

Monday, 21 November 2022

## From the Principal

Welcome to Week 7!

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 development 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

Enjoy the week,

Donna Stackman

### School Calendar – Term 4

#### Week 7

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

#### Week 8 (Healthy Harold Visit Tues 29<sup>th</sup> – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>)

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

#### Week 9 (Healthy Harold Visit Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Tues 6<sup>th</sup>)

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

#### Week 10

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day: K-2 @ 9:30am 3-6 @ 12.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Uniform collection: 9.00 – 10.00am Class Party Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Clap Out Year 6 Farewell <b>Last day of school for Term 4</b>

#### Week 11

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Development Day
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### MHS Orientation Day

Notes for students to attend the Maitland High School Orientation on 29<sup>th</sup> November are due back by **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. Students will not be able to attend if the note is not handed in by the due date.

## PBL FOCUS – WEEK 7

“I can control what I do and say”

### Year 6 – 2022

The Year 6 students group photo will be appearing in the Maitland Mercury on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, if you would like to get a copy.

### Kinder Orientation and Expo

A reminder for all of our parents who have children commencing Kindergarten in 2023 that tomorrow is the beginning of our Orientation sessions. For our Kinder 2023 students, this will mean time in a Kindergarten classroom with a Kindergarten teacher, away from Mum and Dad. We will start and finish our Orientation sessions as a large group in the hall. Please remember that these sessions will run from 9.00am – 11.00am.

Tomorrow will be our Kindergarten Expo where we will have lots of information to share with you all about what to expect next year as well as how to purchase uniforms, order from the canteen and much, much more. We look forward to seeing you all then.

### Christmas Countdown - 34 Days till Christmas

Christmas is approaching very fast and it will be December before we know it. We are still doing a call out for support of our "Food and Toy Drive". If you are in a position to contribute, please consider doing so. Please see the flyer attached for ideas and suggestions.

Our Santa's mailbox is being filled each day with letters to Santa. These are being forwarded to the North Pole for a response. If you know of any children sending a letter to Santa via our special post box, please encourage them to put their full name (and possibly class) so that the North Pole knows where to send replies.

We have received official word from the North Pole that Nambit the Elf will arrive next week. As you may know, Nambit has been the official elf assigned to Tenambit Public School, getting up to all sorts of mischief while he is here. Keep an eye on our school's Facebook page to keep up with what Nambit is up to.

### Parenting Programs 2023

We are busy finalising our Parenting Program calendar for 2023 and hope to have some information out by the end of year to help parents plan for the programs they would like to attend. We will see the return of No Scaredy Cats as well as Tuning Into Kids and Bringing Up Great Kids - Parenting Adolescents. Each of these programs will be offered to our parents for free.

One of the programs that I would like to give a little more information about is 'No Scaredy Cats', a program to help parents of children who may be anxious, highly nervous or need help building some resilience.

No Scaredy Cats looks into the cause of anxiety and fear behaviours in children, what this looks like and how we (as parents) can support them to develop skills to minimise its impact.

One of the places we have seen anxious students this year is in the transition back to school following each holiday. This is something we have seen a bit more in 2022, which is not surprising given that it has been our first year without a covid lock down. Many of our students are still trying to make sense of what happened with covid and during the holiday breaks, many of them get to spend dedicated time with their parents/carers, the people who they feel safest with in the world, something that is extremely comforting to them. It is natural then, that they are reluctant to leave the safety of those relationships and return to their school setting. This is going to be even more true when we look at returning in 2023 after a long summer break.

If you think this may be an issue for your child, please consider having conversations with them now and all through the break about what the return to school will look like. One of the things that 'No Scaredy Cats' teaches us, is that we need to continually develop our children's ability to face situations where they are nervous/anxious so that they can work through the discomfort when needed. This is a skill just like any other. Ways that you can support next years transition now include:-

- Practicing mindfulness activities.
- Discussing/recording the things about school they enjoy.
- Start a countdown calendar for return to school.
- Make a collage/scrapbook about the highlights from this year.
- Start engaging in physical activities, make them a part of each day.
- Talk about times when you are nervous/anxious and how you deal with these feelings (role modelling).

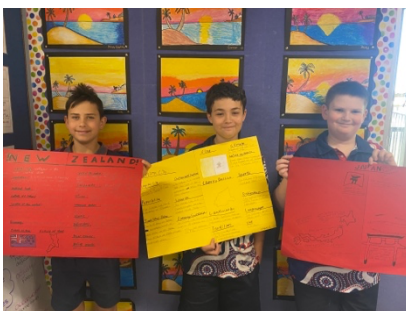
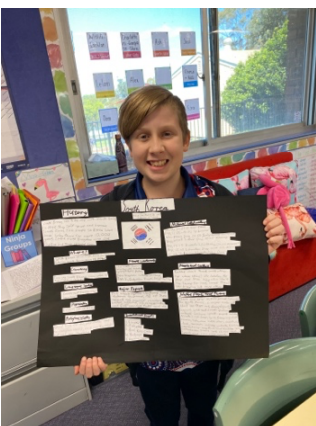
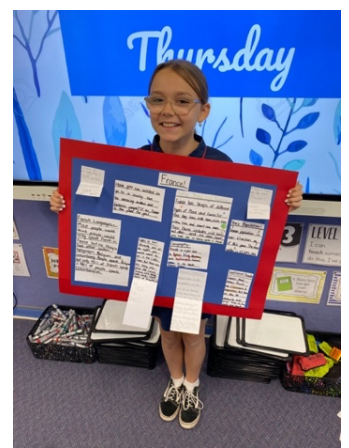
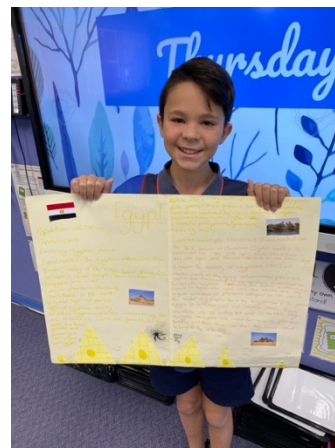
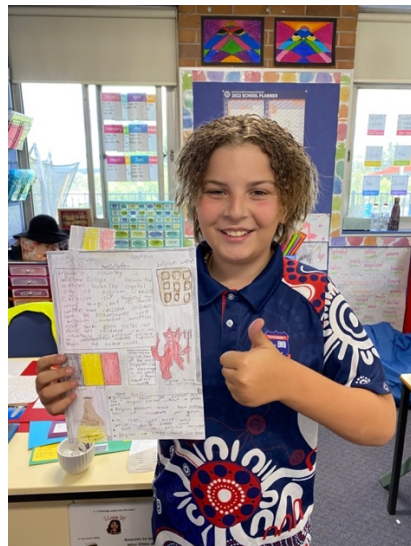
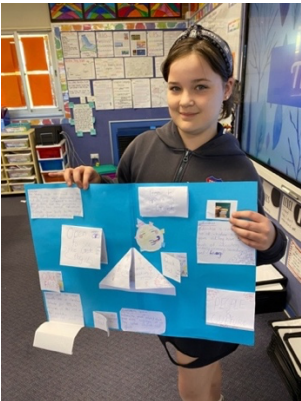
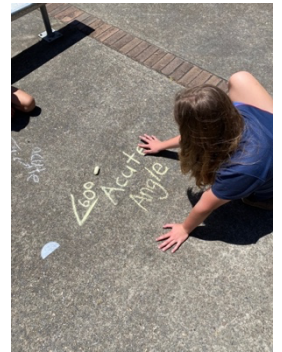
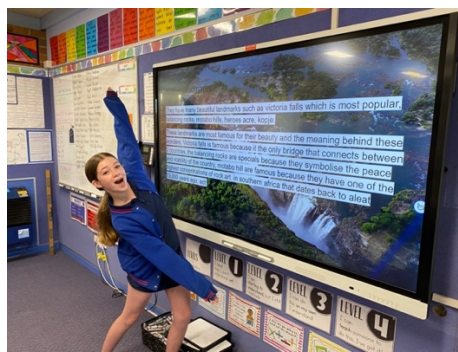
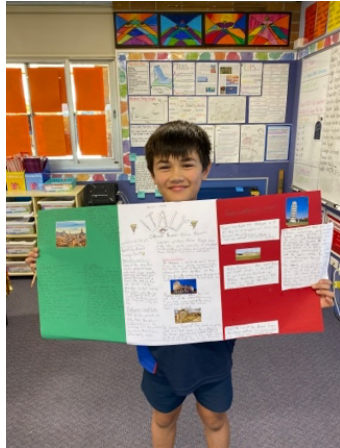
Please keep an eye on our newsletter in the upcoming weeks for more information on our parenting support programs.

Mr Matthews-Wall



# Stage 3 Update

Throughout the last few weeks, Stage 3 have been incredibly busy. Year 6 are getting ready to begin the next chapter of their schooling and some of our Year 5 students are embarking on the journey of becoming school leaders. Despite our busy schedules, we have still been learning lots in the classroom. In Geography, we have been learning about natural disasters, including floods and bushfires. As part of this unit, our students have created some awesome artworks. Students have also been doing maths in the sun and researching countries of their choice.





# 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](http://skoolbag.com.au)



## DON'T FORGET!



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:

ONLINE ORDERS ONLY

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

## Flexischools – Ordering School Lunches and Uniforms

**EVERY**  
**SCHOOL DAY**  
**COUNTS**

### 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

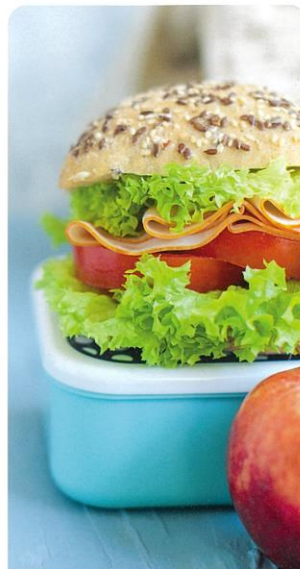
On the app home screen, scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then **swipe left and right** to view all available services.

#### 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.



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### 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.**

**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

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### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8.30am – 3.15pm

THORNTON THUNDER NETBALL CLUB'S

# Netball Open Day

**SATURDAY 3RD DEC**  
**10am - 12pm**

Come and Try some netball. Learn some skills and fall in love with the sport.

We want our members to enjoy playing netball and to flourish through enjoyment and making new friendships.


**LOCATION:**  
Thornton Netball Courts (behind Thornton Library on Taylor Ave.)

**ALL WELCOME**

**MORE INFO:**  
CONTACT JESS NORTHEY  
0483 815 169

OR MESSAGE US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE





# 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!**





# Tenambit Public School



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## Parent Request for Class Placement – 2023 year

**Return by Friday 2/12/2022**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next year: \_\_\_\_\_

Request/reasons for consideration for class placement:

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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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### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Discussions arising: \_\_\_\_\_

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Outcome: \_\_\_\_\_

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