



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear all,

It's been the most beautiful start to the year and I'm very pleased to see that students have settled into their new classes so quickly. Our kindergarten students have hit the ground running and are growing in confidence each day. Thank you to all the parents, teachers and support staff who have helped make their first few days so pleasant.

### Parent Information Sessions - Now Week 4

In last week's bulletin and some class newsletters it was stated that we would have parent information sessions during Week 3. However, with the P&C Meeting and Welcome BBQ occupying two nights and the Swimming Carnival being held on Tuesday, we will now hold these sessions in Week 4. These informal information sessions are an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about some of the programs and routines your child will be involved in throughout the year. Sessions will be held at the following times:

KD: Monday 18 February - 3.30pm

IF: Monday 18 February - 4.15pm

2A: Tuesday 19 February - 3.30pm

3CM: Thursday 21 February - 4.30pm

4-5D & 4-5K (combined): Wednesday 20 February - 4.30pm

6D: Wednesday 20 February - 3.30pm

### Welcome BBQ

All parents, students, family and friends are invited to our annual *Welcome BBQ* on the evening of next Friday, 15 February, commencing at 5pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new members of the Tomorong School family and get to know school staff. The P&C generously provide the sausages and we ask each family to bring a plate to share, as well as their own nibbles, and picnic blanket or fold up chair. Please return the slip at the back of this bulletin so we have an idea of numbers.

### Leisure Sports

Our Leisure Sports program is scheduled to commence next Friday. We are excited to be able to offer this program again and we know its something our Primary students enjoy. A full list of sports options will be confirmed soon.

### P&C AGM Meeting

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held next Monday, 11 Feb, commencing at 6pm in the Year 6 classroom.

Our school is so lucky to have an amazing P&C who contribute so much to our school. Aside from financially supporting programs such as leisure sports and purchasing items such as air conditioning, iPads and other learning resources, the P&C also runs the canteen, Before and After School Care and the Uniform Pool.

During Monday's AGM we will be declaring all positions vacant and voting in a new executive. I encourage you to come along and get involved. Our meetings have a very informal atmosphere and a great opportunity to come together, catch up with one another, have a laugh and be involved in our fantastic school community. I hope to see you there!

### Swimming Carnival

I'm looking forward to our swimming carnival which will be held next Tuesday for students who are turning 8 and older. Thank you Ms Arnott for all the organising that goes into the carnival at this busy time of year.

Have a great week.

Rod White  
Principal



## COMING EVENTS - TERM 1 - 2019

### WEEK 2

Wed 6 Feb	-Canteen Re-Opens -Uniform Pool - 8.50 - 9.10am
Thu 7 Feb	-NO STUDENT BANKING
Fri 8 Feb	-Canteen Open

### WEEK 3

Mon 11 Feb	-P&C AGM and General Meeting - 6pm
Tue 12 Feb	-School Swimming Carnival
Fri 15 Feb	-Bookclub Issue 1 Orders Due -Leisure Sport Commences -Welcome BBQ - 5pm

**OFFICE NEWS****Student Banking**

I wish to advise parents and carers that the Commonwealth Student Banking service will no longer be available at school. We apologise for any inconvenience. We would like to extend our thanks to Maxine Edwards and Greg Wilson for all their hard work in processing the banking over the last few years. We are most grateful for all their efforts.

**Change to 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.

**2019 Scripture & Ethics Classes**

Scripture and Ethics classes for 2019 will commence on Wednesday 27 February (Week 5). Both Protestant and Catholic scripture classes will be offered to all classes, however, Ethics will be offered to students in Years 3-6 ONLY. At this stage Ethics is not being offered to students in Kindergarten - Year 2. Please note that parents of students who attend non-scripture are not longer required to provide a note annually to the school, so if your child attended non-scripture in 2018, they will remain in that class during the Scripture and Ethics session each Wednesday. If it is your intention to make a change to your child's Scripture or Ethics arrangements for 2019, we request that you please do so at your earliest convenience, so that classes for the year can be organised. A permission form specifically designed to make any changes can be obtained from the office or alternatively, please send a note to the office.

**Permission Notes**

Authority to Publish and Short Walking Excursion permission notes for all students from Years 1 to 6 were sent home with last week's 'Bulletin'. Thank you to those families who have returned these notes so promptly. It is a Department of Education requirement that these permissions are sought annually. Therefore, we request that you complete these permission slips and return them to the office as soon as possible. **Please remember to tick your response on the permission notes.**

Thank you  
Marg Blair

**SPORTS SHORTS****Swimming Carnival 2019**

The school Swimming Carnival will be held next Tuesday, 12 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. Please return the school Swimming Carnival permission note with payment by this Friday, 8 February. If any parents are able to help with time keeping, please indicate on the permission note. The District Swimming Carnival will be held at Bomaderry Aquatic Centre on Friday 22 February.

**Leisure Sports**

Leisure Sports will commence next Friday, 15 February (Week 3). We have some very exciting sport options which will be announced very soon so please keep an eye out for permission notes with more details. Thank you to Miss Doumbos for organising such a great program.

**Netball Trials**

Any Year 5 or 6 students interested in attending the South Shoalhaven PSSA Netball Rep Team trials on Friday 1 March at St Georges Basin Public School, please see Miss Arnott to register your interest. Students will need to provide their club/rep team history and position played.

**Sport House Captains**

Sports House Captains will be elected on Thursday afternoon. Students in Year 6 are invited to nominate.

**K-2 AFL Skills Day**

Students K-2 will attend an AFL Skills Day at Leisure Centre Oval, Vincentia on Friday 29 March. Permission notes will be handed out very soon for this event!

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

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 11 February commencing at 6pm, followed by an ordinary meeting. All parents are encouraged and welcome to attend this meeting.

**CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1 - 2019**

<b>Fri 8 Feb</b>	<b>Help Needed</b>
<b>Wed 13 Feb</b>	<b>Jess B</b>

**Tomerong Public School P&C**  
**Welcome BBQ**

Bring along your picnic rugs on Friday 15 February from 5.00pm on the school oval to celebrate the new school year and to welcome all the new families to our school community.

Please return this slip to school by Tuesday 12 February so the P&C can cater accordingly.

No. Sausage sandwiches required \_\_\_\_\_

No. Gluten free required \_\_\_\_\_

Eldest child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Ethics classes at Tomerong Public School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an ethics teacher/facilitator for Tomerong PS?

Some of our current ethics teachers have moved on and we are seeking volunteers so that classes can continue this year.

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers should have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available at 2/2.30pm on every Wednesday during the term.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school and have fun at the same time, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact me on 0447 068 194 or email [shoalhaven-region@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:shoalhaven-region@primaryethics.com.au).

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