



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a lovely start to the year with students being very settled in their classes.

Class Information Sessions

During Week 4, each teacher will be hosting information sessions for parents. These sessions are an opportunity to get to know your child's teacher and become familiar with the routines and expectations of your child's class, as well as what your child will be learning throughout the year. I encourage all families to come along on the following days:

- KD -Thursday 22 February at 3.30pm
- 1F -Thursday 22 February at 4.30pm
- 2M -Wednesday 21 February at 3.30pm
- 2-3K -Monday 19 February at 4.30pm
- 3-4B -Monday 19 February at 3.30pm
- 4-5D -Wednesday 21 February at 4.30pm
- 5-6B -Tuesday 20 February at 4.30pm

Leisure Sports

Due to the outstanding popularity of our Leisure Sports program with our primary students last year, we are excited to be able to offer them again of Terms 1 & 4 of this year for students in Years 3-6.

In an effort to expose students to a range of activities, this year we will be offering fishing, swimming (Bay and Basin Leisure Centre) fitness using the outdoor gym at Plantation Point, and beach activities. The first rotation will commence in Week 4 (Friday 23 February).

A note will be sent home by the end of this week, outlining each activity in greater detail with a permission slip to sign and return to school.

Scripture and Ethics Options 2018

This year we are able to offer Catholic scripture for students K-6, as well as Ethics classes for Years 1&2, 3&4 and 5&6, along with combined protestant classes for students in K-6. Attached to today's 'Bulletin' is a permission note for those wishing to attend the newly formed Catholic Scripture classes and Years 1 and 2 Ethics classes. Please note, you do not need to complete this permission note if your child's Scripture/Ethics class arrangements remain the same. However, if you would like your child to participate Non Scripture this year you will need to provide a letter advising of this.

Assembly

There will be a school assembly this Friday, commencing at 2.30pm. Our new SRC leaders will be presented with their badges during this time.

P&C Meeting

Next Monday, 12 February, the P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) where they will declare all positions vacant and elect a new executive team. It is vital that the school continues to have a strong P&C as they provide invaluable support to our school, as well as services such as the canteen, Before and After School Care and the Uniform Pool.

The P&C is an ideal way to be involved in our vibrant school community so please come along and be involved.

Have a great week!

Rod White
Principal



COMING EVENTS - TERM 1 - 2018 - WEEK 2

Thu 8 Feb	-Library Borrowing - 3-4B
Fri 9 Feb	-School Assembly - 2.30pm
WEEK 3	
Mon 12 Feb	-P&C Annual General Meeting - 6 - 8pm -Library Borrowing - 2-3K
Tue 13 Feb	-School Swimming Carnival -Library Borrowing - KD
Wed 14 Feb	-Library Borrowing - 1F -Uniform Pool - 8.50 - 9.10am
Fri 16 Feb	-Bookclub Orders Issue 1 Due

This week's value is

Keep Hands & Feet to Yourself

Congratulations to last week's winners

Banjo and Jeremy



Due
Friday 16 February

Class Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Class Award at this week's assembly:

KD	- Asher and Lachlan
1F	- Olivia and Cooper
2M	- Georgie and Will
2-3K	- Lily, Ethan and Riley
3-4B	- Montana and James
4-5M	- Ella and Bodie
5-6B	- Miles and Lily
Library	- Cody, Lily and Melia

SPORTS SHORTS

Swimming Carnival 2018

The school Swimming Carnival will be held next Tuesday, 13 February at Bomaderry Aquatic Centre.

Races will commence at 10am and conclude by 2pm. This carnival is for students who are turning 8 this year and those students who are older than 8 years of age. Kindergarten and Year 1 do not attend the swimming carnival for this reason.

We look forward to pleasant weather and a great day at the pool.

Please return the school Swimming Carnival permission note with payment by tomorrow, Thursday 8 February. Payment for this carnival can be made online, please follow the payment instructions attached to this 'Bulletin'. If any parents and friends are able to help with time keeping, please indicate on the permission note.

Mr Munn

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1 - 2018

Date	Name of volunteer
Friday 9 February	Emma
Wednesday 14 February	Darren
Friday 16 February	Emma
Wednesday 21 February	Lara
Friday 23 February	Emma
Wednesday 28 February	Jess
Friday 2 March	Emma
Wednesday 7 March	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Friday 9 March	Emma
Wednesday 14 March	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Friday 16 March	Emma
Wednesday 21 March	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Friday 23 March	Emma
Wednesday 28 March	Cath
Friday 30 March	CLOSED

P&C NEWS

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our first P&C Meeting for 2018, will be held this **Monday, 12 February** with the AGM commencing at 6pm, followed by an ordinary meeting. All parents are encouraged and welcome to attend this meeting.

Canteen

Hi everyone, I hope you all had a great Christmas break. Well I am looking forward to the year ahead, offering some different lunch items every now and then. To start off with I will be doing sushi on Friday 16 February (**this will be a pre-order ONLY and orders must be in by no later than Wednesday 14 February**). The fillings will be Teriyaki Chicken, Chicken & Cucumber, Vegetarian and Tuna (cooked). The cost will be \$3.50 per pack (9 pieces) with sauce included, soy or wasabi mayo (mild).

I am hoping to have some new volunteers this year as the canteen needs your support! Every volunteer will receive a \$5 canteen voucher.

Thank you

Lorraine - Canteen Co-ordinator

OFFICE NEWS

2018 Permission Notes

Authority to Publish and Short Walking Excursion permission notes were sent home with the 'Bulletin' last week. Thank you to all those families who were so prompt in returning their notes. Updated permission is required each year, so if you have not already done so, please complete and return your child's permission notes as soon as possible. **Please remember to tick your response on the permission notes.**

Change of Contact Details

At the beginning of each school year we urge parents to assess their contact details and advise the school if there are any changes (especially mobile phone numbers). It is also very important to keep the details of Emergency Contacts (other than parents/carers) up to date. This information is crucial when a child is unwell or if there is a medical emergency.

Voluntary School Contributions

The school voluntary contribution is to remain the same as last year and is set at \$35 for one student or \$60 per family (two or more students). For your convenience, envelopes have been sent home with today's 'Bulletin' if you would like to make a contribution. Money collected through voluntary contributions is used to purchase essential classroom resources and we thank you for your payment.

Money Collection & Payment Options

This is a reminder to parents that when sending payments in for school based activities, please place the money and note (if applicable) inside a paper envelope (recycled is ok) with your child's name, class, amount and reason for payment, clearly marked on the outside. The school accepts payments by cash or cheque (made payable to Tomerong Public School). The school does not offer an Eftpos facility however, parents are able to make electronic payment for activities using the Parent Online Payment function on the school's website. Details about using the Parent Online Payment facility are attached to today's 'Bulletin'.

Thank you

Marg Blair



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Respect - Responsibility - Participation - Safety

Special Religious Instruction (Scripture) & Ethics Classes

Wednesday 7 February, 2018

Special Religious Education and Ethics classes are conducted each Wednesday afternoon at Tomorong Public School by volunteer Scripture and Ethics teachers. Classroom teachers remain with students during these half hour sessions.

This year, Catholic Scripture classes will be offered in addition to the existing Combined Protestant classes. In previous years, Ethics classes have been offered to students in Years 3-6. This year, Ethics classes will be extended to students in Years 1&2.

To assist us in managing these classes, we need to know if you would like your child to participate in the newly established Catholic Scripture classes or the Years 1&2 Ethics Class.

Please complete the permission slip below to indicate your preference and return this form to school as soon as possible.

I request that my child _____ of class _____ participates in
(name)
the Catholic Scripture classes each week at Tomorong Public School.

Parent/Carer Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

OR

Ethics Classes

I request that my child _____ of class _____ participates in
(name)
the Years 1&2 Ethics class each week at Tomorong Public School.

Parent/Carer Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE: If there is NO change to your child's Scripture or Ethics arrangements, you DO NOT need to complete this form.

If your child will be attending Non Scripture this year, you will need to send in a letter advising of this. This is an annual requirement.

Rod White
Principal

MAKING ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card.

The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment. (<http://www.tomerong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>)

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, **some** excursions, sales to students, school performances etc.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

The students:

- given name and surname and
- date of birth

The payers:

- Full name
- Contact phone number
- Contact email address

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office on 4443 4376.