



Dear Parents and Community Members.....

Change of Details

It is very important that if you change any details, phone numbers, address etc that you inform the office as soon as possible. There are many reasons why the school might have a need to ring parents, the most important being that your child is in sick bay or has had an accident. There are many times that the phone numbers we have on file (especially mobile numbers) are not correct or are no longer in service. If you have changed any details this year please let the office know so that your details can be updated.

NAPLAN Tests

I would like to congratulate all the year 3 and 5 students who sat the NAPLAN tests recently. There were some very difficult questions this year that even had some of the teachers having to think twice about the answer. Results will be posted out, as normal, sometime in term 3.

Maths Day

Last Thursday, May 19 we were lucky enough to have some consultants visit our school to enthuse both students and teachers in different areas of Mathematics. The consultants spent all day at our school completing activities in all classes from Yr 1 to Yr 5. The students enjoyed a number of activities based around the interactive whiteboards and a number of common items like playing cards. Both students and teachers enjoyed seeing a range of activities that will help them in the area of Mathematics.

P&C Wood Raffle

The P&C have received approval to hold a wood raffle in the main street of town on Friday, June 17. If you are available on this day for a few hours to sell raffle tickets then please let the office know. A note will accompany next week's newsletter asking for people to volunteer some time and place your name against a timeslot.

Reports and Interviews

Semester 1 reports will go home for this term on Friday, June 17. This report will assess work your child has done so far and how they are going in class. Teachers will be requesting interviews for the last 2 weeks of term, but will only be available on selected days and during their time off class. Please take the time to come to an interview to discuss with your child's teacher the progress they are making and how you can help at home.

Sick children

Over the last few weeks we have had quite a lot of sick children at school. We realise that it is often difficult for families to juggle work commitments and sick children, but we ask you to please keep sick children at home until they recover. Unfortunately when sick children are at school especially in weather that keeps the students indoors, diseases quickly spread creating more sick children. Please be mindful of other children, and if your child is truly sick, keep them at home to recover in peace.

School Photos

At this stage we do not know when the photos will be in. We have been able to proof some of them so we know they are in full production. Once we know when they are ready we will let you know, but as is often the case they just arrive at school and are handed out to students to take home.

Social

There will be a social next Wednesday, June 1st from 5.30 to 7.30pm for years 2 - 6. The cost will be \$4 per child.

Sports Thank You

The school would like to thank all parents who encourage and support their child/ren to participate in sports, especially "having a go" at new sports. All people benefit from participating in sports, not just physically (healthy mind and body, improved fitness, skills and coordination) but also socially (making new friends from our school and other schools - developing sound communication skills, being able to work/play positively with a variety of people in individual and team situations, morals, a sense of fairness) and mentally (improved confidence and self-esteem, developing problem solving skills). Your emotional and financial support is outstanding and we have witnessed a number of students grow positively from having these opportunities. An enormous thank you, to those parents and grandparents who are also able to assist with transport, washing and coaching. Without you, the students would not have these opportunities and our jobs as teachers would not be as easy or rewarding. THANK YOU!

Book Fair

Book Fair commenced Mon, May 23.

Viewing and Purchasing will take place at the following times: Monday 1:15 - 1:45 only, the rest of the week 11:00 - 11:30 and 1:15 - 1:45 daily.

Scholastic have provided 3 book vouchers to the value of \$20 each, to be spent at the book fair.

On Wednesday(25th) one child's name from early stage 1/ stage 1, stage 2 and stage 3 will be drawn from a hat to receive these vouchers.

Concentration at the Zone Cross Country!

Sophie Sutcliffe

Cassidi Bird

Bayley Daniels



Zone Cross Country

Last Friday, 31 students represented the school at the Zone carnival held here at Tenterfield. Congratulations to all the students who gave their best and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and behaviour. Congratulations also to the students who placed in the top 6 (and made the qualifying standards) comprising 12 students from our school. They will now compete in Coolah, Friday 17th June at the Regional Cross Country Carnival and MUST have their notes and money returned by Thursday, 2nd June. Happy training!



RESULTS: 8/9Yrs Boys-1st Tyler Sargeant, 2nd Jacob Chawner, 4th Angus Koch
8/9Yrs Girls-2nd Phoebe Cooper
10Yrs Girls-3rd Rylee Cooper, 4th Cassidi Bird
11Yrs Girls-1st Georgiana Chawner, 5th Michelle Townsend, 6th Sophie Kirby
12/13Yrs Boys-1st Isaac Fittler, 6th Blair McIntyre
12/13Yrs Girls-3rd Sophie Sutcliffe
11Yrs Girls' Champion – Georgiana Chawner
12/13Yrs Boys' Champion-Isaac Fittler



Knock-out Soccer

Last Wednesday, the girls' and boys' soccer teams travelled to Glen Innes for the state wide P.S.S.A. competition. The girls played first and were down 2-0 early but showed great determination in coming back to even the score. The teams were very evenly matched and the game see-sawed as one team would score then the other. Unfortunately, the girls lost 5-4. Then the boys played and once again in a very even game were unlucky not to go 1-0 up early. The boys then had a goal scored against them but fought back to 1-1. Late in the match, Glen Innes had a chance to go ahead 2-1 with a penalty shot but were unable to convert. The game was looking like it was going to go into extra time but with only 1 ½ minutes left, Glen Innes scored from a well lofted shot leaving our boys 2-1 down. Both the girls' and boys' teams are to be congratulated on their tremendous efforts, improved skill, brilliant team work, wonderful behaviour and most importantly, their excellent sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transport and encouraged all the students. A special thank you to the Daniels and Eatons who washed the uniforms.

Girl's Team: (pictured below)

Malina Hatfield, (Captain), Sonia Kirby, Jennifer Butler, Sophie Sutcliffe, Sonya Campbell-Astruc, Samantha Chapman, Skye Daniels, Cassidi Bird, Rylee Cooper, Sophie Kirby and Georgiana Chawner.



Boy's Team: (pictured below)

Ky Eaton, Isaac Fittler (Captain), Jonathan Parker, Billy Hickey, Joshua Collins, Caleb Moylan, Jacob Chawner Chaney Rhodes, Wade Kirby, Angus Koch, Sam Gibbins, and Blair McIntyre, .



Legends of League

On Thursday, May 19, the opens boys 7-a-side rugby league team travelled to Glen Innes for the annual 'Legends of League' carnival. Our goal was to reach the final and we were able to achieve that as we only dropped one game in the seven round robin match ups. The final was played against a large Glen Innes Public School team who boasted several representative players. Unfortunately, a couple of controversial decisions cost us an extremely tight contest as we went down by a converted try.

I was extremely proud of the effort shown on the day from all the players. Wade Kirby, Tyler Sargeant, Chaney Rhodes and Will Evans were all inspirational as they are only 9 and 10 years of age. They will be so much better for the experience. Geoff Swan, Josh Collins, Billy Hickey, Isaac Fittler and Chevez Ethel all played with courage and looked after the younger boys with great leadership.

Over the next couple of years we will be a force to be reckoned with and speaking with Amy the organiser, we just might pull the wild card into the regional finals! Well done fellas.

This Friday, May 27 the opens team take on a strong Glen Innes team in the first round of the state knockout. If we can get over these boys, we will fair well for the next few rounds. The boys have been training hard and will give it their all. The game starts at 11:00am at Rugby League Park, Tenterfield and the more people there to cheer us on, the harder the boys are sure to play. All family and friends are welcome!

Mr Simon Maher

Gymnastics

Don't forget to pay for the amazing opportunity for your child to have qualified coaching in gymnastics for a discounted price. A 9 week program with all equipment supplied and a fully qualified coach for only \$20 and \$15 for each extra sibling. It is not too late to have your child involved in this excellent opportunity.



BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM: **Back:** Locklyn Newman, Sam Gibbins, Zac Lieberman, Jonathan Parker, Isaac Fittler, Ky Eaton (Captain), Matthew Carpenter, Connor Hogan (GK), **Front:** Angus Koch, Adam Hayne, Thomas Reynolds, and Tyler Sargeant.

Knock-out Hockey

Last Tuesday, the girls' and boys' hockey teams travelled to Inverell for the state wide P.S.S.A. competition. For most of the students, hockey is a new sport and they performed exceptionally well against the strong and experienced Moree team. Both of our school's teams were also reasonably young which makes the next few years very exciting as they continue to develop their skills. The girls' played first and took a little time to settle in. Their second half was much stronger and they began to trouble the Moree defence. The girls lost 5-0. Standout players were: Patricia Willoughby who made several saves in goals, Sophie Kirby who was strong in defence, Sonia Kirby was strong in defence and attack and Phoebe Cooper, Merinda McIntosh and Rylee Cooper who were strong in attack. Cassidi Bird showed excellent improvement in skills and confidence in the second half. The boys then played and despite playing a much more experienced opposition displayed some exceptional team work and skills. The boys were down 2-0 at half time and fought hard in the second half stopping many attacking short corners leaving the result at 2-0. All the boys played exceptionally well as they demonstrated sound skills in their set positions.

Both teams are to be congratulated on their improved skills, brilliant team work, great communication and support, excellent sportsmanship and behaviour. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transport and encouraged all the students. A special thank you to the Coopers and Eatons who washed the uniforms and Mrs Cooper who assisted with coaching the girls' team.

Debating

Not only did we have a big week in sport last week, but the debating teams have been finalised and will have their first debate at school on Tuesday, May 31. They will travel to Inverell this Wednesday for a training day where they will practice the skills necessary in debating.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the selections for the school debating team. It was fantastic to see so many students have the confidence to try something new and different from their usual activities. The students selected include: Jonathan



GIRLS' HOCKEY TEAM: **Back:** Aislyn Kerr, Sonia Kirby, Sonya Campbell-Astruc, Patricia Willoughby (GK), Sophie Kirby, Courtney Moss, **Front:** Merinda McIntosh, Ella McIntosh, Laylah Maher, Rylee Cooper (Captain), Cassidi Bird, and Phoebe Cooper.

Parker, Georgiana Chawner, Jessica Hall, Lachlan Keever, Sophie Sutcliffe, Malina Hatfield, Sonya Campbell-Astruc and Patricia Willoughby. The reserves are Ember Phoenix and Chloe Morris. Mrs Webb will continue to work with these students and they will have a debate next week against Ben Venue Public School. The students who were not selected will have further opportunities, along with other students, to develop their debating skills with Miss Bridge and Miss Eakin.

National Walk Safely To School

Last Friday was National *Walk Safely To School Day*. We had an increase of 33% more people walking this day than those who usually walk. On this day, parents were encouraged to walk with their child to school and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour. The day also promoted the health benefits of regular walking – strengthens the heart, bones and muscles; reduces the risk of developing Type II diabetes, heart disease and some cancers, improves mental health; makes people happier; gives more energy; reduce stress; helps people sleep more soundly.

Other benefits include reducing pollution and improved safety around schools with less congestion. Let's not just make this a one off day of healthy and safe living. Please **continue** to encourage and ensure children have a thorough knowledge of how to be a safe pedestrian and create a love of regular physical activity.

Breakfast Program

A big thank you to John and Lois Holley for their kind donation of fruit for our breakfast program. This is very much appreciated. If you are able to donate to this worthwhile program the following items are always needed: vegemite, bread, margarine, milk and paper towel.

CALENDAR

MTH	WK	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	S / S
May	5	23 Book Fair. Gymnastics (change for this week)	24 Book Fair.	25 Book Fair. Gymnastics. Debating Training Day Inverell. Guitar Lessons.	26 Book Fair. Preschool's 'School Readiness Night'.	27 Book Fair.	28/29
May June	6	30 Sydney Swifts Netball visit 12-1pm.	31 Gymnastics. Debating.	1 Gymnastics. Guitar Lessons. Social for Yrs 2-6 5:30-7:30pm.	2	3 Assemblies.	4/5
June	7	6 P&C Mtg 6:30pm.	7 Gymnastics.	8 Gymnastics. Guitar Lessons.	9	10	11/12
	8	13 Queen's Birthday.	14 Gymnastics.	15 Gymnastics. Guitar Lessons. Yr 5 cooking at THS.	16	17 Assemblies. Reports Out.	18/19

CANTEEN

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed	25	Aleeca Zellers, Jennifer Sutcliffe
Thur	26	Monica Freeman, Carmel Moore
Fri	27	Monica Freeman, Carmel Moore
Mon	30	Janice Chawner, Robyn Brookes
Tue	31	Monica Freeman, Robyn Hillier
Wed June	1	Deane Eaton, Sarah Daniels

Homebake

Mon	30	Roselee Henry
Wed June	1	Kylie Turner
Fri	3	Kim Cox

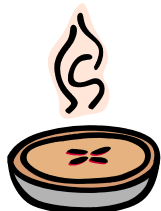
DONATIONS (This Week)

Cruskits	Lou Holley
Tomato Sauce	Melissa Cowin
Block Cheese	Carmel Moore, Angela Brown
Eggs	Rachel Brown
Sliced Beetroot	Aleeca Zellers, Megan Niesen
Tomatoes	Robyn Hillier

MEAL DEAL - Wed, May 25

SHEPHERDS PIE - Mrs P's mince tipped with mashed potato and cheese baked in the oven, plus a popper and a fruity ice stick icy pole \$4.50

Other Choices: Sausage roll \$2.20
Hot Dog Roll \$2.50



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Courtney Watt, Sonia Kirby, Zac Lieberman, Sam Gibbins, Amy Smith, Fletcher Koch, Tobi Lieberman, Luke Preston, Tahlia Hall, Angela Moore, Zoe Jenkins.

BRONZE PENNANT:

Sophie-Rose Halliday, Raymond-Jai Evans, Kristen Swan.

SILVER PENNANT:

Deakin Lee, Ryan Miller, Sophie-Lee Latta, Samantha Croft, Mikahla Cutmore, Jamie Benstead.

GOLD PENNANT: Olivia Hogan

SPORTS AWARD:

Charlotte Weinand, Brad Newman, Nikkala Hillier, Natalia Gillson, Jamie Benstead

Crunch and Sip



5 facts about strawberries

1. Strawberries aren't actually berries, they are known as 'accessory fruits'
2. On average, strawberries have about 200 seeds
3. They're the only fruit with their seeds on the outside
4. They are a good source of Vitamin C
5. Most children love them!

Why not pack strawberries for Crunch&Sip* this week?