Dear Parents and Community Members...

Last week we had some children represent our school at the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush, Sydney. We are very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to: Mikayla Cox who competed in shot put, Will Holley, Fletcher Koch, Braith Clark and Jakeb Gibbins who competed in the boys relay and beat their personal best time. What an experience and achievement for these students!

There have been a few incidents of parents picking their children up of an afternoon from the car park behind the Infants building. This is great, however, some children run through the middle of the car park to their parents who are waiting in the car. This is a busy car park with people driving in and out. We urge all parents to pick their children up from the tree where a teacher is on duty for the crossing and then walk their children to the car. Thank you in advance for your support.

Please be aware that students should not be arriving to school before 8:30am. Teachers are not on duty until 8:30am (half hour before school starts).

We are lucky to have Armajun Aboriginal Health Services organise to complete hearing screening for our Aboriginal students. This is fully funded with no cost to parents. A consent form was sent home. If you have not already filled it in and sent it back, please do so as soon as possible. Forms can be picked up from the office if needed. The screenings will occur over a few weeks (they can see approximately 6 students a day). The first date is set for Monday, October 26.

Have a lovely week!
Lorelle O’Brien

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal

As explained in the letter sent home yesterday, all classes have been given a different item to contribute to the shoe box.

1/2A and KJ- SOMETHING TO LOVE such as a teddy bear, doll (preferably with brown skin), soft toy, etc.

1/2R and 2/3B- SOMETHING TO WEAR such as a T-shirt, shorts, short sleeve dress, underwear, sandals or thongs etc (preferably plain, striped or patterned but without writing on them as they likely will not speak English and preferably without pictures on them in case of any cultural sensitivities).

3/4T and 3/4B- SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH such as a tennis ball, mini soccer ball, full size deflated soccer ball and small pump, skipping rope, marbles, harmonica, slinky, cars (preferably with big wheels that will work easily in dust), etc. (Dolls and soft toys will be purchased by those classes buying something to love).

5/6C and 5/6S- SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL such as an exercise book, pencils, coloured pencils, eraser, sharpener, pencil case, pens, etc.

K-6S, K/1C and 4/5M- SOMETHING SPECIAL such as a carry bag, sunglasses, a good quality melamine bowl or cup or a wind up torch

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If you had asked me in high school, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" I would have responded with "a teacher". For as long as I can remember it was what I wanted to do and there was no changing my mind.

I am a Dubbo girl, born and bred. I lived there for the first 23 years of my life attending both school and university there.

I completed my double degree, a Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary in 2011. I spent a year as a casual teacher working at many different schools and gaining lots of experience. I worked in a small school for two terms where I taught years 3, 5 and 6 in one classroom.

It was a challenge but a fantastic one.

In October 2012, when I had all but given up hope of getting a permanent job, I got a phone call, a call that I didn’t take but thank goodness they rang me back as it was what moved me here to Tenterfield.

After a somewhat unusual phone call which started off with me being offered a job at this school with a really long name, in an unknown location, the lady on the other end eventually let me know that it was in Tenterfield.

To tell you the truth I had never even heard of this place called Tenterfield but I did know that it was in the Armidale region, so North of me.

After some googling I discovered that it was 609.8Kms away! To say I was scared is an understatement but I was excited for the adventure.

I am now almost at the end of my third year here and I have never looked back.

I was told when I first moved to Tenterfield, be careful of the local boys, you will meet one and you might never leave. Well it happened, I met an amazing one and together we are looking at building our future here.

Actually I couldn't see myself anywhere else! Tenterfield is a wonderful place and I am so very lucky to teach at Sir Henry Parkes.
Meal Deal—“On A Roll”

A delicious egg & bacon roll with BBQ sauce, plus a popper and a scoop of ice cream with chocolate topping malt and a wafer biscuit $5.50

Other Choices: 6 chicken nuggets $3.00
Tray Lasagne $4.00

Please note: Parents/guardians if you do not have a new menu and price list for Term 4 could you please collect one from the canteen as there are a few price changes.

Meal deals are now $5.50
This term, 4/5M will be studying the history and culture of Japan as a part of the HSIE curriculum.

In Literacy, the students have learnt to create a Haiku, which is a traditional Japanese poem.

A Haiku Poem consists of three lines, with the first and last line having 5 syllables in them and the middle line has 7. They are very short and do not have to rhyme.

Below are some examples the students have written:

**Smiggle**
- Smiggle is so cool
- Smiggle is so amazing
- Smiggle is so good
  *By Suzy McGrady*

**Socks**
- Socks is a cute cat
- She likes to play with Molly
- Socks is Kody’s Cat
  *By Sophie-Rose Halliday*

**Samurais**
- They can fight ninjas
- Samurais are really cool
- From ancient Japan
  *By Adam Thomas*

**Gulmarrad**
- I love Gulmarrad
- I love to swim in the pool
- It is a nice town
  *By Katie Eaton*

**Art**
- Art is really cool
- Art is fun and creative
- It is wonderful
  *By Mikayla Cox*

**MotoBikes**
- Motorbikes are cool
- You can use them to jump high
- They come in all colours
  *By Thomas Thompson*

**Friends**
- Friends are wonderful
- They help you when you are down
- They are nice to you
  *By Ness Butler*

**Bindi**
- Bindi is playful
- Bindi is really dopey
- Bindi likes to bite
  *By Tobi Lieberman*

**Milo**
- Milo’s so playful
- My dog Milo is so cute
- He’s a Labrador
  *By Bonnie Zappa*
There are now 17 posts with 23 photos on our Twitter account, so follow us @shpmps to see some of the learning activities our students are engaging in on a daily basis!

Swim Scheme
The school swim scheme will be held in week 7. More information to come.

Talent Show
The school will be holding a talent show at the school in week 6. Tryouts have been held. Students were informed today if they made it through to the show.

5/6 Excursion payment
The final payment date for the year 5/6 camp is Thursday, October 29. Camp will be Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 November. Please make sure you go online and fill in the Medical form: sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/schools/medicalandconsentform.

Book Fair
"Buy One Get One Free" Book Fair will be starting Monday, November 2, Week 5.

Book Club
Book club issue 7 has been handed out to students. And is due back to the front office on Thursday, October 22 by 9am.

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