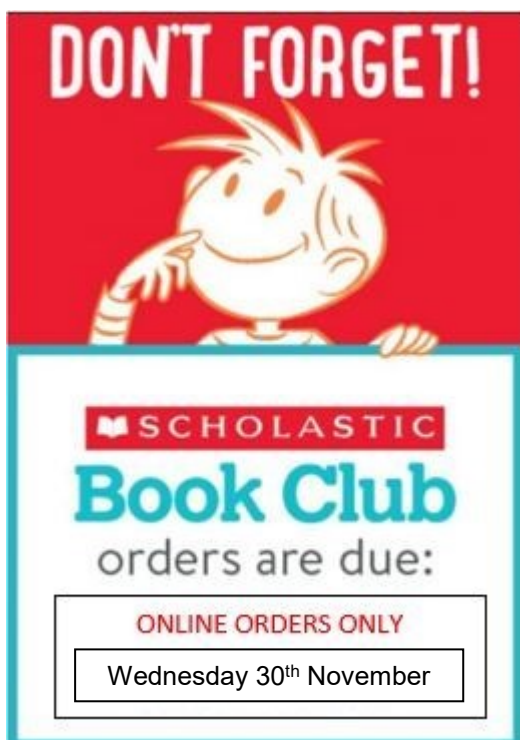
A reminder that the office is collecting donations from our community of Christmas food, toys and luxury items for families who may need some extra assistance this holiday season. Some suggestions for donations can be found on the flyer at the back of this newsletter.

PBL Rewards Week!

This week we will celebrate our students reaching 3500 Tenners! What a massive effort from all of our students! This means at least 35000 ambits have been given out across our school so far this year! What an amazing effort everyone! To celebrate we are having another 'Slushie Week' where students can collect a slushie from our canteen for free! The days where students will be able to grab their slushie are as follows:

Kindergarten	- Monday
Years 1 & 2	- Tuesday
Years 3 & 4	- Wednesday
Years 5 & 6	- Thursday

On Friday we will wrap up our celebrations with a free out of uniform day. We hope all of our students enjoy their well-deserved rewards.



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



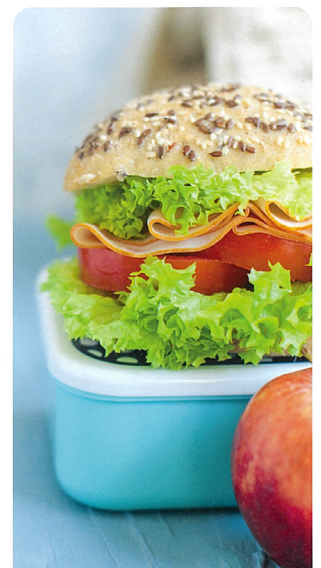
Flexischools – Ordering School Lunches and Uniforms

Set up your account

- 1 **Download the Flexischools App**
Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.
- 2 **Login/Register**
 - **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 their school, enter student details and select their class.
- 3 **Top Up Your Account**
To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups in your 'User Profile'.

Order

- 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.
- 2 **Make your Selection**
Find the service and press 'Order', then select the items you wish to order.
- 3 **Make Payment**
Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.



10 years supporting the school community



Committed to healthy eating



Over 1,500 happy schools



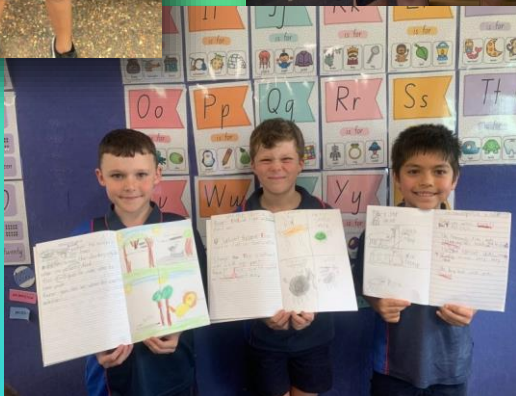
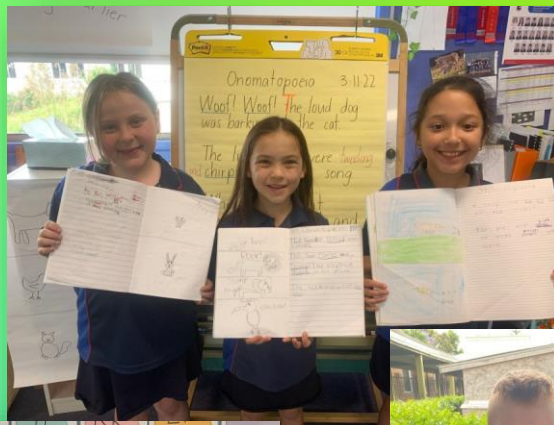
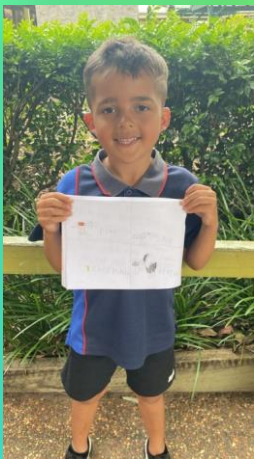
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Stage 1 News

In Stage 1, we have been learning about onomatopoeia!



We have learnt that onomatopoeia is a word that names a sound but also sounds like that sound, e.g. boom, crack. When we use onomatopoeia in our writing, it makes it more interesting for the reader.



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.

Good for kids
good for life



Keeping active and cool in summer

Physical activity makes kids stronger and fitter, they can concentrate and learn better at school, and sleep better at night.

The weather is warm, and it's a great time to get outdoors and get your 60 minutes of activity each day. Just remember to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide!

Some fun ideas to keep active and cool in summer are:

- Create a slip and slide in your yard with a tarp, water and detergent.
- Go for a bike or scooter ride.
- Go out for a picnic and pack the soccer ball with you.
- Turn on the hose or sprinkler in the backyard.
- Use chalk to draw on the path/driveway and play games like hopscotch, or draw a target.
- Use wet sponges or water balloons.



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

Developed by Hunter New England LHD



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

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8.30am – 3.15pm



Christmas Donations

Tenambit Public School are seeking donations to support families who need some extra help this christmas and over the holidays.

Items needed include - new and unopened toys, art and craft kits / activities, christmas treats (puddings, biscuits, lollies & chocolates), pantry snacks (noodles, muesli bars, dried fruit, cake mixes) pantry staples (tinned food, pasta & sauce, rice) soft drinks / cordial, toiletries

For more information call Scott M-W at the office

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**School starts at
8.55am
DON'T BE LATE!**



School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

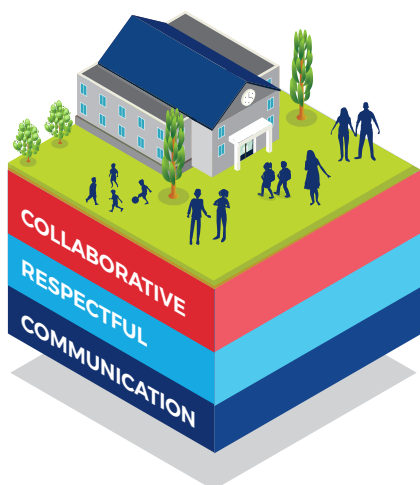
The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
our part

We work
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Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

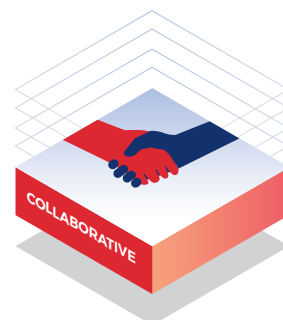
Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:

education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

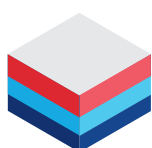
In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.



Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



Collaborative.
Respectful.
Communication.

School Community Charter

education.nsw.gov.au

COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on [managing COVID-19 safely at home](#).
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.



Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.



Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with [Service NSW](#) to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will continue on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways.



Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the warmer months, cooling will be used together with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in government schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.



Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing is required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purposes (SSPs), support units or mainstream classrooms.



Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.



Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated when planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.



Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.



Learning remotely

- Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

For more info, visit education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

Telephone interpreter service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.