

Monday, 22 October 2018

From the Principal

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4! The first week of term seemed to go by in a flash. All students have settled back into the day to day routines of their classes and are working hard towards the end of the year. As we begin Term 4, there is just under a quarter of the school year remaining and, as such, a lot of learning is still happening in classrooms. Student attendance is always an important part of school life and this does not change as the students begin preparing for the challenges that lie ahead in their next phase of their school life. I will be adding a weekly target I would like to achieve to our school newsletter and providing the previous weeks attendance percentage.

Our students will also be working towards a class attendance award which will be handed out at their respective assemblies. We will be looking at the attendance data each week and the class with the highest attendance will receive the weekly attendance award. There will be an Infants and Primary Award. We are concerned about all absences, both partial and whole days, as they directly impact student learning.

Our students will begin working towards a new PBL goal today of a whole school reward towards the end of this term. In discussions with our student leaders, staff and parents, we are continuing to update our PBL program. All students have the opportunity to attend the reward day but they will need to 'earn' school currency which will be called a Tenner and then they will be able to attend the rewards day by presenting their Tenners as payment. Tenners can only be claimed when students hand in ten ambits. To make this fair for all students we have updated the ambit and will only be accepting the updated ambits for currency to trade for a Tenner. Existing ambits can still be used to purchase from the win bin each Monday as can the new ambits.

Ambits will continue to be given to students who are displaying our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence in class and in the playground.

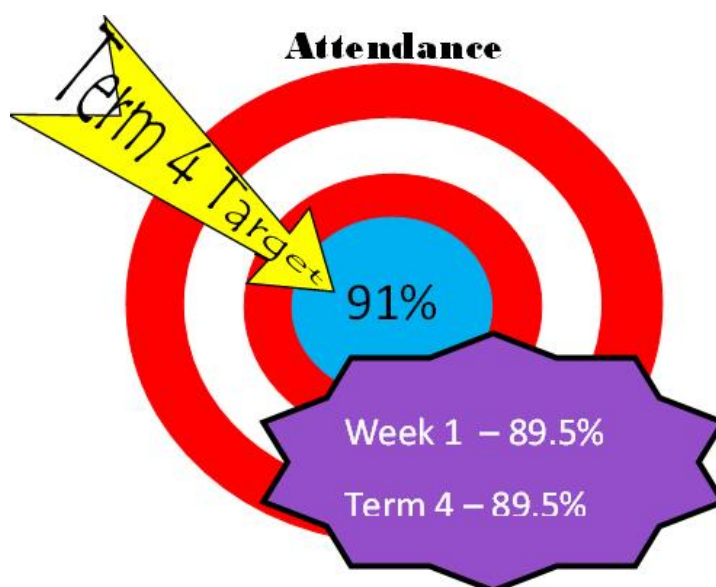
Finally, I would like to let all our parents know that due to unforeseen circumstances Mrs Stackman will be taking extended medical leave for the remainder of the year. We will see Mrs Stackman back and ready to start 2019.

Until next week,

Luke Potts

Assistant Principal

#iamtenambit



School Calendar Term 4	
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” Crazy Hair Day - Year 6 Fundraiser
Thursday 1 st November	Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am Reg Kelly Cricket
Friday 2 nd November	Grandfriends Day
Week 4	
Wednesday 7 th November	CUBS 9.00am – 11.00am
Thursday 8 th November	Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am
Friday 9 th November	Reg Kelly Cricket
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
Tuesday 20 th November	Author Visit
Wednesday 21 st Nov	Kinder 2019 Expo Kinder Orientation #1
Thursday 22 nd November	Play Group 9.00 – 11.00am
Friday 23 rd November	Cold Rock Day Fundraiser
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 High 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	
Monday 17 th December	Class Party Day
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day for students Year 6 clap out - 2.45pm

PBL Affirmation for the Week

"I can be respectful"



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.

Stage 3 Canberra Trip

The staff and students of Tenambit Public School would like to thank the contribution and influence of the PACER Government Grant System that helped us see many amazing attractions while we were in the nation's capital. Without this influence we wouldn't have experienced the democratic process as clearly as we did.



Author Visit – Chris Collin

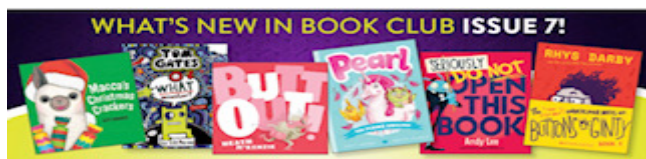
Award winning author Chris Collin and his fabulous books will be visiting our school on Tuesday 20th November for a fun and interactive session for all students in the school. For Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 he will explore his books with rhyme, music, puppets and art. For Stage 2 and Stage 3 he will discuss the process of creating fun picture books with rhyme and humour. He will also provide the opportunity to answer questions. (Signed copies of his books will be available for purchase also). The cost is \$5.00. Please return notes and payment to the office by **Friday 16th November**.

Mrs Powell
Teacher Librarian



**Book Club is due by the 2nd November.
Online orders only through LOOP payments.**

When your child purchases from Book Club the school gets Scholastic Dollars to use to purchase more books for our school library.



Christmas Raffle

All classrooms received a basket in their room today for our Christmas raffle donations. These will be used to make up our Christmas hampers. Could you please help out by making a donation. Some ideas for donations could be food items, toys, books etc.

We will also be donating a couple of hampers to the Samaritans.

Thank you for your help.

Calendar

An order form will come home this week for our calendars. All children will do some artwork in class and if you wish to have a specific photo this needs to be supplied.

Orders and money need to be returned to the school office by 21st November.

Casey's Toys

Look out for a note this week about a fundraiser at Casey's Toys. This has been booked for Wednesday 21st November.

More information to come soon!

ASSEMBLIES

Infants: Monday 2.25pm

Primary: Friday 2.25pm

SCHOOL OPAL CARD PASSES FOR 2019

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday 15th October 2018.

Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 **do not** need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31st December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31st December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

TENAMBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL

TERM 4 DISCO



Wednesday 31st October

INFANTS 5:00PM -6:15PM

PRIMARY 6:30PM- 8:00PM

Food will be available to pre-order.
Please return food order form to canteen, no later than lunchtime
Monday 29th October 2018.



**TENAMBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION
Information for Families**



Dear Parents/Carers/Family and Friends,

Following on from our great success with the creative arts festival and seeing some more families becoming involved in the P&C run activities, we thought we would offer some more information about our actual role in the school and how you can get involved

Quick facts!!

P&C meetings are open for *anyone* to attend!

If you are a parent or family member of someone who attends Tenambit Public School you are more than welcome to attend meetings! If you would like to become a member of the P&C and have voting rights, the cost is \$1 per year

The P&C is run separate from the school!

The P&C is run by the executive committee (that is voted on each year) and its financial members. The executive committee are responsible to chair meetings, handle correspondence and financials. While staff and teachers may attend meetings, they share equal standing with all other financial members.

There are sub committees!

If you have a particular area of interest that you would prefer to be involved in, there are sub committees that you can become a part of. This includes the canteen and fundraising events

What the P&C actually does -

The P&C has four main areas of focus

1. We are an advisory group

We are considered to be the consultative group for the school and the major decisions that are made. We do not make or enforce rules or decisions but rather we are usually the first parents to hear of potential changes and we get to give our feedback (either for or against).

It is a great way to become actively involved in our school and the parent representation is essential to make sure that our whole community voice is heard!

Some of the changes we have given feedback on recently include, the way school captains and leaders are appointed and the schools behavior policy.

2. We fundraise for the school!

The P&C is the primary source of additional income for the school. The money that we raise goes directly back to the school and makes sure that we are getting the resources and activities our students need!

Our creative arts festival raised just under \$5000 from the efforts of our current P&C, the possibilities are endless for what we could do with even more families behind us!



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Recently the P&C have fundraised money towards the \$29000 shade sail that we will see built over the playground equipment over the coming months, sponsored star struck to ensure as many students as possible could attend as well as well as well as purchasing book bins for the library last year.

3. We run the canteen and uniform shop.

By maintaining the canteen and uniform shop as P&C operated, we are able to keep costs low and products tailored specifically to our school. Profits from the canteen go directly back into the school and our students!

The uniform shop is not run for profit, the price for items is usually very close to the cost price. We believe that maintaining this is essential for our families and means that our students aren't paying excessive amounts for their uniform (some schools cost \$40 or more for a shirt).

4. We are the schools biggest supporters and cheerleaders!

All parents want our children's school life to be successful! We want them to be safe, have fun and learn at their own pace! In order to do that our voices as parents need to be heard! We need to ensure our whole community is represented at our meetings and as much information as possible can be given to the school before decisions are made.

A lot of talk about conflict has come to our attention recently and this conflict has been a barrier to people becoming involved. Conflict however is not a bad thing so long as it is shown and resolved appropriately!

Where there is conflict, there is a clash of ideals / understanding. This conflict can be the platform to create change when it is discussed in the right arena! By avoiding the conflict or the hard decisions, we only continue to let the issue go un-noticed, meaning that our students are nowhere near the better for it.

As cheerleaders for our school we need to band together to discuss our concerns, feedback any questions we may have and ensure that the voices of our whole community are heard as a way to drive positive change through our school and for our students.

The old phrase of 'it takes a village to raise a child' is true; this is **our** village and **our** community. It needs strong positive voices to assist it to grow!

Participation in the P&C means doing something that is bigger than your own personal feelings, it is contributing to your child's success as well as the success of their friends and peers.

It means advocating for our community to make sure the right decisions being made and it means lending some of your time to make a positive contribution to our community (however big or small, it all counts).

Our community is a great community and we are lucky to have a passionate parent and family base that we can draw on. The P&C will continually look at how we can improve how we work to make sure we are as approachable and effective as possible so that we can be your cheerleader as well.

If you would like to attend a meeting or become involved in any way, shape or form, please get in touch.

Kind Regards

Tenambit P&C Executive Committee

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. The application website opens at that link on **9 October 2018** and closes on **12 November 2018**. **You must apply before the closing date.**

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 9 October 2018.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL. This is a notice to your primary school only that you **intend** to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2020 through the High Performing Students Unit website between 9 October 2018 and 12 November 2018.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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