Dear Parents and Community Members...

I am very excited to be able to announce that our new Principal will be Anna Starcevic. Anna was successful through the merit selection process and will be starting in 2016. Anna is coming to us from Carool Public School (Tweed Heads area) where she is currently teaching Principal. She is looking forward to meeting everyone and is very excited to be coming to Tenterfield. We warmly welcome Anna to the school.

It is with sadness that I share with you that Derek Gater will be leaving us at the end of this term. Derek has been with us for 9 years and has helped with many technological hitches, excursions, sports carnivals, student support, whilst being a happy, supportive, friendly, caring staff member, the list could go on. Derek has recently been successful in gaining a permanent position at the hospital. We wish Derek all the very best and thank him greatly for what he has done for the school, staff, students and parents.

I would like to congratulate all of the students who represented our school at the Regional Athletics Carnival. We had 26 students travel down to Tamworth to compete. Everyone tried their best and a good time was had by all. A big thank you to Miss Slobin for the many hours she has spent organising the events and students. Thank you to Mrs Preston and all of the parents who were also there on Friday to support our students.

This Wednesday, September 2, we will be holding Parent Information sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity to come up to the school, learn about different Key Learning Areas and how you can support your child at home. More information about session content and times can be found in the newsletter. We will also be looking at other sessions we may be able to run in the future. If there is something specific you would like to learn more about, please let the school know.

Please be aware that if a student is late to school or is being picked up early, they must be signed in and/or out at the front office. The person who is signing the paperwork must be over 18 years old.

Please also be aware that parents are not to approach children within the school. If you have a concern about something that has happened or is happening please either see your child’s class teacher or the teacher on playground duty.

This Wednesday, September 2, the P&C will be holding a Father’s Day Stall. Prices will range up to $5. All money raised comes back into the school to help with resources for your children. We greatly appreciate all of the efforts of the P&C and thank them for their continual support. The next meeting will be tonight at 5:30pm for anyone who would like to join us.

Year Six students will be receiving information today about a ‘Middle Childhood Survey’. This survey is conducted online for the University of NSW. There is a section in the handout that you can fill in and return if you do not wish for your child to participate. The surveys will be conducted at school throughout weeks 9 and 10.

There will now be a new section added to the newsletter. It will be titled ‘Staff Member of the Week’. Staff names will be pulled from a container and each week there will be someone new. This is an opportunity for you to get to know the names and faces of staff members that you may not have had the opportunity to meet before. It is also a way for us to tell you a little about ourselves.

This week we celebrate SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Recognition Week. I would like to say thank you, to all of our SASS for their dedication. You are greatly appreciated!

Have a lovely week,
Lorelle O’Brien

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My family and I came to Tenterfield eighteen years ago. Currently I work as a SLSSO-School Learning Support Officer. I have been in this position for over five years. I love my job because I enjoy helping students who need some extra support. I like to feel I am helping the teachers in the great job they do for our students. My tasks are many and varied so my days are always interesting. Of course being a busy wife and mother means I juggle home and work which can sometimes be tiring but definitely worth it. I value being community minded so being part of the local school means a lot to me.
Meal Deal—“On a Mission”

Enjoy a fresh mini wrap filled with lettuce. Cheese & mayo topped with a crumbed chicken tenderloin plus a popper and a mug of jelly & ice cream $5.00

If you order a meal deal today you will receive a fresh for kids penicil with a rubber attached.

Other choices: Tray of macaroni & cheese $3.50
Hot dog in a roll with cheese $3.00

Book Club

Book club has been handed out and is due back to the front office on Thursday, September 3 by 9am.
**5/6S Report**

We are excited with the warmer weather and have started having some of our classes back outside under the trees where nature can inspire us.

Over the past few weeks, 5/6S have been busily learning about many interesting topics.

In maths we have been learning long and short division as well as our angles using a game created by Miss Slobin.

We have also been busy practicing for our buddy assembly with 2/3B and our classes combined are going to make 60 cardboard ukuleles.

In HSIE we have been working on a project about rainforests where we are creating an animal.

It can be a mixture of animals or something completely imaginary but, it can’t be a mythical creature that has already been made up for example, a Unicorn.

We have been doing science with Mr Pearce where we have made a slideshow about a breakfast food and how it’s made and/or grown.

Our class, as you can see, have been very busy doing work.

Zoe Nalder

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**In 5/6S we have been learning about rainforests and how it helps us as humans.**

We have also learnt about the process called photosynthesis which turns Carbon-Dioxide into Oxygen.
We also watched a short video on the impacts of deforestation and about a group of people protecting the Amazon. We are currently doing an assignment where we have to create an animal from other animals that can live in the rainforest. We have been learning the different layers of the rainforests and how some layers have better food and better protection. On the rainforest topic Miss Slobin told us about in different traditions they give you good luck if you hug it. We also learnt about sister trees, brother trees and mother trees.

By Kori Eaton

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**The 5/6S Doings**

In 5/6S have been studying rainforests for HSIE, we learnt about the layers of the rainforest and researched rainforest plants and animals.

We then used our knowledge of the rainforest to write stories that included the rainforest, some people wrote up to nine and a half pages of writing.

We have also been practising for our buddy assembly, our buddy class is 2/3B; we are performing a very beautiful song, Somewhere Over The Rainbow/ What A Wonderful World by Israel Kamakawiwo’ole and are painting 60 cardboard ukuleles to use as props.

By Zoe Jenkins
**Week 8 Information Sessions for parents**

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

In the K/1C Classroom 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

In Mr Thomas room in the Infants building 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

In the Library 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

In the 5/6C classroom 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

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**Driveway**

Please do not park across driveways around school area when picking up or dropping off children.

And please remember parents are not to pick up or drop off their children in the staff car park.