



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear all,

Welcome back to all our existing families and a special welcome to the new families who have joined us this year. I'm sure you will thoroughly enjoy your time at Tomorong Public School and find it the ideal learning environment for your child.

I'm really excited about welcoming Mrs Charmaine Flannery to Team Tomorong in a permanent teaching capacity, along with Miss Aja Kemp who will be with us for 2017. Mrs Flannery was appointed to our school at the end of last year and will be teaching Year 1, while Miss Kemp will be on the 2-3 class. I know our school community will make them both feel most welcome. In the coming weeks we will be hosting a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon where teachers will be outlining their class program and expectations for the year. Details will be in next week's 'Bulletin'.

Our class structure for 2017 is as follows:

Kindergarten	- Mrs Sharlene Dilley (KD)
Year 1	- Mrs Charmaine Flannery (1F)
Year 2	- Mr Luke Munn (2M)
2-3	- Miss Aja Kemp (2-3K)
4-5	- Mrs Lauren Moore (4-5M)
5-6	- Mr Zac Newton (5-6N)
Library	- Mrs Rose Darby and Miss Cathy Beal
Reading Recovery & Learning Support	- Mrs Kathryn Raymer

We're so fortunate to have such a fantastic staff here at Tomorong and we're all looking forward to the year ahead. We welcome Miss Cathy Beal back from maternity leave to take up a library role as well as being on the Year 2 class from lunch time each Monday while Mr Munn tends to administrative duties. She will also teach Year 1 until recess on Tuesdays.

Welcome Kindergarten

Today we welcomed our new Kindergarten students for their first official day at big school. After a strong transition program last year and their Best Start assessments earlier this week, they hit the ground running this morning. I think Mrs Dilley is just as excited as our new recruits!

Communication

If you're happy with how things are travelling, please shout it from the rooftops, but if you're not, please tell me. We love promoting the fantastic achievements of our school and students in the wider community and the best promotion is your word of mouth. However, if you have a concern about something school related, please talk to me directly so it can be resolved.

A reminder that you can be kept up to date with good news stories on our school Facebook page as well as keeping informed about school events on our Skoolbag app which you can download to your phone by following the instructions on the back page of this 'Bulletin'.

Please remember that teachers are always more than happy to discuss your child's progress at any stage throughout the year. Having regular conversations also helps us better support your child – it's often the little pieces of the puzzle that makes everything click! Similarly, if at any stage you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's schooling with me, my door is always open.

Garden Club

Last year a small but very dedicated group of volunteers overhauled our vegetable garden and provided opportunities for students to participate in growing, caring for and harvesting the vegetables each Friday lunchtime. We would love to be able to continue this initiative this year, although we require a couple more volunteers to share the load. If you have a love of gardening and working with children, and could spare an hour or two for a couple of Fridays each term, we'd love to talk to you. If you know any grandparents or community members who may be interested, please spread the word.

Before and After School Care

Tall Trees Before and After School Care grew from strength to strength last year and will continue to operate again in 2017 and beyond. If you would like to discuss enrolments, please contact Anna on 0490 337 292.

What week is it, anyway?

Strangely, this year our students started school in Week 2, because staff returned last Friday (Week 1). Please keep this in mind when referring to school events.

Enjoy the term!

Rod White
Principal



COMING EVENTS - Term 1**WEEK 2**

Thu 2 Feb	-School Swimming Carnival -Student Banking
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WEEK 3

Wed 8 Feb	-Canteen Open -Uniform Pool Open - 8.50 - 9.10am
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WEEK 4

Mon 13 Feb	-P&C Annual General Meeting - 6pm
Wed 15 Feb	-Book Club Issue 1 Due

SPORTS SHORTS**School Swimming Carnival**

Our school swimming carnival will go ahead tomorrow regardless of a little rain. The students are very excited about competing and the weather forecast has predicted an occasional shower. Students are reminded to bring an umbrella or raincoat just in case.

Permission notes needed to be returned today, but can be handed in to the office first thing tomorrow morning. If you need another note, they can be located in the office foyer.

Please note that the swimming carnival is only for students in Years 2 - 6. A program of the day's events is attached to this 'Bulletin' or can be found on the back of the permission note.

Soccer Clinics

We are fortunate to have Mr Mark Johnson from Shoalhaven Soccer attending our school for five sessions of soccer drills and skills. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will take part in these free sessions and learn all about the game of soccer.

These sessions will occur on Tuesdays from Week 3 to Week 7 of this term and students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform.

House Captains

Congratulations to the following students for being elected House Captains for 2017:

Acacia - Caleb and Charlotte
Turpentine - Riley and Bree
Spotted Gum - Simone

Mr Munn

BUS PASSES

The Department of Transport has made changes to how parents apply for bus passes. If you would like to apply for a new bus pass or you need to update your child's details, please log onto the Transport NSW website and register online. For any enquiries please call Transport NSW on 131 500 for assistance.

SCHOOL TERM DATES - 2017

Term 1 - Monday 30 January - Friday 7 April
Term 2 - Wednesday 26 April - Friday 30 June
Term 3 - Tuesday 18 July - Friday 22 September
Term 4 - Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December

LIBRARY LINKS

Welcome back to the library for 2017! I hope that you have had a lovely holiday and enjoyed some great summer reading!

Weekly borrowing will resume next week (Week 2). Please ensure your child brings a library bag on their library borrowing day, as they will be unable to borrow a book without a bag.

Please see below for each classes library borrowing days:

KD - Wednesday (Mrs Darby)
1F - Tuesday (Miss Beal)
2M - Tuesday (Mrs Darby)
2-3K - Monday (Miss Beal)
4-5M - Wednesday (Mrs Darby)
5-6N - Tuesday (Mrs Darby)

The library will be open for all students on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the FIRST half of lunch. Come and enjoy reading a book or playing a quiet game.

We still have some wonderful new books that need covering before they can be borrowed by students. If there are any parents who are able to assist with this, please see me on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, thank you!

Happy Reading!

Mrs Darby

**Book Covering
Volunteers Wanted**

**P&C NEWS****Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Our first P&C meeting for 2016, will be held on **Monday 13 February** with the AGM commencing at 6pm, followed by an ordinary meeting. All parents are encouraged and welcome to attend this meeting.

Canteen News

The canteen will be open each Wednesday. The full menu will be available on this day.

Unfortunately, at this stage the canteen will be closed on Friday's unless we can get more volunteers, so if you can spare some time to help out, please place your name on the roster located on the canteen door.

UNIFORM POOL**Operating Hours**

The Uniform Pool will be operating each Wednesday morning from 8.50 to 9.10am.

Daphne Lilly - Uniform Pool Co-ordinator

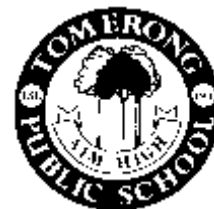
CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1

WED 8 FEB - Darren and Jess

FRIDAY CLOSED

**Book Club Issue 1
Due Wednesday 15 February**

Swimming Carnival - 2017



Date	Thursday 2 February	
Venue	Bomaderry Aquatic Centre	
Officials	Chief Judge and Timekeeper	Mr Newton
	Starter/Pool Duties	Mr Munn
	Pool Duties	Mrs Kime
	Marshalling	Mrs Moore
	Timekeeping	Miss Kemp & helpers
	Recording	Mr White

Programme

9:20	Depart Tomerong School		
10:00	Freestyle	100m Boys	Open
		100m Girls	Open
10:20	Freestyle	50m Boys	8yrs
		50m Girls	8yrs
		50m Boys	9yrs
		50m Girls	9yrs
		50m Boys	10yrs
		50m Girls	10yrs
		50m Boys	11yrs
		50m Girls	11yrs
		50m Boys	12yrs
		50m Girls	12yrs
		50m Boys/Girls	13yrs
11:10	Recess Break		
11:20	Breaststroke	50m Boys	Junior (8,9,10yrs)
		50m Girls	Junior (8,9,10yrs)
		50m Boys	11yrs
		50m Girls	11yrs
		50m Boys	Senior (12,13yrs)
		50m Girls	Senior (12,13yrs)
12:00	Backstroke	50m Boys	Junior (8,9,10yrs)
		50m Girls	Junior (8,9,10yrs)
		50m Boys	11yrs
		50m Girls	11yrs
		50m Boys	Senior (12,13yrs)
		50m Girls	Senior (12,13yrs)
12:30	Lunch		
12:45	Butterfly	50m Boys	Junior (8,9,10yrs)
		50m Girls	Junior (8,9,10yrs)
		50m Boys	11yrs
		50m Girls	11yrs
		50m Boys	Senior (12,13yrs)
		50m Girls	Senior (12,13yrs)
1:00	Open Individual Medley (4x50m)		
1:15	Relays	Junior Boys (8,9,10yrs)	
		Junior Girls (8,9,10yrs)	
		Senior Boys (12,13yrs)	
		Senior Girls (12,13yrs)	
1:50	Leave Bomaderry Aquatic Centre		
2:00pm	Bus departs		



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

