



# Tamworth South Public School

## NEWSLETTER

Respect for self, others and school

Term 1 Week 9

20 March 2020

### Calendar

At this stage, events which have been cancelled or postponed are indicated. You will understand that the current situation is changing rapidly. We will, of course, keep you fully informed as possible.

#### April

- Thursday 2 Responsible Pet Visit - **postponed**
- Thursday 2 Bikes n Bangers - The Fathering Project **postponed**
- Thursday 9 Easter Hat Parade - **cancelled**
- Thursday 9 Year 3 Dubbo Excursion  
deposit due - \$40.00
- Thursday 9 Year 4 Sydney Excursion  
deposit due - \$50.00
- Thursday 9 Year 5 Point Wolstoncroft Excursion  
deposit due - \$50.00
- Thursday 9 Year 6 Canberra Excursion  
deposit due - \$50.00
- Thursday 9 Last Day of Term 1
- Friday 10 Good Friday
- Sunday 12 Easter - Happy Easter
- Monday 13 Easter Monday School Holidays ( 2 weeks)
- Monday 27 Term 2 commences  
Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 28 Term 2 commences  
students return to school
- Thursday 30 Anzac Day Assembly - **cancelled**

#### May

##### Selective High Schools - Late April early May 2020

Principals confirm school assessment scores online.  
Errors can be corrected much more easily at this time  
than after outcomes when parents contest scores

- Friday 8 Vocal Group- Primary Festival of Choral Music  
1st Installment due - \$53.00
- Friday 15 Primary Cross Country  
9:20am-11:10am
- Wednesday 20 Canteen Meeting (in the Library)  
**New Time-** 5:45pm
- Wednesday 20 P&C Meeting (in the Library)  
**New Time:** 6:00pm
- Thursday 21 Games n Grub - The Fathering Project  
5:30pm-7:00pm (Information to follow)
- Friday 29 Zone Cross Country

### Kindergarten

In Kindy this week children have been learning about ordinal numbers.

Look how clever our kindy children are - placing themselves in order from 1st to 10th.



## Leonie Byrne, Principal

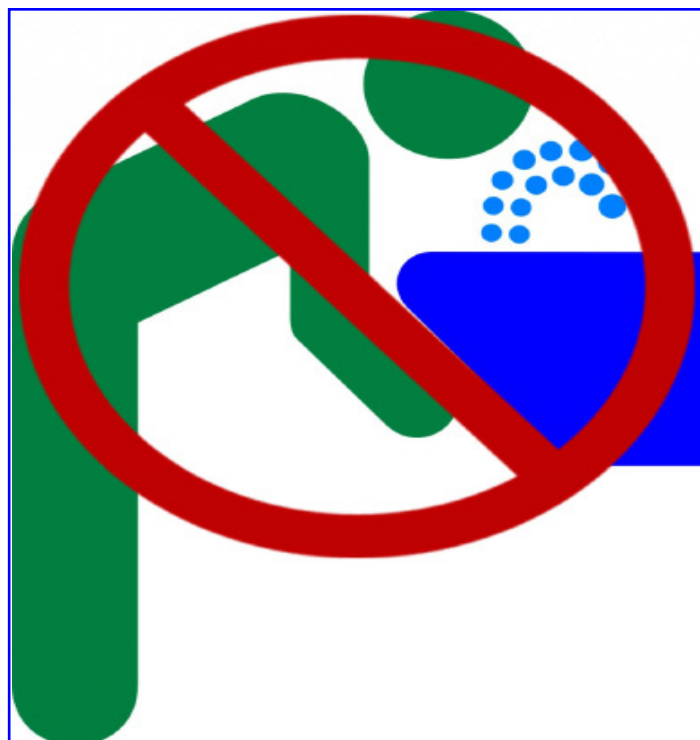
*The reality of the COVID-19 virus is increasingly impacting our community, as well as communities across Australia and around the world.*

Here at Tamworth South we are doing our best to provide a safe and stable environment for those children who need to be here. We appreciate how seriously families are taking the advice of the Premier and keeping their children at home if they can.

Our next remote learning package is being prepared and will be ready to be collected on Monday. We will have tables set up on the veranda outside the office and will have work available for collection from there. When you collect work next Monday, you can drop off anything that needs marking at the same time. Please ensure your child's name is on the work.

If you do not want to come out, or are unable to do so we can email work or post packages to you if you wish. Please phone the office to make this request and check we have your email address.

The next pack will cover two weeks. We are also developing an online Work Hub that can be found on the school website for those families that have access to technology.



All Children are to bring their own water bottles to school. Children will not be able to use the bubblers till the COVID-19 threat has passed.

Please make sure all bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name and refill at home each day.

Water bottles can also be topped up at the water station near the canteen.

## We Are All In This Together

As a principal I am so proud of the staff at Tamworth South. With relatively little notice they have put together remote learning packages for our children so they can continue learning at home.

Our teachers are experts at adjusting lessons to meet the needs of a range of students so developing remote learning packages that all children can access has been a challenge they have accepted with enthusiasm and a great deal of thinking outside the square. These packages can't replace what usually happens in the classroom but we are experiencing unusual times.

I am in awe at the commitment to learning demonstrated by all our staff. Yes, they are people with families, elderly parents, children and grandchildren. Yes, they are here at work. When this is over, and it will be, remember to thank a staff member who did their very best to ensure your child can continue and consolidate their learning.

Stay well, stay healthy and remember to keep washing your hands.

Leonie Byrne  
Principal

# Protect yourself from viruses



**Clean** your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



**Cover** your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



**Avoid** close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



**Stay home** if you are sick.



**Find the facts**

[health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](https://health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)

## Principal's Ribbons

### Week 9

#### Madison Apps - KB-16

Being a happy class member always keen to learn.

#### Scarlett Vigar - KB-16

Being a happy class member always keen to learn.

#### Rinchen Lama - KT-17

Amazing writing



## Parents/Carers Media Permission

Media permission is normally given at the time of your child's enrolment.

It is important that you notify the school office on 67658426 if your child's media permission circumstances have changed.

Please call the school if this applies to your child.

## Voluntary School Fees

School Fees are due now

The school fees schedule is \$50.00 per student with a maximum of \$100.00 payable per family.

The school fees are voluntary and can be paid at the office or my phone.

All School Assemblies have been cancelled until further notice

## New Assembly Rosters 2020

### Term 1

Week	Date	Assembly	Class Item
Week 8	Cancelled	Primary 3 - 6	Cancelled
Week 9	Cancelled	Infants K - 2	Cancelled
Week 10	Cancelled	Primary 3 - 6	Cancelled
Week 11	No Assemblies		

This information is subject to change at short notice

## School Banking Important Announcement

Notice from Commbank School Banking.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with the coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020** until the start of **Term 2**.

**Please do not bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school. We will notify you when banking will recommence.**



## Stewart House Donation Drive 2020

Your donation supports the 1,700 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

“ Stewart House was one of the highlights of my teenage years and I met so many people I am still friends with today. The dedicated staff that run this program are amazing. ”

- Past student, Facebook review 2/10/2018

**NSW Public Education's Charity of choice**

Win a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice

- Place a \$2 coin or equivalent in this envelope
- Complete entry details on the back
- Return to your school to be eligible for the draw



All entries must reach Stewart House by Friday 29th May 2020 in time for the draw at 12pm on this date

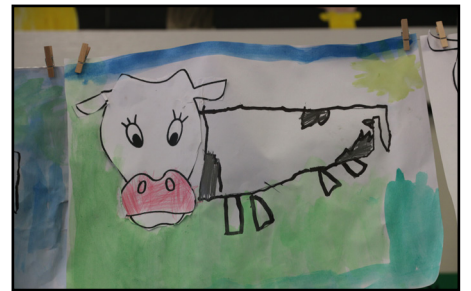
## Stewart House Donation Drive 2020

All Stewart house donations need to be returned to school no later than **Friday 22 May 2020**  
Term 2 Week 4.

**Year 1/2 combined:**

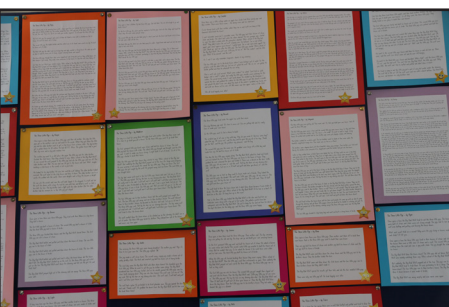
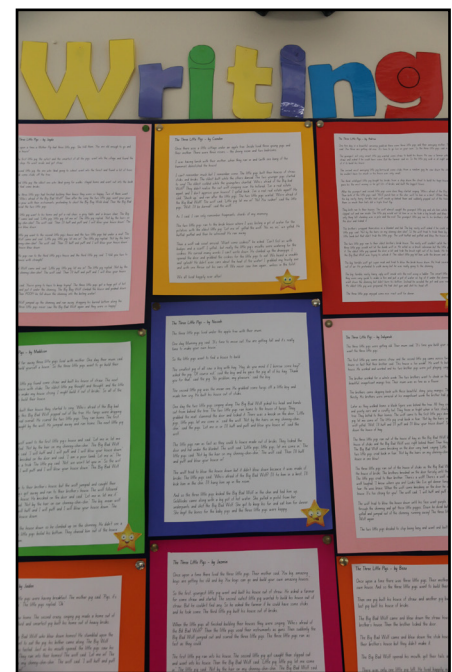
Miss Weeks and Miss Hutchins combined classes Tuesday afternoon to allow for some fantastic maths group work.

Miss Hutchins class (Year 1) have been reading about Clancy the Cow and spotted adorning the walls of the classroom was some fabulous cow artwork.



**4G-05 - Miss Grants**

Look at the fabulous fairytale writing on our wall and colourful artwork.



**H Block**

H Block are enjoying a new addition to their playground!

We've been enjoying trips to Disneyland, the beach and all sorts of wonderful imaginary play in our big blue car.



### Mirri

This week our school mascot, Mirri was out and about looking for students who were participating **cooperatively** both in the classroom and in the playground.

Mirri was thrilled to discover that Tamworth South had so many wonderful students and the following six students stood out as shining stars:

Liam Miller, William Vernon, Baylor Kent, Zayeem Ahra, Anna Smith and Jaiden Davis.

Unfortunately, Jaiden was unavailable when Mirri visited his totally awesome class, but Jaiden will receive his reward when he returns to school.

Each of these students received a super groovy wallet containing \$5.00 worth of canteen vouchers.

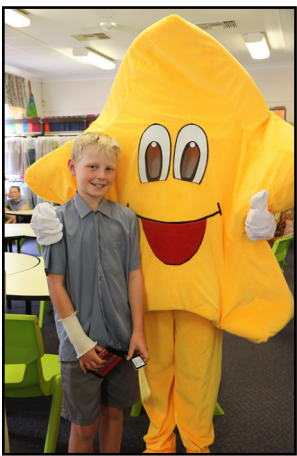
These vouchers do not expire and will be able to be used when the school canteen reopens.



Liam Miller



Anna Smith



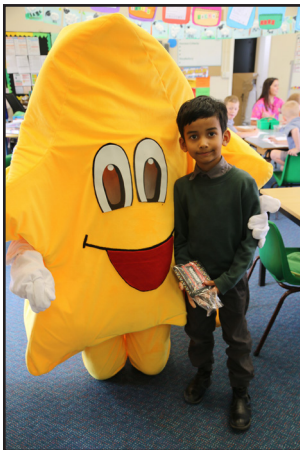
William Vernon



Baylor Kent



Mirri visiting a classroom



Zayeem Ahra



Mirri our school Mascot





**Weekly Tip**

**Now, more than ever, caring for family, friends and community is critical**



Fathers and father-figures always impact the wellbeing of their kids, and the wider community.

In this time of COVID-19 uncertainty, it has never been more important for us to support our fathers to care for their kids, families and communities.

At The Fathering Project, we're ramping up our support for dads and kids by creating engaging content to support our new virtual community groups.

Our online community will soon become a source of research-based advice, exchange, support, entertainment and information - as we do our bit to build a virtual community and foster connection, sharing and collaboration in this time of isolation and need.

Stay tuned to be updated as our new content drops across our social and website feeds. Webinars and forums will also soon open, allowing sharing and collaboration in our wider fathering network.

**Weekly Tip**

**Talking about COVID with kids**

Coronavirus has the whole world talking and it can be overwhelming to many, including your kids.

Use these tips to help your kids feel safe and loved in these uncertain times.

**Before you chat:**

- The most important thing to do is educate yourself – see links to the most relevant and verified information here.

**For younger children:**

- They will respond to your stress, so stay calm and positive with your messages. Keep it simple and brief.
- Acknowledge that some people are getting sick with a germ that might make them cough and sneeze. "You don't need to worry; we are doing lots of things to make sure we are well."
- Focus on the things you can all do – like washing hands often.

**With older children:**

- Sit down and talk to them in a calm and reassuring way to ensure they are getting accurate information.
- Translate essential information into terms they understand ahead of time, rather than needing to address misinformation and rumours coming from classmates or online sources.
- Keep checking in with your kids to see if they need reassurance, or if they have any new questions.



Our School is once again participating in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge this year. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature.

**Things you should know...**

- The Premier's Reading Challenge officially begins for 2020 on 2 March and concludes on 28 August.
- All students are able to participate.
- It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.
- Students can record their books either on the reading log (available at the library or on the PRC website) or online in their PRC account.
- Students should know their logon details. Students' logon details will be the same one they use to access computers at school. If your child doesn't know their details, please contact Mr Bailey.
- Some Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 class will complete the challenge in class. Check with the class teacher if you are not sure.
- Visit the PRC Website if you require any additional information. The website address is <https://prcsupport.freshdesk.com/support/home>
- Your school coordinator is Mr Bailey. Please contact him by calling the school on (02) 6765 8426 for more information.

Students must read the following number of books to complete the Challenge:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

**2020 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

**Start reading now!**

OPENS MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020  
CLOSES FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2020  
(Online student reading record must be complete)

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[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

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## Canteen News

### Late lunch orders

Due to large numbers of late lunch orders and emergency lunches, the Canteen Committee has decided that any orders after 9:30am will be sandwiches **ONLY NO exceptions.**

**NO Phone Orders Accepted:**

**Unfortunately due to the large numbers of lunch orders the Canteen is unable to process anymore phone orders. All orders are to be placed at the Canteen.**

**Canteen Meeting- Wednesday 20 May 2020 in the Library at **5:45pm** (new time).**

The school canteen runs on volunteers and we are in need of some more volunteers ready for immediate start.

### Canteen Roster

Monday	Kerry Cramp, Annette Ward
Tuesday	Annette Ward
Wednesday	
Thursday	Annette Ward
Friday	Amanda Bailey

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Michelle Weber  
Canteen Supervisor



## Parents and Citizens

**Our P&C meetings are held in the Library on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm (new time).**

All Parents, Grandparents and Guardians are welcome to attend. We welcome new volunteers and members.

**Next P&C Meeting Wednesday 20 May 2020 in the Library at 6:00pm.**

**We hope that you are able to join us and become part of our P&C team.**

## P&C Clothing Pool

The school clothing pool will now be open from Monday to Friday each week. Opening time 8:40am - 9:10am.

If you would like to know more information please connect us on [tspspandc@gmail.com](mailto:tspspandc@gmail.com) or you can leave a message at the office and it will be passed on to the Clothing Pool.

## P&C Clothing Pool

Dear Parents/Carers

Unfortunately the Clothing Pool will be closed until further notice.

Please contact the school on 6765 8426 or 67659 863 in cases of emergency.

Regards  
P&C Committee

## Canteen News

### Parents/Carers

Due to NSW School Canteens being directed to close this week. If you are sending your child /children to school, please ensure that they bring a packed lunch from home as the school canteen is now closed.

We look forward to seeing you next term.

Michelle Weber  
Canteen Supervisor

**BREAKFAST CLUB  
CLOSED  
until further notice**

**MOTHERS DAY STALL  
POSTPONED**

Tamworth South Public Schools P&C Mothers Day Stall Fundraiser has been postponed until further notice.

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