

Monday, 15 October 2018

From the Principal

Welcome back to our last term of the year. I hope you all had a restful break with your children and are looking forward to a great Term 4. It's going to be a terrific term with lots going on and I urge you to keep your calendar handy to put dates on. As much as we try to give families as much notice as we can about events and dates, sometimes there are last minute opportunities for our children or last minute changes.

Newsletter: During the holidays, we placed a poll on our Facebook page regarding our school newsletter. If you've not had a chance to participate I urge you to do so. The last question we've asked is, "if you want to have our newsletter continue?" Or you may find that you get as much, if not more information from our Facebook page and think we could put additional information on this platform.

For those who don't have social media or Facebook, the link to the poll is included here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WC2XCDF>

Kindergarten in 2019: We are currently adding to our enrolment numbers for Kindergarten in 2019. If you've not enrolled your Kindergarten aged student for next year, please do so. If you know of a family in our area who's yet to enrol, please feel free to pass on information about our fabulous school. By getting your enrolments in early, you help us with our staff and class planning for the next year.

CUBS: Our program continues this Wednesday and our 'Almost Kinders' will graduate on Wednesday 14th November. From this term, our CUBS program will operate out of our library as the increase in numbers has meant we need a larger space for this great school readiness program.

New PE and Library times for classes: Due to changes in operations we've had to make some adjustments to our Physical Education and Library times for classes. Please

find the new timetable for classes inside the newsletter.

It's important that children are prepared for these lessons with a library bag to enable them to borrow books and a hat, water bottle and sports shoes for the PE lesson.

School Uniform and Dress Code: Each year, our school revisits our school's procedures and practices and tweaks are made as required. Recently, the School Uniform and Dress Code draft was sent to P&C members for review. At tonight's P&C meeting this will be open for comment before being ratified by our P&C. If you'd like to have input, please come along to tonight's meeting. It's not necessary to be a member to attend. We expect our students to wear school uniform as does each school. This indicates pride in our school, shows respect for our common expectations and gives our children strong identity as *Tenambit Kids*. Recently I've had to remind students that non-school caps are not to be worn at school and students are not to be in the playground for play unless in a school hat. It's amazing how quickly 'lost' hats become found when this is the expectation. We do ask that parents support our school in the expectation that school uniform should be worn.

Kindergarten Expo and Transition Days: We will hold our very successful Kinder Expo again this year on Wednesday 21st November, starting at 9:15am, and we'd love to invite our families with Kinder aged students to attend. This will also be the first transition day into Big School for our 'Almost Kinders'. Please check out the flyer attached to the newsletter for the full dates.

A big Tenambit welcome to our new staff: We welcome Mr Paul Davis to our Tenambit Crew. Mr Davis joins us from Sydney and has transferred into our school, filling the vacancy created by Mr Eagleton's retirement. Mr Davis will be teaching 3/4 RED and I'd like to thank Mr Stacey for a terrific job of teaching the class in the interim.

We also say a big 'welcome back' to Ms Shaye Moss who successfully gained an executive position with us, filling the Assistant Principal role left vacant by Mrs Dyall. Ms

Moss will continue in her current position for the remainder of the year, joining us in the Assistant Principal role at the start of 2019. She will be visiting throughout this term for planning days and for our Kinder Expo so feel free to say 'hi' and 'welcome back'.

DISCO: Unfortunately, again we had to cancel the disco due to rain and safety concerns last term and we thank our families for their understanding. As we work with a DJ to provide the music and activities, we are limited as to when we can hold the discos. To date, we are unsure if we can do a make up for the missed disco.

However, we do have this term's disco coming up (Wednesday 31 October) which has a 'Halloween' theme. We do have some strict guidelines around this regarding appropriate dress. To ensure this is a fun night, not a scary one, we ask that no masks are worn by any of our students. While face paint makeup is ok, it still should be 'school event appropriate' and not be frightening in any way. We also ask that students don't bring representations of weapons, that tops are not midriff and have sleeves, shorts and skirts are length appropriate and no high heels or thongs for safety reasons.

Canteen orders will be available soon for the disco and seating will be available for parents to wait should they choose, at the entry area to our school.

2019 Student Leaders: This Friday our current Year 5 students will take part in lots of activities designed to immerse them in the role of a student leader, ie responsibilities and expectations. From Week 2, our Year 5 students must reflect on this role and if they are interested in a leadership role for 2019. Speeches and voting for the 2019 Student Leaders will take place on Friday 30th November.

Speeches and voting for our 2019 Sports Captains will take place on Friday 14th December.

Only those students who have received their Star Badges are eligible to nominate for a Leadership Role.

Positive Behaviour Learning: This term, we've added a tweak to our student acknowledgement following discussions with our children and considering 'student voice' regarding our Ambits and how they are valued by students. As many of our older students don't utilise their Ambits to partake in the Win Bin or to purchase an ice block from the canteen, we're adding another option for our students to choose from. As an alternative acknowledgement for those students who are consistently doing the right thing and following our school's expectations, we are introducing 'Tenners'. Please look for more information included in this newsletter for a full explanation. TENNERS may be saved and banked to purchase more substantial PBL items and/or saved to

participate in our 'Acknowledgement Days' which are chosen in conjunction with our School Leaders.

A yearly aspect of our PBL program is the achievement of Star Badges. Students must have followed our expectations and our core values to achieve their Star Badge. This year our Star Badge special assembly is on Monday 26th November (Week 7) at 9:15am.

Kiss and Go Zones: As notified last term, this term we expect our parents and family members to adhere to our Kiss and Go zones and not be in our school grounds prior to 2:50pm. We still have a small portion of our parent community choosing to move into our school's learning areas early of an afternoon which means our students and teachers cannot use those areas for learning.

We have two Kiss and Go Zones, one in front of our school office near the Edward Street entry and one under the Infant's COLA near the Collision Street entry, both with ample seating. These are the only two areas parents or family members should be. Parents should also utilise these areas for morning drop off as well. School commences with the bell and parents should not be on school grounds after this unless they have specific school business. Help your child build resilience and lessen anxiety, build friendships and independence. Please set a good example to your children and be considerate and respectful of our school's expectations.

And I'd like to finish with **a huge thank you** to our hard-working members of our P&C. Due to the fundraising efforts by members and the wider parent community, our fixed play equipment will have a shade sail over it in just a few weeks time. This is just one example of how the P&C supports our school and your children. Our P&C also run our school uniform shop, ensuring our school's uniform is cost affective, and our canteen, ensuring healthy low cost lunches and recess items for our school community. Support them, give time to help in our canteen, sell fundraising items, support events and occasions, and say THANK YOU!

Until next week,

Donna Stackman

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PBL Affirmation for the Week

"Class time is learning time"

School Calendar Term 4	
Week 1	
Monday 15 th October	Students return to school P&C Meeting – 6.00pm
Wednesday 17 th October	CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am
Thursday 18 th October	Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am
Friday 19 th October	Student Leadership Day for Year 5 students
Week 2	
Wednesday 24 th October	CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am
Thursday 25 th October	Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am
Week 3	
Wednesday 31 st October	CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am School Disco – Halloween Theme
Thursday 1 st November	Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am
Week 4	
Wednesday 7 th November	CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am
Thursday 8 th November	Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am
Week 5	
Wednesday 14 th Nov	CUBS Graduation
Thursday 15 th November	Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am
Week 6	
Monday 19 th November	P&C Meeting – 6.00pm
Wednesday 21 st Nov	Kinder 2019 Expo Kinder Orientation #1
Thursday 22 nd November	Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am
Week 7	
Wednesday 28 th Nov	Kinder Orientation #2
Thursday 30 th November	2019 Student Leader Speeches and Voting Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am
Week 8	
Tuesday 4 th December	Maitland HS Orientation
Wednesday 5 th December	Kinder Orientation #3
Thursday 6 th December	Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am
Friday 7 th December	Carols Night
Week 9	
Tuesday 11 th December	Primary Presentation Day
Wednesday 12 th Dec	Infants Presentation Day
Thursday 13 th December	Year 6 Farewell Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am
Friday 14 th December	Voting for Sports/House Captains
Week 10	
Wednesday 19 th Dec	Last day for students

Year 5 Leadership Day

This Friday 19th October all Year 5 students will spend the day participating in activities and games around the theme of leadership. They will identify what they think makes a good leader and interview this year's school captains on their experiences in this area. The nomination process for interview will take place at a later date.

A sausage sizzle will be provided on Friday at no cost to students.

Volunteering at school

If you would like to be a volunteer at school there have been some changes since the 1st September. Volunteers need to complete a Working With Children Check NSW at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>,

print out the final page with the application number on it and take it to Services NSW (old RTA) and submit the application.

Once approved, bring the copy of the clearance with you when undergoing the volunteer induction at the school. We apologise for this inconvenience but student safety is our priority.



Please contact Liane in the Canteen if you are able to volunteer, or speak to the ladies in the office.

All volunteers are required to do an Induction at the office for Health & Safety which takes a maximum of 15 minutes.

ASSEMBLIES

Infants: Monday 2.25pm

Primary: Friday 2.25pm

New Library Day Timetable

Your child's library day may have changed this term. Please check the table below to see when their library day is. Please ensure library books are returned each week so your child can bring home some new beautiful books.

Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are. ~ Mason Cooley

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/4 Red	5/6 Blue	K-6 Blue	3/4 Blue	5/6 White
3/4 White	5/6 Green	K-6 Red	5/6 Red	1 Blue
K Red	K Blue		1/2 Green	1 Red
K Green	3/4 Green		2 White	



Visit our Kindergarten Expo,
Wednesday 21st November,
to find out more about our
fabulous programs.

STEM

PBL

How to
help at home

Our first
day

Literacy &
Number



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Kindergarten Expo and Orientation

Day	Hours
21-11-18	9:15am - 11am Parent Expo + Day 1 Orientation for kids
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5-12-18	9:15am - 11am Day 3 Orientation Just for kids



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PBL

Positive Behaviour Learning Acknowledgement

REWARD
DAYS

- Use TENNERS to participate
- One main event at end of year - TENNERS must be used to participate

TENNERS

- Trade via 10 AMBITS - 10 AMBITS = 1 TENNER
- Bank or use to purchase TENNER items

AMBITS

- 10 AMBITS to go to Win Bin
- 10 AMBITS to purchase an Ice block from the Canteen

REWARD DAYS

- Student voice
- Suitable for all students
- High interest

TENNER ITEMS

- Student voice
- PBL focused
- High interest

BENEFITS



Teachers and school staff use consistent teacher judgement in awarding AMBITS. AMBITS are given out freely to those students who demonstrate our core values, are kind to one another, help each other, follow teacher expectations, work toward goals, work well with each other, try to be better today than they were yesterday.

Library and PE lesson times for Term 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/4 RED	5/6 BLUE	K-6 BLUE	3/4 BLUE	5/6 WHITE
3/4 WHITE	5/6 GREEN	K-6 RED	5/6 RED	1 BLUE
K RED	K BLUE		1/2 GREEN	1 RED
K GREEN	3/4 GREEN		2 WHITE	

