Dear Parents and Community Members...

I would like to thank you for all of your support with Operation Christmas Child. We had many items donated! We are able to make approximately 33 boxes.

Thank you to all of the parents who helped sort through the items and run the BBQ. Everyone looked great with their crazy hair! Our out of uniform and crazy hair gold coin donations raised $233!

A huge thank you to Target who donated items to finish the boxes and to Coles who donated the sausages for the BBQ.

From Tuesday, October 3 to Friday, October 6 we will be visited by ‘Youth With A Mission’. (YWAM) They have visited over the past few years. There are approximately 16 people who come every lunch and/or recess to engage with the students on the playground. In the past they have played the guitar and sung popular pop songs, played basketball, handball, football etc.

This Friday is World Teachers’ Day. Thank you to our wonderful teaching staff for their dedication and commitment towards education for all students.

Have a lovely week!
Lorelle O’Brien

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.
- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough. http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx

STAFF MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Ashley Makings

There’s really not much to say about myself as I’ve lead a pretty quiet, ordinary life. I am the youngest of 4 and the baby by almost 16 years so instead of just having 2 parents, it felt like I was being raised by 6 people. I am born and bred in Maitland, near Newcastle and I still frequently travel down that way to visit family in the holidays as I grew up in a very close family. Most of my siblings are teachers and I have always wanted to be a teacher, so when I finished high school in 2006, I went to Newcastle University to complete a double degree of Bachelor of Teaching and Bachelor of Arts where I majored in Music and minored in Sociology.

After I graduated in 2010, I was extremely lucky when it came to my teaching career as I was barely out of university applying for jobs when in 2011 a temporary position of 3 terms came up at Sir Henry Parkes Memorial P.S. I was only supposed to be here until the end of that year, but as it turned out I loved the place, and made a real life for myself here. Almost 5 years later and I’m still here and still love the place. I am now married to a local boy, I am a home owner, the proud owner of two gorgeous fur babies and a member of an amazing community.
**Meal Deal**—"It’s Good Tucker"

A bag of chicken chippies plus a popper with a mug of jelly and ice cream $5.50

Other choices: Hot dog in roll with cheese $3.50
Ham & Cheese sandwich $2.50

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

**Calendar**

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**Canteen Roster**

- Wed 28: Jess Kennedy, Help needed please
- Thur 29: Kelly Coleman, Sandy McCowen
- Fri 30: Vicki Hill, Help needed please
- Mon 2: Elaine Mannion
- Tue 3: Help needed please
- Wed 4: Lea Rossington, Help needed please

**Homebake**

- Mon 2: Terri Smith
- Wed 4: Rachel Brown
- Fri 6: Angela Kerrigan

**Donations (This Week)**

- Sliced Beetroot: Sharon Jones, Megan Tarrant
- Mayonnaise: Tamai Davidson
- Block Cheese: Rachel Brown, Jan Oberman
- Lettuce: Trudy Campbell
- Tomato Sauce: Bec Preston

**Community Notices**

- **Talent Show**
  - Next Thursday, November 5: there will be a full dress rehearsal starting at 11:30am-1pm in the Primary Hall.
  - All costumes and props need to be brought.
  - If students aren’t totally prepared they will be disqualified.

- **Orientation Day**
  - Tenterfield High School invites parents and students of year 6 to the Orientation Day on Friday, November 20, 2015, starting at 11am-1pm. Students will arrive as a school group. Orientation day provides parents with the opportunity to ask questions, buy uniforms and book packs and be further informed about our High School.
  - A tour of the school will be available.
  - Year 6 students will be involved in a variety of lessons and will return to school at approximately 1pm.
  - For more enquiries contact: Peter Willis or Roberta Koch on 6736 1200

- **Junior Cricket bowls into action**
  - The junior cricket season has commenced at The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School grounds.
  - If you have already registered, or are interested in playing, please meet on the basketball court beside the primary building at 3.15pm.
  - Sessions will run every Thursday from 3.15pm until 4.15pm, involving skills activities and competitive matches for our senior players.
  - Registration fees are $80 and forms will be available to complete on the day. Don’t forget to bring a change of clothes with you to change into after school.
  - For more information contact Dave Fowler on 6736 2629 or Mark Thomas on 0404 892 696.
For the remainder of the year I am looking forward to:

- Going to camp because you can go canoeing and play lots of other games – Jamie Ellem
- Camp because I will get to spend time with my friends and do things I’ve never done – Abbey Holley
- Camp because I’ve never been to Lake Ainsworth before and I will be able to sleep in the same cabin for 4 days – Hayley Carpenter

- Camp because I’ve never been to camp before and it’s going to be fun – Toby Watt
- Camp because it sounds fun and because it’s new to me - Sophie-lee Latta
- Year 6 graduation so I can spend time with my friends – Kyle Blain
- Learning about Japan because it is an interesting country to learn about – Thomas lee-McCauley

- Singing the fight song last Friday because my pop came – Acacia Robinson
- Camp because we can go rock climbing as I’ve never been rock climbing – Tahlia Zellers
- Camp because I’ve never been to Lake Ainsworth before – Tyran Petrie
- High School to learn more subjects and meet new people – Mariah McGrady

- Camp because I want to try archery – Dominic Clarke
- Camp because I’ll like to try archery and other activities for the first time – James Beltrame
- Camp because it’s a good opportunity – Alex Butler
- High School because we get new friends and new teachers that can help us learn more things - Mikayla Cutmore

- Camp because of all the fun activities and I can’t wait to catch up with all my friends – Nikkala Hillier
- Camp because we are going to do cool things for four days – Bree McCowen
- Lake Ainsworth camp because I’ve never been on an overnight excursion – Breanna Chawner

- High School because I am looking forward to the challenges of High School – Roshan Caldwell
- Learning about Japan because at my old school we had a school Olympics and I was always Japan – Ralph Thomson

- Camp so I can hang out with Miss Coats – Jake Ryan
- Camp because I want to try archery – Crystal Soper
- Camp because it’s my first camp – Shikya O’Connell
- Going to Brisbane because I get to see my brother – Charlie Smith

- The talent show because I’m with my BFF Tahlia performing something we both can do – Isabel Halliday
- Camp because I get to spend a whole week with all my friends – Crystal Soper
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.

**5/6 Excursion payment**
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