

Monday, 6 March 2023

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 7 everyone.

With some very hot days this week, it's concerning that so many children are coming to school without drink bottles. While we do have bubblers and water fountains throughout the school, it's much more comfortable for our children if they're cool and are able to keep themselves hydrated throughout the day with their own drink bottles.

Ralph is certainly much happier now that Mr Potts and Mr Mason set up a portable air conditioning unit in his rest area (Nelli already had one) and both he and Nelli are drinking a lot more during these days than usual. You'll also notice both of our school pups have shorter coats in the hot weather to keep them cool and comfortable.

What to do this week?

1. Read the newsletter and encourage other families as well.
2. Get technology use permission forms back for children to access enrichment programs within the classrooms and learning areas.
3. Get your Speed Interview times back so times can be organised (Speed Interviews are Monday and Tuesday of Week 10).
4. Get your Voluntary Contributions back quickly. More information about this below.
5. Get the Blue Forms back (we're still waiting for quite a lot) - it's important we have all your updated details.

Voluntary Contributions

This week we are asking families to pay their Family Voluntary Contribution if they haven't already (statement of accounts were sent home with students last Thursday). While Contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family contributes to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth Governments. The contribution will be used to support programs in a number of learning

areas. These areas are outlined below:

- Library Resource – books/resources;
- Literacy resources (e.g. supplementary reading books and home readers);
- Mathematics and Science resources;
- Physical Education and sporting resources;
- Information Technology resources;
- Performing and Visual Arts materials;
- Classroom items such as pencils, paints, exercise books, paper etc.

We understand the financial pressures on all our families and this is why our school has kept the contribution levels the same for a number of years.

Goal Setting

This week our students will meet with teachers to set learning goals for the semester. These learning goals will be shared with you, as parents and family members, during Speed Interviews in Week 10. Setting goals are important for many reasons; it focuses children on the importance of building on knowledge at their individual pace; it allows for differences and differentiation; it gives children ownership of their learning and allows teachers to gain a clear insight into what children feel is important in their steps in learning and most importantly; it gives teachers and children the chance to work together for greater student success.

And on a final note for this week, a big shout out to our students who swam their hearts out at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday. You made us proud of your wonderful efforts, the personal bests that were gained and your amazing and continued sportsmanship. Thanks to Mr Cronin and Mr Potts and to our parents for accompanying our children to this event.

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

School Calendar – Term 1	
Week 7	
Monday 6 th March	TASH Homework Club 3.00-4.00pm
Friday 10 th March	<i>Assemblies:</i> K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm 9.15am - Cut off to order Hot Dogs for Wednesday 15th
Week 8	
Monday 13 th March	TASH Homework Club 3.00-4.00pm
Tuesday 14 th March	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 15 th March	NAPLAN – Writing Year 6 fundraiser – Hot Dog Day
Thursday 16 th March	NAPLAN – Reading CUT OFF DAY FOR STAGE 3 SYDNEY EXCURSION FOR NOTES/PAYMENTS
Friday 17 th March	NAPLAN - Numeracy <i>Assemblies:</i> K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm CUT OFF DAY FOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NOTES/PAYMENT
Week 9	
Monday 20 th March	TASH Homework Club 3.00-4.00pm
Tuesday 21 st March	Harmony Day
Friday 24 th March	Cross Country <i>Assemblies:</i> K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm
Week 10	
Monday 27 th March	TASH Homework Club 3.00-4.00pm Speed Interviews K-2
Tuesday 28 th March	Speed Interviews 3-6
Thursday 30 th March	Stage 3 Excursion - Sydney
Friday 31 st March	<i>Assemblies:</i> K-2 at 12.00pm 3-6 at 1.30pm
Week 11	
Tuesday 4 th April	Athletics Carnival
Thursday 6 th April	Easter Hat Parade

State Election BBQ

The State Election is slowly creeping up on us (Saturday 25th March) and we are in desperate need of volunteers and contributors to our BBQ Fundraiser and Cake Stall. If you can make a contribution to our stall or can help out with the sausage sizzle, please get in touch with the office.

Easter Raffle

As we are in the middle of Term 1, we have begun eagerly planning our Easter Hat Parade and our always popular, Easter Raffle. This year we are asking families to send in a donation that can go towards hampers that will be our prizes. Every student who makes a donation will be given one free ticket to the raffle as our way of saying thanks for your contribution.

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter and social media for photos of our prize hampers and tickets over the coming weeks.

Creative Arts Festival

A big thank you to everyone who has been spreading the word about our Creative Arts Festival. We have had some great interest from local groups about performing as well as some market stall holders.

Please keep telling our wonderful community about it so that we can have an amazing day celebrating Creative Arts in our community and raise money to help air condition our school hall.

If you would like to join in planning for this great event, please contact the office.



Year 6 Fundraiser - Hot Dog Day

On the 15th March, we will be celebrating Nelli's first birthday and raising money for our Year 6 Farewell with Hot Dogs available to order from our canteen. Hot dogs will be for sale through flexischools for \$3.50 each and orders will need to be in by **Friday 10th**. Please keep an eye on our social media for more information.

PBL FOCUS – WEEK 7

“I can move safely
around the school”

Stage 3 Update



Stage 3 have had a busy start to 2023! We have been visiting and working in the garden with Farmer Jesse on Mondays, learning how to create imaginative narratives in writing and learning about Australian colonisation, ready for our excursion to Sydney.



Year 6 to 7 Online Enrolment Transition

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6 students,

To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2024, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7.

The EOI process will now be available online on our Schools website (address below), from the **6th of March up until the 31st of March 2023**. After you submit an EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a high school.

If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please let us know by completing a Placement Not Required (PNR) form (also located on our school website enrolment page).

If you are unsure whether they will be attending a NSW Government school (you've applied for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with your school once a decision has been made.

The online process will guide you through your options and collect the information required to make the process as smooth as possible. This process can be completed on a mobile phone, tablet or computer.

If you have any problems completing the enrolment form online, please contact the school office for assistance.

<https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/expressionofinterest?schoolCode=3180>

Thank you for your cooperation.



BIRTHDAY CAKES

Just a reminder to all parents that we cannot have any birthday cakes at school due to various allergies and risk to children who may have them. This is required for all our student's safety. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.



Aerobics Team

This year, we are excited to be introducing aerobics to Tenambit Public School. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to audition for the team in the hall at lunchtime tomorrow (Tuesday).

ASSEMBLIES

Friday: K-2 at 12.00pm

Friday: 3-6 at 1.30pm



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.



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- Committed to healthy eating
- Over 1,500 happy schools

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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

SkoolBag

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.

We currently do not have a paging system, so a staff member has to go and look for the student/s 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.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

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.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

8.30am – 3.15pm



TENAMBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL
Creative Arts Festival and Market Day
Saturday, September 9th 2023 - 9:00am to 2:00pm
Stallholder and Performer - Expression of Interest



Tenambit Public School has begun planning for our 2023 Creative Arts Festival and Market Day to be held on Saturday 9th September 2023 from 9am – 2pm. We are hoping to showcase the amazing creative and performing arts abilities of our community, having this as a theme for our celebrations.

With this in mind, and due to the success of our Market Days in previous years, we would like to invite our community to participate in our Creative Arts Festival and Market Day. This has been a highly attended event in the past and hope to make this year our most successful ever!

Market Stall Holders -

The cost of a stall is \$30 for a 3m x 3m space or \$50 for a 3m x 6m space. Stall holders will be located on our football field and will be able to set up from 8am on the 9th. Sites will be unpowered. Stallholder's cars will be able to enter grounds but will be required to remain for the duration of the event.

Performers –

Performers will be scheduled throughout the day and we hope to exhibit a range of performances. In return for your participation, we will also advertise your studio / organization through our social media, newsletter and on the day via our information stand.

Expression of Interest Applications Close – 19.8.23. The Creative Arts Festival Committee and School Principal will consider all applications and further details will be provided.

Kind Regards,
Tenambit Public School

TENAMBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL
Creative Arts Festival and Market Day – 9th September 2023
Expression of Interest for Stall

(Please return to Tenambit Public School Office or via email tenambit-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Name Contact No

Email Address

- ☐ I am a stall holder and intend to sell
- ☐ I am a performer and would like to present
- ☐ I have a current Certificate of Currency for Public Liability

Signed Date.....

say cheese

School Photo Day is

14 March 2023

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography Flyer and remember these helpful points:

You can place your order online up to 7 days after photo day

1. Log on to www.msp.com.au and click ORDER ONLINE.
2. Enter the Shoot Key and select the pack you wish to order.

To order a pack for another student from the same family at the same school use the "Change Shoot Key" function to enter the next shoot key.

Want to order later, individual students only...
phone our office (orders will be subject to a surcharge).

Family order forms can be collected from the school office

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

e admin.nhvcc@msp.com.au

p 02 4966 8292

www.msp.com.au





Could \$500 help with next year's back to school costs?

Learn tips and tricks to grow your budget and saving skills. Save for 10 months. Get up to \$500 of matched savings for school expenses. Just in time for 2024.

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*



Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)



Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*



Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



saverplus.org.au



Road safety

Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the **families** section on **safetytown.com.au**



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park
- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

Become a foster carer

There are more than 50,000 children in Australia who are in need of a loving home. Who need to feel connected. Who need to feel safe. Who need you.

Whether you are giving a child a long-term home, or stepping in to help in a crisis, being a foster carer is a hugely rewarding experience.

You are **STRONG**, you are **BRAVE**, you are **READY!**

Contact Challenge Foster Care on **1800 084 954**, fostercare@challengecommunity.org.au or visit our website challengecommunity.org.au to find out more about becoming a foster carer.



CHALLENGE
Community Services

Foster Care

YOU ARE STRONG. YOU ARE BRAVE.

YOU ARE READY!

**YEAR 7 2024
PARENT
INFORMATION
EVENING**

Wednesday
15th March 2023
6:00pm-7:30pm

Maitland High School MPC

Parking and direct access to
MPC via Pierce St

**SOUTH
MAITLAND** **FOOTBALL
CLUB**

**2023
REGISTRATION**

UNDER-13 **UNDER-10
UNDER-6**

\$150
(\$250 without active
kids voucher)

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kids voucher)

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- WARMUP JERSEY
- SOCKS
- MERCHANDISE PACK
- POLO SHIRT & SHORTS (FOR NEW PLAYERS)

**SCAN THE QR CODE,
OR VISIT OUR SOCIALS TO
REGISTER FOR THE 2023 SEASON
WITH SOUTH MAITLAND FC.**

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