



NEWSLETTER

Tamworth West Public School

Week 6 Term 4 2019



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Carers

Term 4 is well and truly underway and students are actively involved with their learning and class programs. Before we know it, we will be celebrating the year that was at our annual Presentation Day. Please remember that Presentation Day will commence at 10:30 am on Friday 13 December 2019 and will be held at the Tamworth Town Hall. We hope you can all come along and be part of this special day.

Remembrance Day

In a fitting tribute, last Monday 11 November 2019, all classes paused for a minutes silence to honour those who made the supreme sacrifice in wars. Our school captains and vice captains, Andrew, Chloe, Logan and Ella represented the school and laid a wreath at the local Remembrance Day Service at the Tamworth Town Hall.

We will remember them.



Major Excursions

Students from Stage 3 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 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 deducted from the cost of the excursion upfront.

Students from Stage 2 returned late last Friday evening having undertaken activities in our state capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, ecology and sporting precincts.

Both excursions were well attended and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and parents who attended the excursions and ensured they ran smoothly.



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Air Quality Considerations

Bushfires can result in a large amount of smoke particles in the air even when fires may be many kilometres away. It is important that schools consider the potential health implication for staff and students on days where there is poor air quality and plan their school activities appropriately. This week we have been faced with two days where the Air Quality index has rated Tamworth as 'UNHEALTHY'.

As a result we have looked for ways to minimise exposure and adverse effects of the bushfire smoke. These have included:

- Keeping staff and students indoors for recess and lunch breaks
- Cancelling sporting events and unnecessary outdoor activities
- Keeping students calm and avoiding vigorous exercise

I am pleased to advise that today students were able to return to the playground but were strongly advised that if they had any adverse signs or symptoms that they needed to report them immediately to a teacher. If your child is asthmatic, please remind them to carry their inhalers.

Planning for 2020

We are busily planning in preparation for next year. In order to allow us to plan as effectively as possible, we would like those families who know that **they won't be returning** to the school next year, to confirm these details as soon as possible. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation with this matter.

Class placement for 2020 is a complex task that staff invest a lot of time and effort in to. Parents and carers are welcome to provide written information to myself, Mrs Kay, by Friday 29 November, 2019 if there are specific needs you think should be taken into consideration about your child /children when considering class placements in 2020. Consideration to social and emotional needs, academic ability and behaviour can be considered, but no guarantees can be made as we try to make determinations which are in the best interest of all.

It is extremely difficult to consider parent/carer requests for changes to a child's class once the new year has started, so please take the time to provide your thoughts to me in writing by the due date.

Kindergarten Orientation

I have been told how lovely it was to see our new Kindergarten students at our first Kindergarten Orientation session last week. I apologise that I was not there to be part of this special morning but I was accompanying the stage 2 excursion to Sydney and was in fact at Taronga Zoo at that time. Thank you to all of our presenters for their informative presentations. We are looking forward to seeing Kindy 2020 again this Friday 22 November at their second Kindergarten Orientation visit.



Student Leadership for 2020

Yesterday I met with Year 5 students to discuss the important role that student leaders play in a school. I spoke with them about what it means to be a leader and the expectations that are placed on them. Importantly, I reminded students that regardless of whether they are elected to the Student Representative Council (SRC) or not, they are all potential leaders and their actions determine this.

All nominations for the 2020 SRC are due to the front office by end of school this Thursday 21 November 2019..

Nominees will then present their leadership speeches from 10:00 am next Monday 25 November 2019 in the hall. Students from years 2—6 will listen to speeches and then vote for their preferred school leaders. Parents, carers and community are invited to attend the speeches.

Have a great week :)

Terrie Kay
Principal





PSSA STATE ATHLETICS



PSSA State Athletics Carnival. 6 and 7 November. Sydney Athletics Centre - Homebush

On Wednesday 6 November AJ Reid and Ly Ung represented the school and North West by attending the state athletics carnival in Sydney.

AJ competed in the 11yrs boys 200m at 10:30am and came 7th in his heat. He didn't qualify for the semi – final but he ran a personal best (PB). AJ came 28th out of 36 runners across 5 heats with a time of 29.83s. AJ said later he was nervous at the start but ran his best and was happy with how he did.

Ly had his 100m heats at 11:30am. At this time he already had a sore calf from his warm up. He pushed through the pain and qualified for the semi-finals running a time of 13.55s and coming 19th out of 35 runners across 5 heats. Ly was sore in one leg after the race and was unsure if he could compete the next day.

On Thursday 7 November Ly competed in 3 events. His first event was long jump at 9:30am straight after breakfast. His longest jump out of 3 was 4.21m. Ly came 22nd out of 40 overall.

After the long jump Ly had his shot put at 11:30am. His longest put of 3 was 11.31m with a 2kg shotput. He came 13th out of 40 which is a great achievement.

By this time Ly was unsure if his leg would hold up for the 100m semi-final. Ly made the decision at the 11th hour to compete. He raced the 100m at 12:30pm and came 6th or 7th out of 10 runners in his heat. He ran a time of 13.85 and came 16th out of 20 runners overall in the state. The heat was very close with only 1/1/2m between 1st and 10th place all within 1-2 seconds of each other.

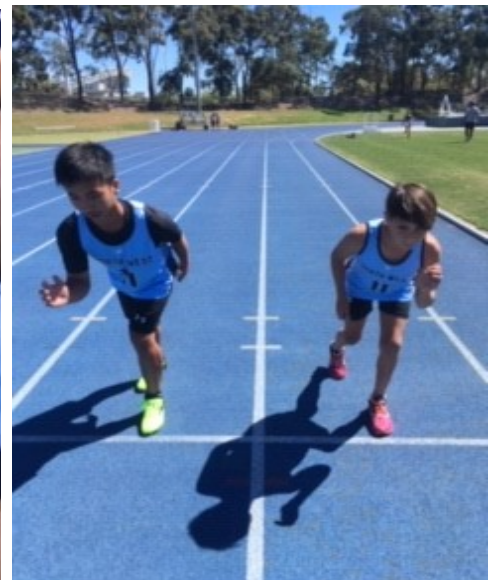
Both boys did exceptionally well at state level and exceptionally well to qualify for state. They demonstrated excellent behaviour over both days and were a fine example of good sportsmanship. Thank you to Kim Ung for coming as another adult to support Mr Scarborough.

We look forward to seeing what both boys achieve in the future.

Mr Scarborough (With help from Ly and AJ)

“We had lots of fun and experienced lots of things. We made many friends and received tips from each of them as well. We would like to give a huge thank you to Mr Scarborough, Ly's Dad - Kim, Tamworth West, North West and everyone who supported us. It is a huge honour and privilege for us to represent Tamworth West and North West at the State Athletics Carnival. Thank you”.

Ly and AJ



State Gymnastics

Last Month, 26 October, Mackenzie Kelly, Jade Thompson and Emerald Dean competed at the State Gymnastics Championships in Sydney. The girls did extremely well in the bar, beam, floor and vault events. Both Jade and Mackenzie's team came 1st and Emerald's team finished 3rd. Each individual girl scored so well in each event that all 3 received gold medals for their individual performances.

Congratulations on an amazing result.



Jonathan Willis



HOME READING DIARIES



Friday week 7, 29 November will be the last day to hand in diaries for awards. The last assemblies for both Infants and Primary will be the Thursday and Friday of week 8.

Congratulations to all the students who have reached the next level in our Home Reading Scheme.

FIVE: Ralph Derrada and Patricia Evans
TEN: Will Hutt and Stella Fielding
FIFTEEN: Jacob Mills



STUDENTS' AWARDS WEEK 4



BEST AT WEST: Joey Reading, Tyson Doust, Shonny Ruttley-Ellis, Lilly Potter, Sarah Love, Campbell Johnson, Jeremy Hull

STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Paige Chomel, Rihanna Parry, Charlie Forrester, Arche Ward, Patricia Evans, Ella Myhill, Laylah Nash, Charlie Adams, Lochie Sampson

CLASS AWARDS

KF (Mrs Fletcher)

Class Award - Charlotte Thompson
 Book Work Award - Ingrid Dietrich
 PBL Award - Mason Mulligan

KM (Miss McSwan)

Class Award - Conner Murden
 PBL Award - Makenzie Ivin

K/3M (Ms McEnergy)

Class Award - Riley Webster
 PBL Award - Jacob Abra

1D (Mrs Dean)

Class Award - Deegan Potter
 Book Work Award - Eva Wrigley
 PBL Award - Ashar Shepherd

1R (Mrs Richards)

Class Award - A'Sha Welsh
 Book Work Award - Mackenzy Goodchild
 PBL Award - Annabelle Dean

2W (Mr Willis)

Class Award - Tommy Smith, Ruby Potter
 Book Work Award - Miranda Wrigley
 PBL Award - Jett Gleeson

3S (Mrs Sheedy)

Class Award - Blake Garratley
 Book Work Award - Izac Gillin
 PBL Award - Jacob Hawkins

3/6C (Miss Cunneen)

Class Award - Riley Duncan
 Book Work Award - Blayde White
 PBL Award - Vander Mountain

4M (Miss May)

Class Award - Kayla Christian-Winsor
 Book Work Award - Elijah Philp
 PBL Award - Riley Bishop

5F (Mrs Flick)

Class Award - Shakyrah White
 Book Work Award - Larissa Dawe
 PBL Award - Nathan Mumford

5/6K (Mrs Milton)

Class Award - Maddie Morriss
 Book Work Award - Mia Parkes
 PBL Award - Harper Farr



YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND FAREWELL



Year 6 Graduation and Farewell – 16 December 2019

A note will be sent out soon with further details for these two events.

The year 6 graduation will again be held in the Tamworth West PS hall. The graduation will commence at 2:15pm. Parents, carers and community are welcome.

The year 6 farewell will be held that evening from 6pm – 9pm at the Tamworth Community Centre on Darling St, Tamworth. The theme for the night is 'Masquerade' and the cost will be \$25 / student.



ART WORK 1/2 SH





Teaching and Learning Fractured Fairy Tales

Year 1 classes have been studying fairy tales this term. The children shown in the pictures below have taken it upon themselves (with family help) and made their very own castles at home. They brought them into their rooms and proudly showed and spoke about them.



Charlie Adam 1R



Yenu Adlao
1R

Ashar Shepherd
1D



Kahlan Shepherd
1/2SH



WEST FACTOR

Have you got the West Factor?

When: 10 December (Week 9) 2019

Where: Hall

Time: 12:10-1:35pm



Sign ups will be held in Week 6 and auditions will be held in Week 7. If you have a talent that you would like to share please come along!



P & C NEWS



P & C Carols

Our annual Carols night will be held on Wednesday 11 December from 6-8pm on the grass outside our School hall. There will be games, a sausage sizzle, entertainment from the fabulous Scott Munday and a treat for the children. Everyone is welcome to bring a chair or a picnic rug and enjoy the evening.



Bakers Delight Shopping World are proud supporters of our school. Since 2012 Tamworth West have participated in the Dough Raiser program at Bakers Delight Tamworth Shopping World.

How the Program works: Each time a family makes any purchase at Bakers Delight Shopping World simply tell the sales staff you are from Tamworth West and your purchase will be recorded electronically. At the end of every year Bakers Delight Shopping World will give 5% of the total sales back to our school. How good is that???



A night of stargazing for the whole family

Saturday 23rd November from 12 noon

Stargazing Sky Tour

Petting Zoo (12 noon – 5pm)

Jumping Castle

Kids Water Park Disco

Live Music Joel McKay (6pm – 8pm)

Kiosk open, Fairy Floss, Coffee Van, BBQ



Fathering Project BBQ for the Dads

You are invited to a BBQ to enjoy a steak or a sausage to have a yarn about being a Dad and to hear how you and your school could benefit from forming a Fathering Project Dads' Group

Enjoy a fantastic opportunity for dads and father-figures to meet up, chat and be encouraged.

What is a Fathering Project Dads' Group: An opportunity to have fun with your kids and become part of a strong and supportive network of Dads connected to your school.

It WILL be an informal yet informative event for Dads, Father Figures and school leaders. It will provide you info about the important role of Dads, what The Fathering Project is and how they can help us in starting a group at (SCHOOL).



For more info: www.thefatheringproject.org

Date: Friday 29 November

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Venue: Tamworth West PS Hall

RSVP: Thursday 21 November

Who: Father's, Dad's, Father Figures and Significant others in the lives of children.

Fathering Project BBQ. Friday 29 November – Return Slip

Name _____ # Attending _____



RAINBOW DAY

We are celebrating our PBL success this year with an exciting Rainbow Day on Wednesday 27 November.

Students can come to school dressed in rainbow coloured clothes. Please note students must still wear appropriate closed in footwear, a wide brim hat and covered shoulders (no singlet tops) to school on this day as they will be participating in outdoor activities. Children wearing mufti are asked to bring in a gold coin donation. This will be donated to the fund raising efforts for the Harper family.

PBL Assembly - 9.45am

After the assembly children will have the opportunity to participate in a range of games and activities until lunch at 11.25am.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend the assembly and join in the Rainbow Day activities with their children until 11.25am.





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YEAR 7 2020 ORIENTATION DAY

Year 7 2020 Students and
their Parents/Carers are
invited to attend
Orientation Day at
Tamworth High School.

Tuesday 3 December 2019
9.30am - 12.30pm
Registration from 9.00am
in the
Tamworth High School
Concert Hall

If you need more information please contact
Caron Lasscock, Community Liaison Officer,
caron.lasscock2@det.nsw.edu.au or call on 02 6765 7888.

Students who are not accompanied for the duration of Orientation
Day by a parent or carer will need to be collected from Tamworth
High School at 12.30pm.

