



NEWSLETTER

Tamworth West Public School

Week 4 Term 1 2020

FROM THE
Principal



Welcome to our Week 4 newsletter!

Welcome BBQ and Meet the Teachers Evening

Our Welcome BBQ and Meet the Teachers evening was held last Wednesday 12 February 2020. Thank you to all the families and community members who joined us on a wet evening for such an enjoyable event.

A huge thank you to the Northern Inland Credit Union for sponsoring the entire evening and donating all money made to our P&C and to Paul from *The Fathering Project* for also joining us for the evening.

All classroom teachers hosted information sessions and parents/carers were encouraged to request individual interviews if you have information you would like to share with your classroom teacher in relation to your child. If you were unable to attend last Wednesday but have information that you feel your classroom teacher needs to know about your child, please contact your teacher.



Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services

A new policy governing student use of digital devices and online services has been released for implementation in NSW public schools from the start of Term 1 2020. The policy is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library>.

The new policy includes the digital device restriction for primary schools announced by the NSW Government in December 2018. From the start of Term 1 2020:

- primary schools will restrict the use of digital devices, including mobile phones during school hours. Primary-aged students will not be allowed to use digital technology during class time, recess and lunch unless for an educational purpose or where a student needs it for other reasons, such as an adjustment for disability.

Students who bring digital devices to Tamworth West Public School are required to hand them in at the front office on arrival at school and collect them before leaving. All devices should be clearly labelled with the student's name.

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WEST TAMWORTH NSW 2340

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Email: tamworthw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Web: www.tamworthw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The Canteen Needs You

Believe it or not that delicious, nutritious and affordable food does not appear each lunch by magic. The canteen relies on volunteers and many times this year already, not one person has volunteered for a short shift!

We are at risk of having to close the canteen and the service it offers our students if we cannot get more volunteers. If you can spare even 2 hours please contact Sharlee or the front office.



Punctuality and School Attendance

Being punctual and attending school every day is important for students. It helps them to reach their full potential and provides them with the greatest opportunity to learn new things and develop their skills.

Children must attend school every day. It is a legal requirement. Attending school every day is important for all children to succeed in education. We are committed to giving your children the best education possible. Children must arrive promptly to school by 9:25 am every day. This ensures learning time is maximised and there is minimal disruption to classes. Attendance rolls are marked daily. If a child arrives after 9:25 am they must report to the front office and explain why they are late. Unless they are accompanied by an adult, the absence is recorded as unjustified.

We run a phone intervention program (PIP) at Tamworth West Public School. We will call you if your child is absent and we have not been notified of a reason. A verbal or written statement explaining your child's absence is required by the Department of Education within seven days of any absence.

In the case of an emergency or a medical appointment, parents or carers who need to take their children from school early must report to the office and sign out their child/children. As per Departmental guidelines, proof of a medical appointment may be requested.

Driving and Parking Concerns

Concern has been raised with the school by members of the community and staff in relation to some driving and parking occurrences, in particular at the end of the school day. The behaviours of concern include but are not limited to:

- Parking on sidewalk areas where children and families walk
- Parking in driveways with the car running and calling students across the road
- Crossing at unsafe or non-designated crossing areas, e.g. in the bus zone
- Walking out from the school through carpark areas
- Leaving rubbish in the St Paul's church grounds, including used nappies
- Driving over and cracking concrete kerbs
- Children toileting in the church gardens



We work hard to build positive relationships with our local community, including St Paul's Church. As a result, the church has generously agreed to let school and community use their gravel car park as needed. Some of the above mentioned behaviours do not leave us in good stead. The school and St Paul's are working together to ensure our streets and designated parking areas are safe for all.

The streets surrounding Tamworth West Public School include areas identified by signage on Church, William, Denne and Bridge Streets. These areas and normal road rules are enforceable by law. In addition, local community and businesses have asked that we remind our families of their expectations.

Please adhere to:

- No standing or stopping zones as indicated by council signage on set areas around the school, particularly in bus zones
- Any sidewalk areas adjacent to school or across the road from the school are not legal parking bays

Please also remember:

- Tamworth ShoppingWorld carpark can only be used for parking if families are utilising the shops
- St Pauls Anglican Church pebble created driveway and turning circle and grass area is private property and not a designated parking area for our school
- Retreat café is private property and not a designated parking area for our school

Students and parents who leave the school via Church Street are asked to leave via the crossing gate and not through the Bus Bay. Please do not be offended if staff redirect you to the crossing and please do not respond inappropriately to our polite request. Abuse of any nature in relation to this will not be accepted. We are working in conjunction with council and police to keep 400 children safe and we thank you in anticipation of your help with this.

Updated Calendar for February

February 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<i>Time spent playing with children is never wasted.</i>			 <i>DEAN IENIRO</i>	1	2
Week 2	3 Voting for Sporting House Captains: Years 2-6	4 Announcement of Sporting House Captains	5	6	7 Student Leadership Induction Assembly	8	9
Week 3	10 P & C Meeting 5.30 pm	11 School Swimming Carnival	12 Welcome BBQ & Information Sessions K-6	13	14 Valentine's Day  PSSA Zone Tennis Trials	15	16
Week 4	17	18	19	20 PSSA Zone Girls & Boys Basketball Trials 1:35 pm SUPA Club Combi Van visit	21 PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival	22	23
Week 5	24 Intensive Swimming for Year 3 PSSA NW Tennis Trials	25 Intensive Swimming for Year 3	26 Ash Wednesday Intensive Swimming for Year 3	27 Mrs Kay at meeting in Sydney	28 Intensive Swimming for Year 3 PSSA NW Girls & Boys Basketball Trials	29	

Kind regards

Terrie Kay
Principal

FROM THE
Deputies



Acknowledgement of Country

The Tamworth West Public School Aboriginal Education Committee have been discussing the appropriate way of paying respect to the traditional custodians of this land at weekly and formal assemblies. The school will now pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders and people present and the local Gomeri / Gamilaroi by Acknowledging Country. Each class will prepare a personalised acknowledgement for each weekly assembly. The school sought advice from the local AECG, Len Waters and used the Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country - Guidelines and Protocols for NSW Public Schools and TAFE NSW Institutes https://www.aecg.nsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/welcomecountry_lowres-1.pdf

A Welcome to Country will take place for special assemblies where appropriate and possible and is usually undertaken by a senior representative of the local Aboriginal community. Please contact the school if you would like to know more about this or discuss this further.

NAPLAN online 2020

Every year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments already conducted in schools. NAPLAN began moving from paper tests to online tests in 2018. Students in year 3 and year 5 in all classes will be involved in NAPLAN Online tests during the test period 12 - 22 May 2020.

Special Religious Education (SRE)

Special Religious Education will now be commencing in week 5, Thursday 27 February 2020. Your child will continue in the same SRE groups as they were placed in 2019. All newly enrolled students will have been placed in a group based on their enrolment form. Teachers have sent home notes for all children who have not had one of the following options selected

SRE: Catholic. Provided by the Catholic Diocese of Armidale website <http://armidale.catholic.org.au/>

SRE: Combined Christian Protestant SRE. provided by the Anglican Diocese of Armidale <http://www.armidaleanglicandiocese.com/>

Non SRE: If you have selected this on a note for your child or your child has not been placed in an SRE group. Please return notes by this Friday 21.2. During the time that SRE classes are being held, students not attending will be located in a separate space, supervised by a teacher and will participate in meaningful activities in designated classrooms.

Expressions of Interest Year 7 2021

Thursday 5 March 2020 at 6pm Mrs Spinks will be hosting an information session in the Library for all parents of current year 6 students to discuss the process involved in completing the Expression of Interest (EOI) forms for high school. EOIs will be available on the night and staff will be on hand to assist with any questions you may have. We will be able to clarify questions parents may have around zoning and applications for non local enrolment. Completed EOIs must be returned to Mrs Spinks by Friday 20 March. Information can also be located on the website below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment/high-school-enrolment>

Grant Scarborough

Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning

Sara Spinks

Deputy Principal Wellbeing



What a great start to the term we've had in regards to teaching and learning. It has been wonderful to walk around the classrooms and see all children engaged in learning activities with huge smiles on their faces. Teachers are working hard to develop engaging learning activities to suit all students' learning needs.

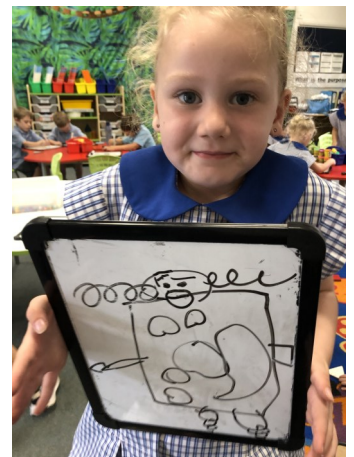
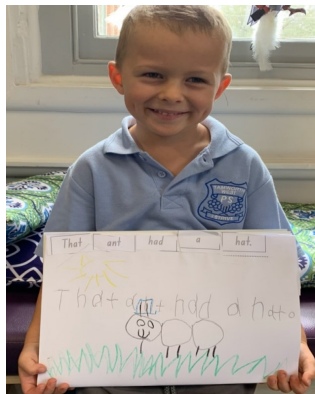
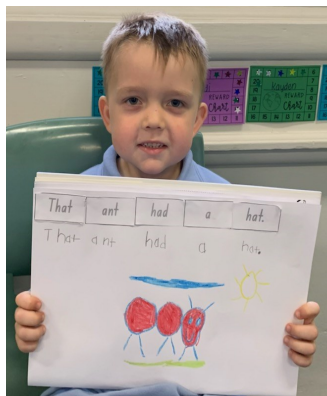
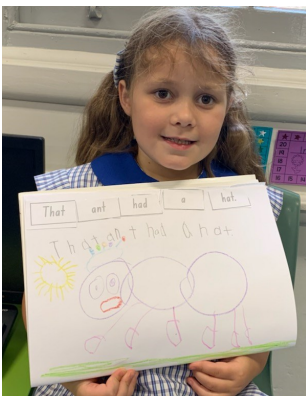
Instructional Leaders have been working with teachers one on one in the area of Effective Classroom Practice. Teachers have had the opportunity to visit other classrooms to view how others have set up their own rooms. It has been a valuable experience for all.

Kindergarten teachers have been busy assessing the skills their students have come to school with by completing the Best Start Assessment. Once all students have been assessed, feedback will be available for parents and teachers will utilise the data to plan activities that will suit all students' individual needs.

Kinder students have been extremely busy in their first few weeks of school. They have begun their phonics program where they are learning letters and sounds of particular words. It has been wonderful to walk into the Kinder classrooms and see the children engaged in well thought out activities.

Jody Welsh

Instructional Leader



Wellbeing



Student voice

Student voice is students actively participating in decision-making at school on things which shape their educational experiences. Student voice is more than just students 'having a say' and 'being heard'. To be successful, schools must value the perspectives and opinions of students and act on them in a way that genuinely shapes learning and decision-making at the school

How are student voice and wellbeing connected?

When children and young people participate in meaningful decision-making at school, they:

- experience higher levels of wellbeing and empowerment
- feel a deeper connection to their learning and school community
- develop a range of skills and capabilities to feel connected and successful at school and in life.

Top tips for supporting student voice at home

- Create opportunities within the home for your children to lead activities and make meaningful choices, for example, organising meals or a family outing.
- Support your children in identifying and celebrating their personal strengths and those of others.
- Support your children in making learning goals and sharing them with their teachers. This will empower them to shape their learning environment to reflect their unique needs.
- Encourage them to be a leader in their classroom, school and communities. These do not have to be traditional leadership positions, such as school captains. Students can become peer-support leaders, playground monitors, joining clubs and committees or become student mentors and volunteers.
- Create opportunities for collaboration in the home, for example, cooking or building something together.

At Tamworth West PS we value student voice and are working hard to build the capacity of our students to be able to participate in meaningful decision-making at school. Our Student Representative Council and Wellbeing Team are going to be the driving force in this area.

Wellbeing Journal

During 2020 Mrs Spinks will be working with classes to introduce *Wellbeing Journals* as part of our daily learning. The initiative is going to begin with a few of our primary classes then flow through to infants. A Wellbeing Journal consists of structured questions to initiate positive thoughts and conversations. Each day the students will answer set questions in their journals focused on positive thinking. They can choose to share thoughts or keep them to themselves.

Examples

How are you feeling right now?

Why are you feeling this way?

What are you looking forward to most about tomorrow?

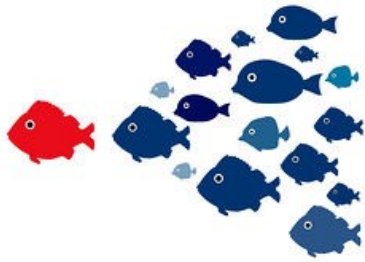
What made you smile today?

Tomorrow you will give someone a compliment. Who will that be and what will you say?

These questions focus our brains on the positive aspects of our day and project towards future positive experiences. Students will learn about showing gratitude and empathy towards others and discussions in class will look at how it makes us feel when we do something nice for someone else.

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Student Leadership

Whilst the Department of Education does not have a policy for student participation and leadership, the Wellbeing for Schools Framework and School Excellence Framework require schools to provide opportunities for meaningful student participation and leadership, including student voice and decision making.

Schools will:

- value and engage student voice within teaching and learning, school planning, operations and governance
- involve students in conversations and decisions about what and how they learn and how their learning is assessed
- develop student participation and leadership skills and nurture character to support their active citizenship
- provide inclusive student leadership opportunities within the classroom, school and wider community, including SRCs
- provide opportunities for student participation and leadership that celebrate difference, diversity, and that recognise, respect and respond to identity and cultural background
- provide opportunities for all students to actively contribute to the school and their community through mentoring, student service learning and volunteering.

At Tamworth West Public School we are continually working to ensure that we provide the above listed opportunities for all of our students. Every child has the potential to be a leader. Some may have more traits associated with leadership, but any child's leadership ability, at whatever level, can be groomed and nurtured.

There are a number of simple things parents (and grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbours) can do to help develop children's potential for leadership. Each newsletter I will add one of these for you to read.

1. **Be the kind of leader you want them to become.** As with most things, the best lesson is your example. One great way to let children see your leadership in action is to volunteer for community work together. Show them what it means to be passionate about community and others, and let them experience how it feels to make an impact on another person's life.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 11 February Tamworth West held their swimming carnival at Scully Park Pool. The weather was perfect for swimming and all competitors tried hard and had a great time.

Congratulations to the following people who were the Age Champions of the Carnival:

Junior Girl:	Mackenzie Kelly
Junior Boys:	Travis Mumford
11 Year Girl:	Jemima Cook
11 Year Boy:	Jaxon Syron
Senior Girl:	Eva Flick
Senior Boy:	Adam Reid

Our Winning House for the Swimming Carnival was Wentworth. Followed by Farrer 2nd, MacArthur 3rd and Parkes 4th. Good luck to all swimmers heading to the Zone Carnival this Friday, 21 February.



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to support our canteen supervisor Mrs Sharlee Corbett. If you are able to volunteer your time, whether it be an hour or 3 hours, we would love to hear from you. Our canteen operates from 8:45am-12:05pm and there are currently vacancies on all days. Your support would be greatly appreciated on either a regular basis or whenever you have a free day. If you are able help please contact Sharlee in the canteen or the front office staff on 67 658316.



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???



STUDENTS' AWARDS WEEK 3

BEST AT WEST: Jasper Taylor, Chelsea Cochrane, Jaxon Syron, Jackson Hughes, Miranda Wrigley, Kaile Howlett, Cooper Flick, Maddison Mason, Lexi Crelley

STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Jake Hudson, Elijah Philp, Riley Doolan, Sienna Mulligan, Jasper Taylor, Chelsea Cochrane, Allira Calvani, Vander Mountain, Darcie Kelly, Cooper Faulkner, Ruby Goodman, Daniel Maudlin, Meah Welsh, Andrew Ellis, Khloe Parkes, Madden Farr, Elleanor McKnight, Caleb Adams, Connor Carey

CLASS AWARDS

3B (Miss Bagshaw)

Class Award - Ralph Derrada
Trinity Field
PBL Award - Cate O'Connor
Cooper Tennant

3M (Miss May)

Class Award - Johannus Mitchell
Millie Colemane
PBL Award - Mya Kelly
Hayley Mason

3/4C (Miss Cross)

Class Award - Bailey McLachlan
PBL Award - Anastazia Rains
Karan Singh

3/6L (Mrs Lyon)

Book Award - Zeke

3/6S (Mrs Sinclair)

Class Award - Isabelle Baskerville
PBL Award - Declan Williams

4D (Mrs Deaves)

Class Award - Nadia Ahshay
James Winsor
PBL Award - Blake Garratley
Mykala Tyler

4L (Mrs Lothian)

Class Award - Deklan Poole
Addison Smart
PBL Award - Chelsea Hudson
Andrew Ellis

5/6F (Mrs Flick)

Class Award - Sophie Cullen
Jordan Day
PBL Award - Leon Cochrane
Rhianna Parry

5/6M (Mrs Milton)

Class Award - Ryan Hull
Ben Ward
PBL Award - Zoe Adams
Sam Trist

5/6W (Mr Willis)

Class Award - Daniel Maudlin
Meah Welsh
Book Work Award - Greg Weatherall
Nathan Mumford
PBL Award - Olivia Eather
Jerome Lilycrap



Is your child interested in a team sport this year? Why not try netball? Open for both boys and girls!

Training will be a Wednesday on school grounds, starting from 4pm, times will vary depending on teams. Any questions give Bec Innes a call on 0422 877 837.

WESTVIEW PIRATES NETBALL CLUB 2020




Important Dates

4 Feb	Pre-season training. 6.30pm Tues & Thurs @ Riverside 3A and 3B (opposite old netball courts)
29 Feb	Rego opens. ONLINE REGO ONLY
8 Mar	Rego day 9am-11pm @ Pirates
13 Mar	Rego day 4pm-6pm @ Pirates
15 Mar	REGO AND UNIFORM ORDERS CLOSE
2 May	Round 1
1 Aug	Pirates Ladies Day
2 Aug	TNA Carnival
29 Aug	Last round and last games for NSG
19 Sep	Grand finals, TNA presentation, WVP & Pirates presentation

Fees

SNR - 18+yrs	\$215	<p>NOTE: If you have already registered with TNA for their Monday or Thursday 2020 competitions, you must still register with WVP for the Saturday 2020 competition. Your registration fees will be deducted at the online checkout and you will only need to pay competition fee</p>
JNR - 11-17yrs	\$180	
Net - 5-6yrs skills only	\$110	
Set - 7-8yrs modified comp	\$120	
Go - 9-10yrs modified or competitive	\$130	
All-Abilities JNR	\$120	
All-Abilities SNR	\$130	
Non-player	\$60	
Uniform (see page 3)	\$40/item	

Online Registration

Senior and junior registrations must be completed online at:
<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=1&id=75677&entityid=43500>

Net Set Go registrations must be completed online at:
<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=6&id=45510&entityid=43500>

Can't find your MyNetball ID or forgot your password? Contact WVP for help
NOTE: if turning 10 in 2020 and playing in a junior team (11yrs+), you must register as a junior player




Payment

You can pay:
 *via direct debit/credit card at the online checkout
 *via cash or direct bank deposit at the registration days as follows:
 BSB: 032-621
 Acc#: 577191
 Acc Name: Westview Netball Club
 Reference: Player name

NOTES: Electronic payment is preferred
 Netball NSW Affiliation and membership Policy 5.6 - Once you register, WVP cannot refund the NNSW annual registration or TNA annual membership amounts if you withdraw for any reason.

Active Kids Vouchers

WVP accepts the \$100 Active Kids voucher. You can apply for your child's voucher at Service NSW - <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>
 The voucher is applied during the online registration process. Ensure you bring a copy of your voucher to our registration days if you need help.

NOTE: you must use WVP's registration link provided in this flyer. Do not use TNA's registration links. If, for any reason, the full \$100 Active Kids voucher is not applied to your child's registration, you must pay the difference.

Coaches, Umpires and Managers

All non-playing coaches, umpires and managers must be registered and provide a Working With Children Clearance.
 There are great coaching and umpiring resources available via the MyNetball Learning Platform, including **Getting to know Net Set Go** which is suitable for coaches and parents. Contact WVP if you need help accessing the Learning Platform via your MyNetball login.

Management Committee

President:	Noeleen Barrett	Vice President:	Carmen Cosigun
Treasurer:	Renae Mumford	Secretary/Registrar:	Sarah Horne

Contact

E: westviewnetball@outlook.com
F: <https://www.facebook.com/westviewnetball>
 Please like our Facebook page to receive weekly updates and club info throughout the season



OVAFC REGISTRATION/ COME AND TRY DAY

📍 Viaduct Park ⌚ 9am - 1pm 📅 22 Feb

- Coaches will be on hand to conduct drills and games for kids to try out the world game.
- BBQ and drinks will be available on the day.




Registration Info - Season Kicks off in May

- Registration for the 2020 Season opens on 1 February.
- All registrations will be done online at www.playfootball.com.au.
- Active Kids Vouchers are accepted and will need to be gained prior to registering.
- Former players will be emailed links to the new registration portal.
- Registrations fees will need to be paid prior to the player being placed in a side and eligible to play.

<p>Registration Fees</p> <p>5-7yrs - \$100 (includes shorts & socks for new players in the under 6 age group)</p> <p>8-11yrs - \$160</p> <p>12-18yrs - \$190 (\$250 if also playing Seniors)</p> <p>Local Seniors - \$300</p> <p>PL Seniors - \$320</p>	<p>Additional season updates can be found on our Facebook Group "Oxley Vale Attunga Football Club" or on www.ovafc.com.</p> <p>For more information regarding registration please connect with our Club Registrar Fiona Diebold on 0431 069 622.</p>
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Do you have a son or daughter that would like to play rugby league?
 Visit our website <https://www.norhttamworthbearsjrflc.com> for more information. We will be having another registration day in the next few weeks or you can simply follow the links on the Player Registration page to sign them up



Register online today

North Tamworth Bears JRLFC
www.norhttamworthbearsjrflc.com

Visit our website and to follow the links to register
<https://www.norhttamworthbearsjrflc.com/>



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The Lion King (2019) (PG)

Friday, 21 February 2020, Bicentennial Park, Tamworth

Aladdin (2019) (PG)

Saturday, 22 February 2020, Civic Park, Armidale

Entertainment from 5.30pm, movie from sunset

Visit newcastlepermanent.com.au/cinema or 'like' us at facebook.com/newcastlepermanent

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