Dear Parents and Community Members...

You may have seen in the media that the 2016 Gonski funding has been announced. While we are very excited about receiving Gonski funding, we are also waiting for the breakdown of what the funding is to be used towards. The 2015 Gonski money was allocated for things such as: some permanent staff members wages, teacher professional learning, School Learning Support Officers, tracking attendance, Technology resources, English and Mathematical resources, Positive Behaviour for Learning, woodwork group, casual wages and resources to support programs in the school such as Drumbeat, the Extension Group, the Aboriginal Art group 'Gayaa', installation of SENTRAL - a computer program which allows teachers to closely monitor students' progress in all areas of schooling etc.

Last week the Extension Group ran a Science Fair for all students to participate in. There were many experiments, from ‘Exploding Coke’ through to ‘Elephant's Toothpaste’. Everyone had a wonderful time! Thank you to Mackenzie Cox, Kori Eaton, James Beltrame, Angela Moore, Ralph Thomson, Hannah Phelps, Roshan Caldwell, Gabby Hawke, Zoe Jenkins, Eric Richards, Adam Thomas and Mrs Caldwell.

Over the past five weeks we have been visited by children who are starting Kindergarten in 2016. They started by visiting for the morning session which progressed to a full day last week. Kindergarten Transition gives children the opportunity to become familiarised with all areas of the school. Thank you to Tracy Caldwell and Liz Jarvis for the time they took to make Kindergarten Transition a positive and exciting experience for the children.

As we are nearing the end of the year we are starting to look at the Annual School Report. Feedback from parents, students and staff is always welcome. We use this feedback to reflect on areas to improve and areas to celebrate success. I have attached a survey that we would appreciate you filling out. The more surveys that are returned, the more we can have accurate planning for the future. There is also a link where you can complete this online if you would prefer. Web link for survey: https://goo.gl/kwqWG7 or scan this QR code to be taken directly to the survey.

Please remember, while you are filling out the survey, that we are reflecting on what is happening in our school now. Please place your completed surveys in the box at the front office. Thank you very much in advance for your support.

Have a wonderful week!

Lorelle O'Brien

Book Club

Book club was handed out today and is due back to the front office by 9am Thursday, November 18.

Swim Scheme

The school swim scheme will be held next week,
Monday, November 16 to Friday, November 20.

"Staff Member of the Week"

Geoffrey Swan

Hi my name is Geoffrey Swan. I am originally from Moree which is the Kamilaroi tribe. I grew up in Moree where I attended Moree East Public School and completed Year 12. I am the second eldest of four, with two sisters and one brother.

I have been married to Sylvia for 7 years, who is a Tenterfield girl. We have four children, Jordan, Geoffrey, Kristen and Jayden, all who attended The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School. Jordan and Geoffrey both attend and board in a High School on the Gold Coast, with Jordon about to complete year 12.

I moved to Tenterfield in 1999 and lived here a few years working at the Wallangarra meatworks before moving back home. We later returned to Tenterfield to live in 2007.

I have been the Aboriginal Education Officer here at The Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School. I really love and enjoy working in the school, helping students to succeed with their education and to enjoy their early years of schooling.
Meal Deal-“Blasta Pasta”
A bowl of spiral pasta topped with bolognaise sauce and grated cheese with a small chocolate milk and a scoop of ice cream with sprinkles $5.00

Other choices: 6 x chicken nuggets $3.00
Tray of lasagne $4.00

Community Notices

Tenterfield Junior Cricket
Shirts and Caps have arrived for our senior players to purchase. If your child is involved in the T20 Blast (playing for the Sixers, Scorchers or Heat) they can buy both the shirt and cap for $10! We are still waiting for clothing to arrive for our junior players but it shouldn’t be too far away.
A season draw will also be available to collect this Thursday afternoon.

CenterCare
CentreCare is establishing a Rural Parenting Resilience Program in Tenterfield, supporting parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years.
This is a free parenting peer support group held on Tuesdays from 11am at Community Hub, 204 Rouse St.
To find out more information please phone Sandi or Tessa on 6721 6404 or contact the school for further information.

Community Composting
“The basics of worm farming and composting”
Guest Presenters Melanie Farthing & Ron Caccianiga from Brooklyn Worms, Graves End
Thursday, November 12 2012
5pm-6pm (NSW time)
FREE information session & finger food!
45 Martin St, Tenterfield

Santa Photos
Visit Santa at “The Hub”
204 Rouse Street Tenterfield (opposite the School of Arts)
And have your child’s photo taken with Santa
Santa will be available in December
Thursday 3 and Friday 4
Between 3pm-4pm
Saturday 5 between 10am-12pm
Thursday 10 and Friday 11
Between 3:30-4pm
For more information contact 0408 650 674

SAVE THE DATE
The Tenterfield Blue Light Disco will be holding a pool party on Saturday, December 5, please keep this date free.
More information to come in upcoming newsletters.
Talent Show