Dear Parents and Community Members...

Tonight we are having parent and teacher interviews. This is something that we have introduced into Term 3. In the past we have had interviews in Term 1 and if requested when report cards go home in Term 2 and 4. We are looking for ways to further promote communication between the school and families. Thank you to the teachers for their dedication and giving up their own time to stay back late. If this day or time does not suit you, please feel free to contact the class teacher to make an alternative time. We welcome you to the school, to be a part of your child’s learning. If at any time you would like to have an appointment to see how your child is progressing, please contact the class teacher to make a time appropriate for you both.

The Country Women’s Association (CWA) kindly offer grants to children for educational needs. This may include things such as: text books, uniforms, sports equipment, music, excursions etc. The applications for a grant are sent to Sydney for the Phillip Group to discuss. If you would like an application form please see the front office. Grants must be filled out and returned to the school no later than October 19.

There have been a few incidences of students walking through the staff car park as they leave in the afternoon. There have also been concerns of students not using the crossing to walk across the road. Please ensure you are picking up your children from the safe, designated pick up area, which is under the large tree near the Infants building, where seating is available. We have spoken to all of the students about road safety and would greatly appreciate it if you could also discuss this with your child/children.

This Friday will be Derek’s last day at school. I would like to thank Derek for everything he has done for our school. Not only will we miss Derek for his technology skills, but also for the support he has offered students, staff, parents and the greater community. Derek has such a happy and caring personality, his new workplace is lucky to have him. We wish him all the very best!

I would like to wish everyone a very safe, relaxing and happy holiday! The first day back to school will be Tuesday, October 6. Have a lovely week, Lorette O’Brien

Rewards Day

K-2 Rewards day will be happening at Jubilee (Plastic Park) this Friday, September 18. We will be participating in a collection of games and activities.

We will be travelling by foot down to the park after recess. Your child is welcome to dress out of uniform for the day, but we ask that they wear shirts with sleeves, closed footwear and a sun safe hat. They are also to bring their lunch and some water. It is bound to be a fantastic end to the term! Thanks to all the hard work from the students this term!

Years 3-6 who have demonstrated effort and behaviour consistent with the school’s expectations, will participate in end of term celebrations this Friday.

Students will enjoy a disco followed by games and a picnic in the sun. Last week, students were given time to organise catering within their picnic group. Please speak with your child to ensure they are organised by Friday.

ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards

Our school is participating in the ZooWhiz Learning Community Subscription Plan.

Through the Community Subscription Plan our school now has FREE access to ZooWhiz Learning (www.zoowhiz.com) during school hours. Parents are able to access ZooWhiz at home at a very special price by using the Home Access Discount Card. ZooWhiz is the new, intelligent, automated online learning system that enables you to support your child’s progress in maths, spelling, word skills and reading.

Please note: The ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Card must be used to activate a subscription by 19/10/15 as it will expire after this date.

Learning Potential

During the recent Parent Information Evening, Miss Coats discussed how to promote students’ learning outside of school. Taking opportunities to engage your child in activities and games that promote literacy and numeracy from an early age can be highly beneficial to their long-term learning.

Learning Potential is an Australian Government app that helps parents identify and capitalise upon everyday learning opportunities. You can tailor the app to make suggestions appropriate for your child’s stage of schooling.

Check out the app at the address below, or search for Learning Potential in your app store.

"STAFF MEMBER OF THE WEEK"

I have been working in the office for just over 3 years now and I love it. It is a very friendly environment and the staff are so passionate about what they do. Merelyn and Bec make me feel so welcome and they make work fun! And I love being able to turn a kids frown upside down with an icepack!

I went to high school in Brisbane and then completed a bachelor of Business at QUT. I married a local guy (Chris Watt) and we have been living back in Tenterfield since 2004. We have 3 beautiful children who have all been through SHPMP. They are another reason why I love working at the school as I get to be home after school and in the school holidays. Tenterfield is a lovely place to live and I have the best job in the World!"
**Meal Deal—“Fresh is Best”**

A fresh sandwich with either ham & cheese or egg & lettuce (your choice)
Plus a popper and a serve of red velvet chocolate cake topped with whipped cream & strawberries $5

Other choice: 6 x nuggets $2.20
HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!!!

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**Junior Touch Football**

A Junior Touch Football sign on for children aged 5-9 years (subject to parental help) and 10-14 years (children turning 10 this year) will be held at Federation Park on **Thursday, September 17** at 4:00pm.
If you need any further information please contact Lou Holley on 0428197113 or Scott Koch on 67365887.

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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

**PB TERM 3**
- Elka Pedersen KJ, Nariah Chamberlain OK/1C
- Sahri Clark 1/2A, Tiffany McDonald 1/2R
- Ashah Hiller 2/3B, Rayfe Van Zyl 3/4B
- Amanda Bridge 3/4T, Nicholi Robinson 4/5M
- Gabby Hawke 5/6C, Kristen Swan 5/6S
- Luke de Git K/6S

**GOLD AWARDS**
- Larissa George, Sahri Clark, Jahkeem Binge, Kevin Ibbett
- Ashah Hiller, Bree McCowen

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**Community Notices**

**Summer of Cricket just around the corner**

Tenterfield Cricket Association will be holding their junior and senior sign on day on **Thursday, September 17** between 4-6pm at Shirley Park.

With both junior and senior numbers growing last season we would like to invite both past players and new registrations to attend. Junior cricket are looking to continue the Milo in2cricket format as well as introducing the T20 blast concept to further enhance player development.

Senior cricket is looking to expand to a five team T20 competition to be held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings as well as including a team into the Stanthorpe and Districts competition to be held on Saturday afternoons. For further information about junior cricket please feel free to contact Dave or Rhonda Fowler on 6736 2629 and any further inquiries about senior cricket please contact Danny Potter on 0488 172 260.

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**Tenterfield Swimming Club – 2015/2016**

The 2015/2016 Tenterfield Swimming Club season will commence on **Thursday, October 8** at 5pm with a fun afternoon and BBQ.

New members are encouraged to register and can do so by going to [nsw.swimming.org.au](http://nsw.swimming.org.au). If you require assistance with the online registration process please contact Tamalee Cusack on 0432047791.

Existing members will be sent an email with a link soon to re-register for the upcoming 2015-16 Tenterfield Swimming Club Season. Please follow the link to register for the upcoming 2015-16 Tenterfield Swimming Club Season.

Please note that Registration fees for the upcoming season are:
- Swimming Members $86.50 (swimmers under 16 years of age must also have at least one adult swimmer/non-swimmer). Non-swimming members are $21 (mandatory for families with all swimmers under 16). It is a club requirement (for insurance purposes) that each swimming family with members under 16 provide at least one financial non-swimming adult to help with the running of Club Nights and other events.

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**CANTEEN**

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**DONATIONS (This Week)**

- Plain Flour: Leonnie Pedersen
- Mayonnaise: Tracy Caldwell, Bec Ebbern
- Blocked Cheese: Margaret Ellis
- Tomato Sauce: Lara Flanagan, Kris McCowen
- Sliced Beetroot: Sarah Naider, Marie Thomas
- Sliced Pineapple: Nicole Arnold
- Margarine: Angela Kerrigan

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**Food Offerings**

- A fresh sandwich with either ham & cheese or egg & lettuce (your choice)
- Plus a popper and a serve of red velvet chocolate cake topped with whipped cream & strawberries $5

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**Other Choice**

- 6 x nuggets $2.20
1/2R and 1/2A Newsletter report

This term has been an extremely busy term. We have been working hard and learning lots of new things. Both classes have learnt about living things in science. It was awesome to see the parts of a plant in the celery experiment with Mr Pearce.

We have enjoyed combining classes for PE where we have been dancing. Just ask us how to whip and nae nae!! Maths has seen us busy multiplying and dividing.

We are able to form equal groups and share items fairly amongst different numbers of groups.

1/2R have learnt all about the ocean including its plants, animals and the impacts which humans can have.

1/2A have learnt all about Australian animals. They have made posters and written speeches as part of their homework.

The highlight of our term was the K-2 excursion.

Unfortunately we had to leave Miss Rowe behind but we filled her in on our return. On the excursion we got to go to the beach and walk on the sand at Woolgoolga. Some of us had never been to the beach before. At Dolphin Marine Magic in Coffs Harbour we got our photos taken hugging a seal and got to pat a dolphin.

The photo with "Elly" the seal was a definite highlight for Miss Rivett.

The term is nearly over but we still have lots to learn.

1/2R are very excited to hear all about Canada when Miss Rivett returns next term!
Photo day will be on Wednesday, October 7, the first week back from school holidays. As this is a Wednesday we are asking students from 3-6 who are involved in sport photos to wear full sport uniform this day.

If you would like to order a sport photo, envelopes are available at the front office.

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