



The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

LEARNING SAFETY RESPECT

TERM 1 WEEK 11 NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 9th April, 2025

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Our last newsletter for Term 1, 2025! One quarter of our year has already been completed! Once again, we have been incredibly busy, with our focus being on the explicit teaching happening in each and every classroom. Our teaching and learning load is huge and our students have had their heads down for the last 10 weeks.

Highlights for this term have included: Our school swimming carnival, the NNE swim carnival, Meet the Teachers afternoon, Bookfair, Stage 3 camp to Lake Ainsworth in Lennox Head, Kids Lit Quiz in Armidale, Interrelate sessions for Year 6 students, our SRC members for 2025 being inducted, our school assemblies in Weeks 3, 6 and 9, school photos, Tenterfield Show, NAPLAN, K-6 discos, parent/teacher interviews, Easter parade and the touch football clinics happening on the last day of term.

Phew! We are kept on our toes over each term, that is for certain!

This term, your child/ren might also have received a merit certificate at one of our school assemblies, a positive blue letter in the post, or even a birthday card in the mail also! We try very hard to keep acknowledging the excellent work habits that are always developing with our students. We hope that Term 2 brings lots of positives just like this term.

This week our COLA has been completed—at long last! It looks AMAZING!! The entire surface was resurfaced and painted. Over the last 10 years it has been a goal of mine to really improve the drab space that it was. I hope our community loves it as much as we do. We really hope the space is respected out of school hours also and not ridden over with bikes or scooters—which may damage it.

Our school oval is also looking absolutely brilliant. What a mission it has been to get it resurfaced and growing beautifully. It has had almost 2 terms to regrow and it certainly is. We cannot wait to get the kids back out there next term to enjoy it!

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ANZAC Day is coming up quickly. On ANZAC Day, all staff and students are invited to attend both the dawn service and the morning march. I will be at the dawn service with our school leaders. It is a lovely service and such an important service - as the 3rd Australian Brigade landed on Gallipoli between 4:30 and 4:45am on that fateful day. I am very passionate about history, our history and world wars history, and have travelled extensively to visit impacted sites, including Gallipoli, PNG and the Kokoda Track. Visiting both locations really humbled me and taught me the importance of acknowledging and remembering all of the service men and women who lost their lives for our country.

Please really encourage your children to attend. We never really get a huge turn out, it would be really fantastic to one day achieve this. Students are to be in full school uniform, including school hats.

A final reminder to our families about the Easter parade tomorrow.

We leave school grounds at 10:00am, and head down Manners Street, then onto Rouse Street and back to school via the preschool. We love these parades and showing off our school and kids to our community. We hope to see you down there cheering us on! After that we are watching the K-2 kids performing their dances as part of the celebrations. Because our COLA will still be closed—these will be taking place outside B Block—between the native garden and the Stage 3 rooms. **Unfortunately if your child has not returned the 2025 Data form they will not be able to participate in the parade.**

See you there!

We wish all of our families a very safe and restful break over the school holidays and Easter period. School resumes for all students, K-6 on Wednesday April 30.

thank you

Miss Anna Starcevic Principal

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WAVES



LITERACY

This term we have read the books 'We Are Australian Too', by Mem Fox and 'Peggy', by Anna Walker. These texts have been the inspiration for our writing, developing our sentence structure, punctuation and narrative writing.

We continue to develop our reading, phonics and spelling knowledge through the use of daily phonics lessons and reviews. We love reading to Mrs Lawrence with growing fluency and expression. We challenge ourselves, putting our fantastic skills into action when we "write the room" trying to better our scores.

We have had a great number of students reading their home readers each night, with many students adding stickers to their reading pockets. Keep up the great work Waves!



NUMERACY

We became pirates during maths lessons, helping Captain Beard and Pirate Bonny with all their measuring needs. We found the area of Bonnie's Pirate Flag, measured the distance of the cannon balls that were fired from the pirate ship and discussed the different attributes required when measuring a bucket. The final task was to see how far we could jump off the plank!



SCIENCE AND GEOGRAPHY

The Waves have looked at natural vs built features, designing parks that incorporated both.

We determined differences between living and non-living things, classifying and organising animals and plants based on their attributes.

REMINDERS



The Easter Hat Parade is on this Thursday, April 10. We hope that you can join us for the parade, departing school grounds at 10:00am. Upon our return we will wow you are with our dance moves that we have been working hard on over the term. A picnic recess will follow.

Have a safe and enjoyable break and we cannot wait to show you all of our learning next term.



K-2 Easter Hat Parade



The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School invites you to join us on the 10th of April for our Easter Hat Parade.

Time: The parade will leave the school at 10:00am, returning to showcase our designs and perform some dances.

Please join us for a picnic afterwards.

NSW TOUCH SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS



**\$50 PER PERSON
GIFT BAG INCLUDED
10AM - 1PM**

SUITABLE FOR 8-12 YEARS

**NUMBERS ARE LIMITED
REGISTER NOW**

**TENTERFIELD
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FEDERATION
PARK**

**TUE 15TH
APRIL**

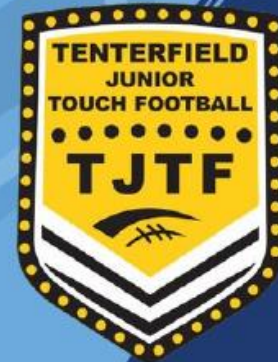
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Every day

COUNTS!



**School success starts
with attendance**

STAY HOME IF YOU FEEL UNWELL



From time to time your child may get sick.

If they display any of the following symptoms, they should stay at home and see a doctor:

- a fever of 38°C or above
- vomiting or diarrhoea
- cough or respiratory symptoms
- cold or flu symptoms
- rashes of an unknown origin.



COVID-19 is still active in the community. Children and teenagers are less likely to have serious illness from COVID-19, but they can still transmit the virus to others.

Students, staff and visitors should stay home when sick and only attend school when they are symptom-free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the advice on testing and what to do if you have COVID-19.



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Term 1 and Term 2, 2025

Wk/Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 11 April	7 Parent/teacher Interviews	8	9	10 EASTER PARADE	11 FINAL DAY OF TERM 1
Term 2 Week 1 Apr/May	28 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY	29 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY	30 STUDENTS RETURN	1	2
Week 2 May	5	6	7	8	9
Week 3 May	12	13	14	15	16 Assembly 2:00pm
Week 4 May	19	20	21 SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY	22	23
Week 5 May	26	27	28	29	30 NNE CROSS COUNTRY
Week 6 June	2	3	4	5	6 Assembly 2:00pm
Week 7 June	9	10	11	12	13
Week 8 June	16	17	18	19	20
Week 9 June	23	24	25	26	27 Assembly 2:00pm

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