



St Joseph's School, Tenterfield

Quality Education - Caring Environment

Term 3 Week 10

21st September 2017

Naplan On-Line

On Tuesday 19th September the students in Years 3 and 5 completed an On-Line Naplan assessment. **This was solely for the purpose of trialling technology** for Naplan testing in the years ahead. Student's information will NOT be recorded. Their results will NOT be advertised. However, all glitches in the system or problems in delivering this assessment were logged and reported back to ACARA the governing body of Naplan. Our experience of this trial was a very good one. Our students were confident with the technology and managed to use the On-Line assessment with confidence. There were very few technical hitches and all were able to be rectified. I was impressed with Year 5 who typed their written response, (this was not an expectation of Year 3). The students were able to type quickly and accurately which is a skill grades 3 to 6 have been working on using 'Typing Tournament' which your children can access at home also. Thanks to Miss Ware for Coordinating our Trial and Mrs Rose for her Technology skills to set up our Chrome Books.

Kindergarten 2018 Transition

Children who are ready to commence school in 2018 are invited to attend our Transition into "big school".

Tuesday 17th October - 9.30 to 12 noon

Tuesday 24th October - 9.30 to 12 noon

Tuesday 31st October - 9.30 to 12 noon

Tuesday 7th November - 9.00am to 3.00pm

Tuesday 14th November - 9.00am to 3.00pm

Letters concerning Transition have been delivered to our local Pre Schools, however if you would like more information please contact the front office.

Pre School Visit

It has been lovely to meet many of our 2018 Kindergarten students and their parents over the past two weeks. The children are excited about coming to 'Big School' and were lovely to chat with. Kindergarten 2017 were so welcoming of the children when they visited their classroom and keen to share all their knowledge of how 'Big School' works! The children from Tenterfield Pre school visited us yesterday and our Kinders performed a play of 'Wombat Stew' for them which was just beautiful.



Canteen Roster**Friday 22nd September****Nat Hill, Janelle Barraclough****Term 3 Final Assembly****Friday 22nd September - 2.30pm****Hosted by Kindergarten****Dance Fever**

This year Dance Fever instructors will work with our students from Kinder to Year 6 commencing Term 4.



The cost is \$35 per child for the ten week term. Students will have a lesson each Monday COMMENCING MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER - WEEK 1 with experienced dance instructors. Please place your \$35 clearly marked in an envelope and send to school with your child prior to the end of term.

Should full payment be a concern, you have the opportunity to pay weekly @\$3.50. This must be paid on each Monday morning.

Unfortunately if your child has not paid, they will not be able to attend the lessons as this fee is set by the Dance Fever Group.

Please put the following date on your calendar.

Senior Constable Chris Jordan, Crime Prevention Officer from the Armidale Local Area Command, will present Cyber Safety to our students and parents on **Thursday 12th October - Week 1 Term 4.**

Chris is an experienced Officer working with schools throughout the Region. He will share the programme with Stage 2 followed by Stage 3. On Thursday evening at **5.30pm** he will run an hour long programme for parents. The school will provide care for your children in the 5/6 room to allow all parents to avail themselves of this excellent opportunity.

The world is changing rapidly in Technology and we must know how to best keep our children safe and to support them in the cyber world.

**Please come along to this information evening
and take this opportunity to hear from a professional on this topic.**

Calendar

Mini Vinnie's Talent Show

Friday 22nd September

Kindergarten Assembly

Friday 22nd September 2.30pm

Term 3 finishes on Friday 22nd September

Term 4 commences on Monday 9th October

DATE CLAIMERS:

CYBER SAFETY PARENT EVENING - THURSDAY EVENING 12TH OCTOBER
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL AGM - THURSDAY EVENING 30TH NOVEMBER
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - FRIDAY EVENING 1ST DECEMBER
PRESENTATION MORNING - WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Mini Vinnies Talent Show

Have you heard the news? On Friday 22nd September the students will get to share their amazing talents with us all. Mini Vinnies is holding a talent show between recess and lunch. The children have been auditioning for Mrs Macansh and the level of talent is outstanding!

As this is a fund raising venture, the Mini Vinnie's group have asked that those competing make a gold coin donation to enter and if your child would like to watch the show, they are also asked to bring along a gold coin donation.



Office Hours:

Please be aware that our Office is open from 8.30am to 11.00am

During Recess the Office is closed and an answering machine will be activated

Office will reopen at 11.30am and close at 1.00pm for lunch again an answering machine will be activated

Our Secretary will return to answer phone calls etc at 2.00pm.

UNIFORM NEWS

**DUE TO DANCE FEVER ON MONDAYS -
SPORTS UNIFORM WILL BE WORN ON BOTH MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
DURING TERM 4**

Term 4 is Summer Uniform. Should the weather turn cold parents have the option of sending their child to school in either Summer or Winter uniform for our two week uniform transition period.

Full Summer Uniform is to be worn by Week 3 - 23rd October 2017.

Reminder to Year 5 and 6 Parent

You will have received a letter asking for full medical details to be completed for your child on line. Please ensure this is completed for your child to attend camp week 3.

Starry Starry Night

Years 5 and 6 students and their families enjoyed a wonderful night on Tuesday trying to find stars in the sky! Thank goodness for a Star Tracker App that enabled us to identify various aspects of our evening sky.

Thanks to Mr Warburton for cooking our BBQ and helping us clean up.

Thanks to the parents who brought along salads and sweets.

This was a lovely relaxed way to finish off our Solar System Science Unit.



Community Notice

Ozfish Tenterfield - come along to Parkes Drive Park, Saddler Estate, 15th October from 9.00am.

1pm Fishing classes. Prizes, BBQ and family fun. Bring your fishing rod.



Happy Holidays

**See you all back here on
Monday 9th October**