



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear all,

Grandparents Day – Change of Date

In last week's 'Bulletin' you would have read about our Grandparents assembly. At the time we hadn't considered that it would clash with Melbourne Cup Day, so we have now moved our assembly to the following day, Wednesday 2 November. We hope this avoids grandparents having to make a tough decision! I'm looking forward to having lots of grandparents, parents, friends and family members join us at 12.20pm on Wednesday 2 November for an assembly, followed by a light afternoon tea.

Welcome Mrs Flannery

Last week I was advised from the DEC staffing unit that we have been appointed a new teacher to begin at the start of the 2017 school year. Mrs Charmaine Flannery will occupy the teaching role that became available at the end of last year when our numbers increased, enabling the school to create the 6th class that we will hold into 2017. In line with the Department's staffing agreement this position was filled centrally from the school staffing unit. I met with Mrs Flannery last week and she is extremely excited about beginning her teaching career at Tomorong Public School. I welcome Mrs Flannery to *Team Tomorong* and know that she will be welcomed with open arms. Congratulations Charmaine!

LMBR

As you know our Administrative staff have been working towards a changeover to a new finance and administration system which went live on Monday. This is by far the biggest change to schools in the last 30 years. I'm pleased to report that all went smoothly, although all schools have a lot to learn about how to operate in 'the brave new world.' We are so fortunate to have such expertise in Mrs Blair and Mrs Bransgrove, but I ask that you continue to be patient as we learn how to get the best out of the new system. Thank you in advance.

Canberra Excursion

It was a pleasure to accompany our Years 5 and 6 students to Canberra for their overnight excursion earlier in the week. Their behaviour was outstanding! It was great to see them so engaged in tours of Parliament House and the Electoral Commission where they had the opportunity to show Mr Newton and I how much they'd learnt in their recent work on the Australian Government.

Thank you to Mr Newton for all the work involved in organising the excursion and Mrs Ford for keeping us all in line and on schedule! Thank you also to the students for approaching each activity with great enthusiasm and an excellent attitude. I'm sure they all slept well last night!

Working Bee

A reminder that we will be having a working bee in the school grounds this Saturday, 22 October, commencing at 9am (weather permitting)! Please bring along a shovel to help us move some mulch! All help would be greatly appreciated.

P&C Meeting

Our wonderful P&C will be meeting next Monday at 6pm. We'd love your input, so please come along and get involved.

Have a great week,

Rod White
Principal



**CANTEEN OPEN
WEDNESDAYS
ONLY**

**KEEP
CALM
SORRY WE'RE
CLOSED
FRIDAYS**

CRAZY CAMEL CALENDARS

This week all of the ordered Crazy Camel Calendars, Diaries and iPhone Cases arrived at our school and lots of students were able to take home their wonderful products with their artworks on them. I would like to thank the parents of all students who ordered calendars, diaries and/or iPhone cases, as the money raised will go towards Year 6 fundraising for 2016.

Mr Newton

Class Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Class Award at last week's assembly:

KD - Lily - For excellent work during maths. Very clever addition work.

Scarlette - For excellent effort and application in all areas of school work.

1-2M - Dexter - For fantastic improvement in reading.

Aliyah - For a huge improvement in the neatness and presentation of her book work.

1-2R - Amarli - For always taking pride in her book work. Keep it up Amarli.

Jorden - For always following directions and trying to do his best. Well done Jorden.

3M - Henry - For showing improvement and effort in Literacy lessons. Well done.

Jordan - For trying her best to improve her numeracy skills. Well done.

LIBRARY AWARDS

Adam - For great weekly borrowing and remembering his Library books and bag every week.

Alana - For fantastic Library borrowing and always trying her best.

Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an Achievement Award last week:

Maroon Achievement Awards (Eight Tall Trees)

Nathan W, Olivia V, Willa, Riley K, Max and Lachlan.

Green Achievement Awards (Twelve Tall Trees)

Bailey H, Dexter, Nate W, Serena, Christopher, Samantha, Isabella, Henry, Sarah, Jett K, Ella, Jordan, Nate K, Adam, Harry and Amity.

Blue Achievement Awards (Sixteen Tall Trees)

Anna, Matilda, Eben, Riley H, Katie, Liv, Daniel H and Riley K.

SRC FUNDRAISER - BANDANNA DAY

Next week, the SRC are holding a fundraiser for 'National Bandanna Day'. This fundraiser helps support young people who are dealing with cancer all around Australia.

Bandannas will be available for sale in the morning as well as lunchtime on Friday 28 October for \$4 each.

Please purchase one and enjoy wearing it at school for the day to show your support to young Australians who are effected by cancer. **Mrs Darby and SRC**



CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4

WED 26 OCT - Lara and Kylie

FRIDAY CLOSED

COMING EVENTS - TERM 4

WEEK 2

Thu 20 Oct	-Library Borrowing - 4-5B and 5-6N -Student Banking
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Fri 21 Oct	-Hip Hop Dance Program -Book Club Orders Due
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Saturday 22 October - P&C Working Bee - 9am

WEEK 3

Mon 24 Oct	-P&C Meeting - 6pm
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Tue 25 Oct	-Library Borrowing - KD and 3M
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Wed 26 Oct	-Library Borrowing - 1-2M and 1-2R -Uniform Pool 8.50 - 9.10am, 2.50 - 3.10pm
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Thu 27 Oct	-Library Borrowing - 4-5B and 5-6N -Student Banking
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Fri 28 Oct	-SRC Bandanna Day
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OFFICE NEWS

Learning Management Business Reforms Update

On Monday our school successfully transitioned to the new Department of Education administrative and financial systems. We are very excited by the prospect that the new platform will offer greater efficiencies and benefits in the management of financial and student data. However, the new systems are vast and there is still much to learn. This term, much of the training for the new processes will take place each day at school. Some daily procedures that were once very routine will now take more time to complete. We thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Parent Online Payments

The Parent Online Payment function (\$Make a payment) button has been reinstated on the school's website at <http://www.tomerong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>.

I wish to advise parents that if you have not already paid for your child's Hip Hop dance program, the \$10 payment can be made online. In the Payment Options, please tick the OTHER button and in the PAYMENT DESCRIPTION 1 type HIP HOP. Alternatively, payments can be sent in by cash or cheque to the school in a clearly marked (with your child's name, class and activity), sealed envelope.

Marg Blair

PACER

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and was factored into the cost of the excursion.