

Monday, 30 October 2023

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 4!

Thank you to all our parents, grandparents and carers who came along last week to make our Book Week, Book Fair and Grandparents and Friends Day such successes. A massive thank you must go to Mrs Hanly who coordinated the activities across the week including the Book Week parade and book fair. Another thank you must also go to the staff who assisted across the week, making changes to plans and programs as needed to accommodate the activities.

Last week saw our first of three kindergarten orientation sessions for our 2024 kindergarten students. This is an extremely important transition program for our new students as it allows them to develop relationships with other students as well as staff at school. It also provides opportunities to experience the routines and expectations of school life. If any parents know of families who are yet to enrol their kindergarten child for the 2024 school year, please let them know about our orientation program. The second orientation morning will be this Thursday starting at 9:00am.

Currently Tenambit Public School does not have a P&C Association, and this is something I have spoken with many parents about re-instating. A P&C Association can be an integral part of a school, providing parents and members of the local community a voice within Tenambit Public School. As there is not currently a P&C Association operating at TPS, there are a number of steps that need to be undertaken to start a new P&C Association. The first step is to hold a meeting that is open to all parents of students that attend Tenambit Public School as well as members of the community that Tenambit Public

School services. This initial meeting will be held on Monday 13th November at 5:30pm at Easts Golf Club downstairs meeting room. The aim of this initial meeting is simply to gauge the interest in re-instating the P&C Association at Tenambit Public School and forming a working group to undertake the preparation work for the foundation meeting.

There is a minimum of 7 members of the school community needed to attend this meeting to ensure the P&C Association requirements are met.

Strong schools are backed by strong school communities and having a P&C Association back at Tenambit Public School will greatly benefit our students and the wider community. I hope you are able to make our meeting on the 13th November to start this process.

Have a great week!

Luke Potts

PBL FOCUS – WEEK 4

“I can listen”

School Calendar – Term 4	
Week 4	
Monday 30 th October to Wednesday 1 st November	Stage 2 Excursion – Great Aussie Bush Camp
Thursday 2 nd November	Kinder Orientation Session 2
Friday 3 rd November	Primary Sports Presentation Assembly @9.15am
Week 5	
Thursday 9 th November	Kinder Orientation Session 3 and Kindergarten Expo
Friday 10 th November	Assembly: K-6 9.15am Remembrance Day Assembly
Week 6	
Friday 17 th November	Assembly: K-6 9.15am
Week 7	
Friday 24 th November	Assembly: K-6 9.15am
Week 8 – Limited Canteen Menu for the week	
Friday 1 st December	Assembly: K-6 9.15am Stage 1 Science Incursion
Week 9	
Friday 8 th December	Assembly: K-6 9.15am
Week 10	
Tuesday 12 th December	Presentation Day K-2 @ 9.30am 3-6 @ 12.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	PBL Rewards Day
Thursday 14 th December	Canteen Closed Year 6 Farewell
Friday 15 th December	Canteen Closed Year 6 Clap Out Last day for students



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 3rd November (Week 4). The cost of sponsorship is \$30.00.

Wednesday 1st November
in the MHS MPC




Year 7 2024
Parent Information Evening

5:30pm: Doors Open
5:30 - 6pm: Opportunity to Speak with Staff on:

- *Preparing for High School
- *School Procedures
- *HPGE Class
- *Learning & Wellbeing Supports
- *Equipment and School Uniform
- *Whole School and Extra-Curricular Activities

6pm - Principal's Address

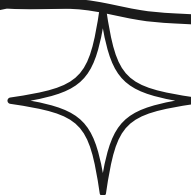


KINDERGARTEN NEWS



GARDEN CLUB

Beginning this term Kindergarten have been enjoying going out on a Monday morning to the garden at school with Jesse.



During book week students enjoyed the book fair, emoji book title hunt, book week parade and Grand-friends day!

BOOK WEEK



Special Ed News

The K-6 classes have been participating in and learning about gardening with Jesse. They have planted tomatoes, formed hills around the potato plants to prevent the sun from turning them green, helped with rolling out the irrigation pipe and were shown the correct way to harvest spinach and onions.



We made some spinach and fetta rolls using the spinach and onions from the garden, yummo!



AUTHOR VISIT

Stage 1, Stage 2 and our Support classes had a fabulous time with Sami Bayly on Tuesday!

Sami talked to the kids about her books, what it is like to be an author and an illustrator, told lots of funny animal stories and taught them how to draw some weird and wonderful creatures.

The kids loved learning about the poisonous elbows of the pygmy slow loris, the camouflage techniques of the bird dropping spider and the translucent head of the barreleye fish. What a whacky and wonderful world we live in!





BOOK PARADE

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Book Week Parade last Wednesday! It was such an amazing day and we loved seeing everyone dressed up.





Early Links 2023 Trivia Night

Friday 10 November
East Maitland Bowling Club

Scan to get your tickets

Help us raise funds for the new Early Links Youth Hub, a dedicated space for teens and young adults with additional needs to build skills, social connections, and confidence.

Get ready to have fun and raise funds!

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Join us at our **FREE** community

POOL PARTY

Sausage Sizzle Santa Drinks

WEDNESDAY | 6TH DECEMBER | 4PM - 7PM
230 Anderson Drv, Beresfield

RSVP: via QR Code by 1st December

Good for kids good for life

Strengthening bonds through family meals

Family meals are a perfect time to catch up, connect and communicate with each other.

Regularly sharing meals can benefit children in numerous ways, including improvements in mental health, physical wellbeing and academic performance.

Make family meals enjoyable by following these top tips:

- Set regular times to eat together. Try sitting at a table with the television and phones switched off.
- Allow 20-30 minutes for mealtime where the family can relax and chat about their day.
- Involve children in choosing and preparing family meals i.e., washing fruits and vegetables or setting the dining table.
- Be creative! Invite a friend over, have a picnic or set a special dinner theme like "Mexican Monday".

Source: Making family meals enjoyable: tips (raisingchildren.net.au)

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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

CUBS PROGRAM

CUBS SESSIONS 9:00am - 10:00am

24th August, 31st August, 7th September,
14th September, 21st September,
12th October, 19th October

Orientation Session 1

26th October – 9:00am – 11:00am

Orientation Session 2

2nd November – 9:00am – 11:00am

Orientation Session 3 & Kindergarten Expo

9th November – 9:00am – 11:00am



Orders

If your child has an order in and you are not able to send them to school because they are sick, you must ring the office by 9.20am to enable this order to be cancelled, and you will be refunded your money.

After 9.20am it is too late to cancel the order as the food has already commenced preparation and the process of cooking has already started.

I.O.U.

If the school canteen has provided your student with a lunch order and sent an invoice home for payment, please note you can now log into Flexischools and use the I.O.U function to pay the money owing to the Canteen. If you are trying to do this on the same day – please ensure you choose the date for the following day, (as cut off for everything is 9.15am) and the system will not allow you to enter it for the same date if after 9.15am.

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



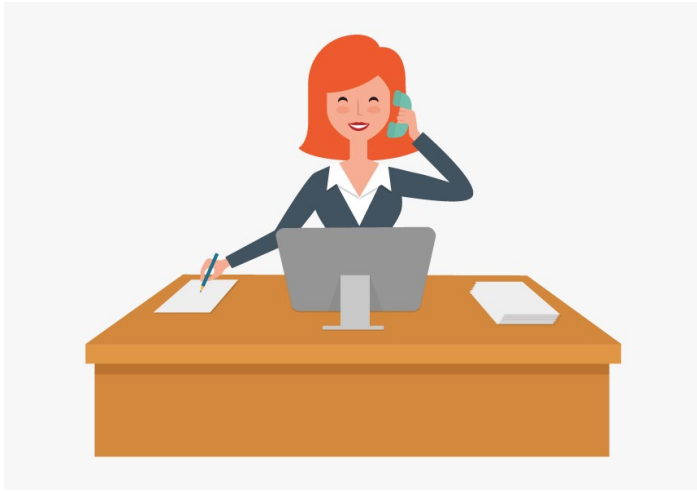
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From the Office

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 the new School Bytes Parent Portal. Instructions for downloading School Bytes has previously been sent home and was available in our previous Newsletters. If you require any assistance, please contact the office.

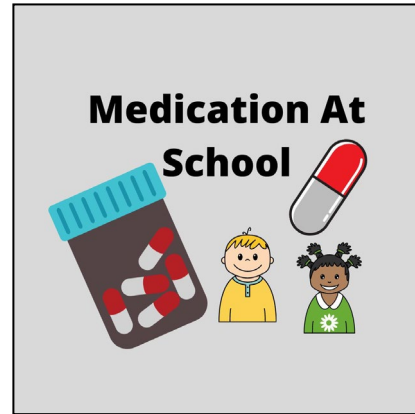
Please note when paying by EFTPOS at the school office, there is a minimum transaction amount of \$10.00 due to fees charged to the school.



REMINDER

A reminder that the administration office hours are **8:30am to 3:15pm.**

There are no office staff in the morning until 8:30am, so please ensure you are visiting during the above hours.



Medication at School

Please note if your child commences medication at school, parents must come into the office to complete an "Administer Medication Form" and must also supply a letter from the Doctor/Paediatrician stating medication dosage and times. Any medication must be supplied in prescribed Webster packs showing students name and dosage.

If your child requires antibiotics at any time, we still require the "Administer Medication Form" completed and signed by parents prior to giving your child the antibiotics.

This also applies for any Asthma Puffers, form to be completed and puffer to have a prescription label on it.

For students having regular prescribed medication at school, **they must bring their own water bottle with them to the office to take their medication.** We do not have the facilities to supply cups for students.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Extended Leave – Students

If you are planning to take your child out of school for a family holiday during the school term, you must contact the school office a week prior to organise completion of a Department of Education Extended Leave Form. This must then be signed by the Principal and a section is given back to you to carry with you during this time.