**Dear Parents and Community Members...**

What a busy week we have had! There was a buzz in the school during the Eisteddfod; it was wonderful to see so many excited students. We had some excellent class, stage and individual results. Congratulations to everyone who was involved.

The Regional Athletics Carnival is being held this Friday, August 28 in Tamworth. We have 26 students going to represent our school. What an achievement! Good luck and have fun!

Our staff have a wealth of knowledge. Some staff members were employed in other areas before coming into the Educational setting. This gives them another set of skills they can draw upon when teaching. Other staff members have worked many years in the Educational setting, completing many courses and some going on to become teacher trainers in Key Learning Areas. We also have many staff members who have gone on to further their study at University.

I would like to recognise the efforts and commitment of staff by sharing some of their completed or ongoing University study with you:

**Mrs Caldwell**  
Graduate Certificate (Early Childhood)  
Graduate Certificate (Gifted and Talented)

**Mr Thomas**  
Diploma of Horticulture  
Bachelor of Environmental Science.

**Mrs Pryce**  
Postgraduate Certificate in Early Childhood  
Currently undertaking Masters in Teacher Librarianship

**Mrs Strachan**  
Certificate of Inclusive Education.  
50% completion of Masters in Inclusive Education

**Mr Pryce**  
Bachelor of Psychological Science  
Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning  
50% completion of Masters of Educational Leadership

**Mrs Maddocks**  
Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood)  
Bachelor of Education (Special Ed)

**Breakfast Room**

We would like to say a big thank you to Ann Newman for the continual donations of food she kindly supplies for the breakfast club. The breakfast club runs every morning and supplies toast, fruit and milk for students. The school runs the program and is supported by donations from staff, parents and Tenterfield Milk Suppliers. From the 14 July to the 31 July we served 379 breakfasts, 1 recess and 24 lunches.

**Eisteddfod**

QUOTA Tenterfield Federation Eisteddfod was held between 17th - 22nd August, 2015. Children from SHPMPS participated in events as part of a class group or as individuals. For the Speech component of the Eisteddfod students competed in Verse Speaking - as a class or an individual, Impromptu Prose Reading, Impromptu Story Telling, Humorous Recitation, Prepared Speech, Australian Poem (Australian Author) and Prose (Own Choice).

Students from our school also competed in the Dance component of the Eisteddfod.

The final component of the Eisteddfod was in Music, again students competed as a part of a group or as individuals. They competed in Piano Solo, Infant School Choral Contest, Primary School Choral Contest, Infant School Small Choral Group, Percussion Band - Infant School, Vocal Solo, Character Song - In Costume and Piano Solo –’Pop’.

All students gained a valuable life experience from competing in the Eisteddfod and performing on a stage in front of the public. Congratulations to everyone involved and thank you to QUOTA for organising this event.

**Year 6 Achievements**

Congratulations to Zoe Jenkins and Roshan Caldwell who have been selected to attend Aurora College. This school connects students in rural and remote locations into selective classes covering English, Mathematics and Science using computer technology.

Another huge congratulations to Jara Duroux and Tyran Petrie who have both been successful in gaining a full scholarship for their entire secondary school education through Yalari. Yalari is a not-for-profit organisation that offers quality secondary education scholarships at leading Australian boarding schools for Indigenous children from regional, rural and remote communities.

Upcoming Tenterfield High School transition days:

**Wednesday, August 26 11-1pm**

**Wednesday, September 2 11-1pm**

**Wednesday, September 9 – Full day**

We wish all of our Year 6 students the best of luck as they transition to high school.

**P&C News**

**P&C Wood Raffle**

Last Friday the P&C held a wood raffle to raise funds to help purchase resources to improve the learning opportunities for our students.

We raised an amazing $1200 from this event which will go directly back into our children’s education.

Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets, helped out on the day and especially to Colin Caldwell who provided the wood.

And the winner is...........Terry Butler!

**P&C Father’s Day Stall**

P&C Father’s Day Stall - Wednesday, September 2

A great range of gifts will be available, ranging in price from 50c through to $5.

Students will have the opportunity during the day to purchase something for that special someone in their life.
Meal Deal—“It’s Party Time”
Grab a mini dagwood dog on a stick with a popper and a bowl of fresh fruit salad and ice cream
$5.00
Other choices: Egg & Lettuce $2.50
6 chicken nuggets $2.20

Canteen Roster

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Book Club

Book club has been handed out and is due back to the front office on Thursday, September 3 by 9am.

Students of the Week:

Infants:
Annie Ebbern, Talissah Spittles, Jessika Toulson, Darcy Rolph, Lachlan Robinson.

Primary:
Piper Clark, Kira Arnold, Joshua Beltrame, Nikkala Hiller, Zoe Nalder.

Principal Award:
Oska Zappa, Breanna Chawner.

Bronze Award:
Lucy Everett, Jaidean Connors, Kurt Fowler, Levi Murphy, Kody Halliday, Katie McCowen, Annie Ebbern, Addi Gibbins,Jason Edwards, Olivia Merchant, Angus Pitkin, Jasmine Stuart, Phillip Thomas.

Silver Award:
Mini Robinson, Casey Swan.

Kindness Awards:
Ashah Hiller, Mary Binge, Indy Murphy, Zoe Petrie, Jackson Clarke, Sophie-Lee Latta, Jaynee Soper, Kerry Thomson.

It has come to our attention that a number of students have head lice.
As this condition can spread very rapidly, it is necessary that parents check their children’s heads regularly, removing all eggs and nits before the children return to school.
There are net combs available at the front office for sale
Long Hair: $14.00
Short Hair: $12.00

Minimbah Project Birth Certificate Sign Up Day
A free Birth Certificate ‘SignUp’ Day for young Indigenous people, their guardians and other individuals in need will be held at:
Tenterfield Family & Youth Support Service on
Wednesday, 26th August, 10am-3pm.
167 Manners St,
Tenterfield, 2372
Ph: 02 67 362 619
Open to children, youth and their guardians
• Born in NSW, QLD, ACT or Vic?
• Don’t have a birth certificate?
• We invite you to sign up for a ‘free’ BIRTH CERTIFICATE!
Miss Green has been here for 7 weeks and will be here til the end of term.
She does fun things with us and she is nice. Miss Green lets us play games on the computer.
She helps us with our schoolwork. Miss Green does sport and art with us.
She loves all of the kids in the school.
Chloe, Jaynee, Kira, Amanda and Jo.

In Spelling, we search our words in the dictionary to find what they mean.
We have different words every week to learn for homework to Look, Cover, Write and Check.
We like spelling because it helps us learn big words and where they are from in the world.
Spelling is fun because we learn how Morphemic words are created. For example, communicate can have a prefix for 'mis' which changes the words to miscommunicate or a suffix of 'ion' changing it to communication.
Bella, Milly, Jayden and Allan.

In Maths we are doing Fractions and Times Tables with dice cards and dominoes.
The class has been on the computer playing maths quizzes on Kahoot.
Kahoot is a quiz game and it is awesome, it is available to everyone at no cost.
We have been doing problem solving, cricket maths and 3D shapes.
Annabel, Abby, Charlie and Coby.
Congratulations to Bonnie Zappa for making it to the NSW PSSA touch last week.

Week 8 Information Sessions for parents

On Wednesday, September 2 we will be holding a parent information evening.

Mrs Caldwell will host a session on how to help your child when reading K-2:
  * Overview of what is taught.
  * How to help at home.
  * Literacy games.
  Starting at 5pm

Mrs O’Brien will focus on early numeracy strategies K-2:
  * Early Arithmetical strategies.
  * Targeted Early Numeracy
  * How to help at home.
  Starting at 5:30pm

Mr Pryce will discuss how technology can enrich the learning experience, at both school and home:
  * 21st Century Proficiencies.
  * How our school is changing its use of technology for learning.
  * What device should I purchase for my child?
  * Good educational apps and websites.
  Starting at 6pm

Miss Coats will focus on learning and transition strategies 3-6:
  * Learning in our environment.
  * Transition to High School.
  * Briefing on English and Maths.
  Starting at 6:30pm