

# The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial

## PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

Term 4 Week 9 November 2017



### 2018 Organisation

We are currently forming classes and making decisions about our school structure for 2018. If you have a student starting school for the first time, or are new to our school, please call the front office and make a time for an enrolment interview.

If you have any concerns about your child's placement next year, please make a time to come up and speak or send any written requests to the Principal. We always endeavour to place students in the best classroom for their individual needs.

Staffing for 2018 is still being finalised. Parents will be advised of their child/ren's teacher on Day 1.

A reminder that we are no longer charging families for book packs. All student work books will be provided by the school. Your child will only need the following requirements for their year level:

**Kindergarten/Year 1/Year 2:** 2 glue sticks and a box of tissues.

**Years 3 and 4:** 2 glue sticks, a box of tissues, textas, coloured pencils, scissors, pencil sharpener, ruler, rubber, 4 HB lead pencils, pencil case.

**Years 5 and 6:** 2 glue sticks, a box of tissues, textas, Coloured pencils, Scissors, pencil sharpener, ruler, rubber, 4 HB lead pencils, pencil case, 6 blue pens and 6 red pens.

Please ensure all uniforms, hats and lunchboxes are clearly labelled.

### Reminders for Week 9

This week is shaping up to be the biggest of our school year. We look forward to seeing our parents and carers at our Presentation day on Thursday—which will be taking place at Tenterfield High School on Thursday. The assembly will be beginning at 11:00am. Parents/carers of students who are receiving special awards should have been notified by now.



Wednesday night will be a special evening—as we say farewell and good luck to our Year 6 students moving into high school. If parents have any questions about the event, please call the front office or speak to Mrs Gallagher.





## Learning in the K-6 Sunshine Room



We have been having fun practicing our STEM and robotics skills.



Maths is a favourite. Here we are playing card games with friends of TEN, learning number patterns, measuring the basketball court (checking to see if Mr Hillery got it right) and making metre squares.



Best of all was having Mrs Lamb, our class Grandma, come and tell us all about what school was like in the olden days. It must have been awesome being able to ride a horse to school.



## Belonging Day

As part of our anti-bullying work, 3/4T are going to hold a Belonging Day. The idea behind this day is to make everyone at our school feel like they belong to the group and to work towards a goal to improve our school. All children are asked to wear green on the day. We will also be holding a BBQ lunch. Sausages will be \$2 and poppers will be \$1. All money raised will go towards the building of new sandpits in the playground.

## Stage 2 Camp

Last Tuesday, 44 students and 6 staff headed to Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre for the Stage 2 Camp. On arrival, the children picked cabins and beds before setting off to undertake some team building activities. These activities were designed to encourage communication between the teams and the importance of everyone working together to reach a common goal. Our favourite was "Dragon Egg" and one team managed to get the egg (large marble) to the nest using half pieces of small pipe. After lunch we learnt about map reading as part of orienteering. We then set off into the forest in teams to complete an orienteering course with 14 checkpoints. All teams were successful in their map reading and ability to use a compass. We then played "Tribes and Territories" which is a strategy game that involves trying to get the other teams totem before being caught. This was a firm favourite and one that will be played again in the future.

Our night activity was astronomy and we were able to look through a telescope and see the craters on the moon.

We were up early on the second morning and enjoyed using the playground while we waited for our activities to begin. We started with an animal study that included some close encounters with stick insects, a lizard and a python. Some of us were very brave and overcome our fears.

We then split into two groups and completed art and Aboriginal study lessons. The art lesson was about beetles and we learnt about the parts of beetles before drawing them with crayon and using water paint to create some great artworks. The Aboriginal studies lesson included looking at scar trees, artefacts and talking about how the Aboriginal people would

have caught food. We threw tennis balls using a support stick to replicate using a woomera.

After lunch we went dipnetting in the creek and even managed to catch a poisonous water scorpion. This was a great activity with lots of bugs caught and examined in detail.

We returned to school a little weary but all very happy and full. The food was great and we need to thank Matt and Marie for looking after us. Thanks also to Stephen for driving us. A special thanks to all of the staff for your support and all of the children need to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour.



## Tenterfield Preschool Visit

On Thursday 30 November, all of our Kindergarten students went to visit their friends at Tenterfield Preschool. It is always a wonderful experience for the students and staff when we get to spend time learning, playing and making new friends. For many of our students it was a chance to reminisce about their time at preschool and for many of the preschool students it was a chance to spend time with the teachers and students who will be a part of their life when they start Kindergarten in 2018.

DJ and the lovely ladies at the preschool prepared a delicious morning tea and lunch for our students to have while they were there. They also organised a variety of games, activities, cooking and stories for us to do while we were waiting for the BBQ to cook.

We would like to thank DJ and the staff at Tenterfield Preschool for making our visit so exciting and for providing all the students with the opportunity to create special memories.

Kind Regards,

Miss Rowe, Mrs Duff and Miss Bridge





## The Importance of Attendance

It is important that your child attends every day of school, right up to the last day of Term 4 (December 15). Our classes will be continuing with their teaching and learning activities up to this date.



# EVERY DAY COUNTS....

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



## THIS WEEKS POSTIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING LESSON (PBL)



## LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

The PBL lesson for this week focused on the expected behaviours students are to display when they are representing our school.

Students discussed the importance of wearing full school uniform when out on excursions, using manners and being polite.

We are down to our final weeks of collecting Henrys to be put into booklets.

Students are being given Henrys for continuing to display the school values of Learning, Safety and Respect.

Kind Regards,

PBL Team

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## TERM 4 School Planner and Canteen Information

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dec	9	4	5 Last high school transition day 9am-2pm	6 Yr 6 Farewell 6pm-9pm	7 Presentation Day @ MPU, Tenterfield High School 11am	8
	10	11 Rewards Day for Years 3-6 at the Pool 10am-12pm	12 Rewards Day for Year K-2 at the Pool 10am-12pm	13 PLP Celebration 2pm. Belonging Day BBQ.	14 K-2 Christmas Concert 11:30am-12:30pm	15 LAST DAY OF YEAR

### CANTEEN ROSTER

DATE	NAME
Wednesday 6	Sandi McCowen, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
Thursday 7	Elaine M
Friday 8	HELP NEEDED PLEASE
Monday 11	
Tuesday 12	
Wednesday 13	Sandi McCowen, Tammy Morris

### HOMEBAKE

DATE	NAME
Monday 11	Baking needed, please
Wednesday 13	Trudy Campbell
Friday 15	Jen Sutcliffe

### DONATIONS This week

Tomato Sauce	Vanessa Rolph
Block Cheese	Trudy Campbell, Tamai Davidson
Sliced Beetroot	Jodie Lieberman
Lettuce	Jenny Petrie
Tomatoes	Lou Holley

### MEAL DEAL

"Christmas Lunch"

Roast beef, baked potato, peas, corn on the cob and gravy, a popper and a cup of trifle

\$5.50

OTHER CHOICES: Sausage Roll \$2.50 6 Nuggets \$3.00

Over the next few weeks your child may be asked to change their choice of food in their order as the stock in the canteen gets low in preparation for the end of the school year.

**CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE:** Bacon and cheese buns, large pies, lasagne, slams, gingerbread kids, sunfruits, and crazy lemon.



### Christmas Carols

Hosted by the Christians of Tenterfield  
Friday 15 December  
Bruxner Park  
6:30pm onwards

**FREE**

Sausage sizzle, tea, coffee, Christmas cake and candles will be available.

Come and join us for a night of carols and candles. Bring your own chairs or picnic blankets.

For more information please phone:  
Jamie Gibbins 0428669342 or  
Merelyn Gibbins 0447387921



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# Merry Christmas

## K-2 Christmas Concert

Dear Parents/Guardians,

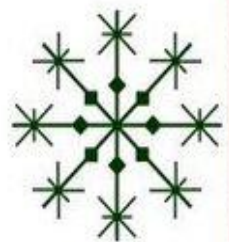
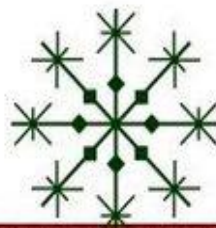
The staff and students of K-2 would like to invite you to attend their end of year Christmas concert. Come along and watch each class perform a Christmas item and sing some carols with us.

**Date:** Thursday 14 December

**Time:** 11:30am - 12:30pm

**Where:** Bruxner Hall

**We hope to see you there!**





# HEALTHY LUNCHBOX SUGGESTIONS

## San choy bow

30/11/2016 Canteen recipes, Everyday, GREEN, Healthy Eating, Help for Parents, HKA News, Hot meals, Party food ideas, Recipes

**GREEN (ACT & SA) / Everyday (NSW)**

**Makes 8 serves (2 lettuce cups per serve)**



### Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1kg lean pork, minced
- 6 spring onions (approximately 1 bunch), sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 small piece of ginger, peeled and chopped
- 2 sticks celery, diced
- 1 red capsicum, diced
- 100g mushrooms, diced
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 4 tablespoons reduced salt soy sauce
- 16 large iceberg lettuce leaves

### Method:

1. Heat oil in wok or fry pan over a high heat.
2. Cook pork through, stirring frequently.
3. Place pork in a heatproof bowl and set aside, leaving oil in pan.
4. Place the remainder of the ingredients (except for the lettuce leaves) into the hot pan, stir and cook on a low to medium heat until softened.
5. Add the cooked pork back to the pan and mix well.
6. Spoon the pork filling into each lettuce leaf.
7. Serve immediately.

## KINDERGARTEN

**2018**

**Enrolments open**

**Now**

**For more information  
please call the school on  
67361401**

## SAVE THE DATE....

### **2017 Presentation Day**

- ♦ December 7
- ♦ Tenterfield High School MPU
- ♦ 11:00am start

**There is no limit on family member attendance  
this year.**

