

Tamworth South Public School NEWSLETTER

Respectful, Responsible, Safe, Successful

Term 4 Week 5 5 November 2021

Calendar of Events 2021

Subject to change with ongoing COVID restrictions

November

Thursday 11 Remembrance Day Assembly

10:30am to 11:10am

Friday 12 Let Loose Fun Day

Information to follow

Friday 12 P&C Calendar Fundraiser

extended date, please return money and calendar note to your teacher, if you would like to get one as this is the last day that money and notes will be taken.

Friday 19 End of Term PBL Assembly

Wednesday 17 Placement in Selective High Schools for

Year 7 entry in 2023
Application website closes

You must apply before this date

Tuesday 23 Peel High School - Year 6

Virtual Orientation Day Information page 7

Friday 26 End of Term PBL BBQ

11:10am - 11:45am

Tuesday 30 Presentation Day - 10:00am - 1:45pm

More information to follow

December

Thursday 9 Year 6 Farewell and Graduation

More information to follow

Friday 10 Kindergarten Graduation

More information to follow

Thursday 16 Term 4 - Last Day for Students

Friday 17 Staff Development Day

9:30am - 3:10pm

Soldier Art

Class 5M-03 - Mrs Meppem

Soldiers

5M-03 always enjoy exploring topics through art.

Earlier this year we looked at the Australian soldiers of WW1, especially at Gallipoli. We looked closely at their slouch hats and uniforms and viewed lots of old photos of Aussie diggers.

We then created portraits of what we thought the diggers might have looked like. We hope you like our art!











Leonie Byrne, Principal



Level 3 School Operations – Update Non-Operational Status

Please follow the guidelines outlined below so we can guard against becoming nonoperational. Being non-operational isn't something we, as a school, can control. It affects all of us in some way, students, families and staff, all of whom must isolate until provided with the Health advice. We look to community to follow the guidelines below to prevent our school becoming non-operational.

Keeping us all safe

A combination of layered safety measures allows us to prioritise student and staff wellness while we keep schools open.

Stay home if unwell

Do not attend or participate if unwell, even with mild symptoms.

Vaccinations required

All staff and adult visitors to school sites <u>must be fully vaccinated.</u>

Wear masks indoors

- Masks are required indoors for all staff, visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students.
- You can take your mask off when eating or exercising.

Always check in

All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.

Physically distance

Maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.

Maintain good hygiene and cleaning

- Ensure students and staff wash hands regularly.
- Continue enhanced cleaning of schools, including high touch points.

From 8 November

All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4, with additional activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner.

Parents and carers on site to support school operations

• <u>Fully vaccinated</u> parents and carers will be <u>allowed on site to support</u> curriculum delivery, student wellbeing activities and school operations (for example reading support, canteens and uniform shops). Parents and carers must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.

Assemblies and presentations

- Assemblies and presentations will be allowed outdoors on site. Cohorts should be separated with physical distancing in place.
- Care must be taken to avoid mixing and mingling of cohorts when entering and exiting the assembly or presentation.
- Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school.
- All visitors must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination.

Graduations and formals

- Graduations and formals will be allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues.
- For graduations and formals held on school sites, fully vaccinated parents and guests may attend at the
 discretion of the school if there is sufficient capacity in the venue based on COVID-safe capacity limits (square
 metre rules).
- Graduations and formals held off school sites must comply with any COVID-safe requirements in place for that venue.

Sports

- From 1 November, <u>school sports are allowed</u>, including inter-school sports <u>outside of school hours</u>.
- Schools can access pools (both indoor and outdoor) within cohorts and with COVID-safe measures in place to reduce mixing and mingling of cohorts.

Transitions and orientations

 Transitions and orientations will be allowed as long as they are designed to minimise mingling between transition or orientation cohorts and school cohorts.

Visitors

- Fully vaccinated visitors are allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations. These include programs such as reading support, canteens, uniform shops and gardening.
- Other visitors may request the school's permission to come on site to conduct relevant work duties (such as media, representatives from agencies such as the NSW Ombudsman, researchers, members of parliament and their staff). These decisions are at the discretion of the school.
- All visitors must sign in using the school check-in app and show proof of vaccination status on entry to the school site.





Congratulations

Ara Argue in KT-22.

She was the Regional Winner for a state-wide colouring competition of Parliament House.

What an incredible achievement! We are all very proud of Ara.

Mrs Tickle







Principal's Awards

Term 4 Week 5

Heather Dewhurst - 5/6J-36 Taryn Stewart - 5/6J-36 Hudson Stout - 5/6J-36 Noah Barnett-Suey - 5/6J-36 Jody Ibrahim - 5/6J-36

For wonderful work at transition

Chase Patterson Jacob Reinikka



Aboriginal Education Officer Certificate 3 - 6

Heather Love - 5/6J-36 Kyharni Beale-Smith - 4S-05 Chase McMaster - 3L-08 Jody Ibrahim - 5/6J-36

For being a wonderful Tamworth South Citizen.



Media Permission

Parents/Carers

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

It is important that you notify the school office on 6765 8426 if your child's media permission circumstances have changed.

Please call the school if this applies to your child.

School Office Hours

Front office opens at 8:15am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday

When the office is unattended our answering machine is available

Contacting Staff

If you need to speak to a staff member please phone the office on 6765 8426 and leave a message.

Social media sites are inappropriate for parent teacher communications.

Message to Parents/Carers

If you need to get a message to your child, please phone the school on 6567 8426 **before 2:30pm** to ensure that your child receives your message before bell time.

Messages after 2:30pm we cannot guarantee that they will reach your child in time.



2022 Kindergarten Enrolment

If you have a child ready for kindergarten or you know someone who has a child ready to start school next year please contact the school and ask for an enrolment pack.

If you are out of zone you will need to complete an out of zone application. These applications are considered by a panel who will decide whether to accept or decline the enrolment based on the information provided.

When enrolling a student into a government school, you will need to have a number of documents.

Please provide a copy of a **standard birth certificate** (commemorative birth certificates cannot be used for enrolment), Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) statement/certificate and several documents proving residential address in the name of the enrolling parent or carer.





Rev Up Reading Class Awards

Caleb Regan-Springall - 29LH Harmony Allen - 29LH Kyharni Beale-Smith - 4S-04 Indiah King - 6W-10 Congratulations to this week's PBL "I've been caught making good choices" winners: who all received a new wallet with \$5.00 canteen coupons at Friday's assembly.

PBL Week 5 Awards



Zali Herden - KT-22 Hazel McClaund - KT-22

Alex Irwin - 5M-03 Chase Patterson - 5M-03 Sienna Briggs - 4S-04

Coffee Vouchers:

Belinda Meppem Wendy Reid



Congratulations! KT-22

For a great improvement with your weekly token total. Keep reading at home.

Kindergarten final Transition Morning

This week saw our final kindergarten transition morning for 2021. We can't wait for our wonderful new school members to start learning with us next year.

Today we read all about going on a bear hunt. We all made some bears and then went hunting around the school. We looked for a green sheep in the school office, a hungry caterpillar in the canteen and a brown bear in the library.

We all did so much walking as we got to know our new school. The students then went home with a gift bag that included their school hat, library bags, textas and pencils. If your child missed out on a bag please call the office.

I would like to thank the Principal and the P&C for donating the gift bags. I would also like to thank our Year 6 helpers students Heather Dewhurst, Taryn Stewart, Hudson Stout, Noah Barnett-Suey and Jody Ibrahim. It was wonderful to have such fantastic role models for our little people to aspire to!.

Thanks to the teachers amazing ES1 teachers and Michelle in the office. Your amazing organization was so appreciated!.

Families of kindergarten students will be send a letter at the end of this year, outlining dates for their first day. If you haven't enrolled, it is not too late to do so! Just give the amazing team in the office a call.







Kindergarten final Transition Morning









High Performing Students Team

Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry in 2023 Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2023?

You must apply online at:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schools-andopportunity-classes/year-7



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Application website opens: 19 October 2021

Application website closes: 17 November 2021 You must apply before this date

st centre and test authority advice released:

ective High School placement test: 10 March 2022

Placement outcome expected to be released: 8 July 2022

Please read this booklet carefully before applying

There may be changes to the procedures in this

After applying, you will be able to log into your application dashboard to change details and send and receive messages.

The Selective High Schools placement proc referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education

https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/



PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

peel-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

27/10/21

RE: INFORMATION FACTSHEET- THE SELECTIVE SCHOOLS TEST YEAR 7 ENTRY TO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2023

This letter is to inform parents/carers about the selective schools test for the class of 2023. Normally, I would be visiting Primary schools around our local area at this time to remind students to apply to sit the selective schools test. As Peel High School is a government selective High School, we are including the key dates for your consideration listed below. There are also supporting documents with more information that we will provide to your child's primary school which will be made available to you on request.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Peel High School. We'd like to see as many students as possible sit this test to expand their educational opportunities in the future.

Key Dates:

- Application website opens: 19th October 2021
- Application website closes: 17th November 2021 at 11.59 am- You must apply before this date.
- Test centre and test authority advice released: 24th February 2022
- Selective High School placement test: 10th March 2022
- Placement outcome information released: 8th July 2022

Check the website at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunityclasses/year-7 regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process. Please check the website for information before you contact our team.

Kind Regards. Donna Burge: HT Teaching & Learning Peel High School 88 Gunnedah Road, Tamworth NSW 2340

PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL ZONE ROAD SAFETY

Understanding the road rules



No Parking
A driver must not stop for more than two
minutes. You must remain in or within
three metres of the vehicle.

Disobey No Parking sign \$187 fine & 2 demerit points



No Stopping A driver must not stop in this area.

Disobey No Stopping sign \$337 fine & 2 demerit points



Bus ZoneVehicles other than buses are prohibited from parking or stopping in this area. Hours of operation may apply. Restrictions apply for those times only.

Stop in Bus Zone \$337 fine & 2 demerit



School Zone
40km/h speed limit during hours
of operation. Double demerits
apply for speed offences in a
school zone.

Stop in Intersection in school zone \$448 & 2 demerit points



Crossings

A driver must stop at the white hold line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians and must obey instructions from School Crossing supervisors.

What you can do

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your child and others safer during drop-off and pick-up nes during the school week.

- Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns
- Its safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic
- Where provided, use Children's Crossings to drop-off & pick-up children
- Always hold your child's hand young children may be easily distracted and wander into traffic
- Always give way to pedestrians especially when
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Make sure your children are in the correct child car seat that is fitted and used correctly
- Make sure your child is wearing a helmet when
- Look out for buses a 40km/h speed limit applies which school bus lights flash.

Always meet your child at the bus stop. Never meet them on the opposite side of the road and call them

Your child's safety depends on you. Young children can learn these safe habits from you.

Visit: roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au







Peel High School

Email: peel-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

PO Box 7005 NEMSC NSW 2348

Tamworth NSW 2340

Peel High School Year 6 Orientation Day

21" October 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions in place due to Covid-19 we are unable to hold our regular Year 6 Orientation Day assembly with future students and their families that was scheduled for 23rd November.

We understand this is an important part of a student's schooling journey and as such, we have made the decision to hold a virtual Orientation Day this year. This means that we will now record our assembly and send it, along with the Orientation booklet and other relevant information directly to the primary schools.

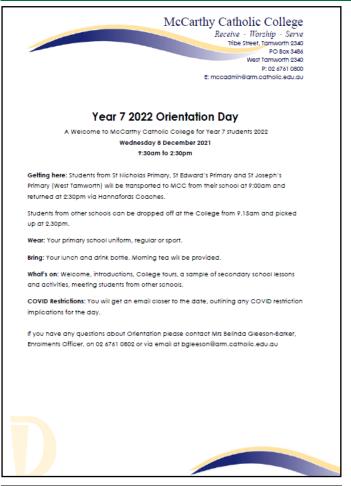
We will also upload this information to the Peel High School website and Facebook page, which will allow you, as parents and caregivers, to access this important information.

We are extremely disappointed that we have been unable to welcome you and your family into our school as we had hoped, but our Wellbeing Team has already begun planning a range of activities to ensure your children feel welcomed and connected to the Peel High School community.

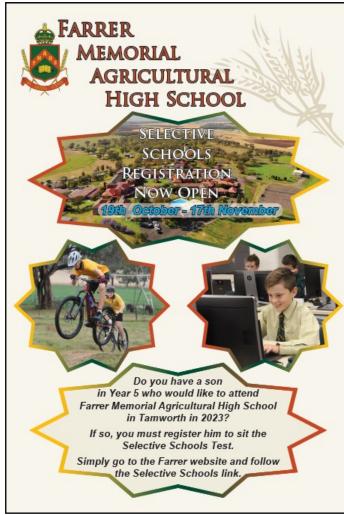
We look forward to welcoming our future students and their families early in 2022. Thank you for your understanding and support during this time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school on $67\,657\,088$.

Yours sincerely,









Mobile Phones and other Devices

Friendly reminder! Some children have not been handing their mobile phones into the office when they arrive at school.

Children who bring mobile phones and other devices to school are required to hand them into the office upon arrival at school and to pick them up at the end of the day.

We have purchased soft cases to put the phones in.

The cases will have the child's name written on them so there will not be any confusion over who owns which phone.

Remember the school will not be responsible for lost, damaged or stolen phones.



Flute Lessons on Tuesdays

Julia Cain (Bmus Amus)

Email: flutetute@hotmail.com or

Facebook: Flute Tute

https://www.facebook.com/juliacain.flutetute

\$10.00 per 20 minute lesson, pay one session in advance



PIANO TUITION

Is your child interested in learning the piano? Lessons are available.

Where: Tamworth South Public School

When: Thursdays in school hours

Time: 20min lesson

Cost: \$20.00 per lesson/\$200 per term

PLEASE ASK AT THE OFFICE FOR A NOTE.

Tamworth South Outside School Hours

We're open from 7am – 8:40am for Before School Care with breakfast provided

3pm – 6pm for After School Care with afternoon tea provided

7am - 6pm during Vacation Care.

For more information contact

0481 460 270 or

tamworthsouth@childrenfirst.asn.au



Get Active with Scouts!

Scouts welcomes children and young people from Kindy to Year 12, offering a safe and supportive environment where your child can make new friends, learn life skills and embark on new adventures!

Your local Scout Group is:

Tamworth Oxley Scout Group Contact Sarah Heinz on 0407297768 or sarah.heinz@nsw.scouts.com.au



Scouts is an eligible provider of the NSW Government's Active Kids Program. Scan the QR code to claim your child's Active Kids voucher and SAVE \$100 on joining and membership fees!



Canteen News

The Canteen will be operating.

Due to COVID restrictions. Only orders completed via the Flexsichools App or by phoning the canteen on 6765 9863 will be available.

Please be advise that I will be operating the canteen on my own, so please be patient if phoning through an order.

I strongly encourage everyone to download the Flexischools App to use.

This will apply to icy poles and such. I will add these onto Flexischools for the foreseeable future.

However ... if icy poles are ordered with their lunches they will need to be picked up from the canteen after their lunches have been eaten so they do not melt.

Please tell your children to eat their lunches first, then they can come to the canteen and collect their icy poles.

Please note: we will NOT be accepting cash at the moment.

Thank you for you understanding

Michelle Weber

EFTPOS PAYMENTS

Although parents/carers are restricted from the school grounds at the moment, we can still help you with hoodies and the clothing pool.

EFTPOS payments can be taken over the phone .Please phone the canteen on 6765 9863 between 12:30pm to 1:15pm to arrange.

Thank you

Michelle Weber





Parents and Citizens

Our P&C meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the new time of 5:00pm.

Next P&C meeting The Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 5:00pm venue to be advised.

COVID protocols apply -Mask up, QR code in/out plus social distancing.



P&C Clothing Pool

The clothing pol will only be operating remotely. Due to COVID restrictions.

Parents/carers can phone the canteen on 6765 9863, inbox the P&C Facebook page or phone the school office on 6765 8426 to arrange an order.

Please note: we will NOT be accepting cash at the moment.

Thank you

Canteen/Uniform Shop through Flexischools Term 4

Uniform Shop

If you are placing an order through Flexischools you will need to place the order by 5:00pm the day before.

You will need to open your App

- Choose "shop"
- Click green order button
- Choose your delivery date
- Click through the categories to find what you need
- Confirm your order
- Choose your payment type

Your order with your invoice will be sent to your child's classroom to take home.

Please phone 6765 9863 with any queries.

If you require an exchange of sizes please keep all tags on the items if you wish to exchange.

Please not: - that no cash is being accepted, at the Clothing Pool or the Canteen at the moment due to COVID restrictions.

Thank you

Michelle Weber Canteen Manager



P & C



tspspandc@gmail.com

2022 Calendar Fundraising

Who doesn't want a calendar with your child's artwork displayed in your home or office?

Your child/children will produce an individual artwork which will be transformed into your very own unique callendar.

Each calendar will include school holidays and room for you to write your important dates on.

These calendars can be purchased for \$10 each, multiple copies can be purchased which would make fantastic Christmas gifts for loved ones.

Please have this note with money returned to your class room teacher by Friday 5 November 2021.

This will allow enough time for production and distribution before the end of Term 4.

Please return slip below.

| Class | Clas

Calendar money will be taken up until Friday 12 November. This will be the final date. If you need to contact me, phone 6765 9863 between 12:15pm and 1:15pm to arrange alternative payment. Michelle Weber

Lost Property Boxes

Located

- Outside canteen
- K-2 boys toilet



Flexischools App has been updated. Please read the following



Update to the New Flexischools App - From Flexischools

2:12pm • Year 2

The new app version contains significant new features. You will be required to update the next time your app is launched (this doesn't include when you reopen the app while it is running in the background) and we can no longer guarantee the stability of the previous version of the app.

We highly recommend that you update immediately by:

- 1. Fully closing out of the app
- 2. Go to your relevant app store and download and install the new version







NSW Department of Education

A New digital school visitor check-in system is here

We've partnered with <u>Service NSW</u> to give every visitor a streamlined way to check in and out any NSW government school.

Visit

https://education.nsw.gov.au/publ.../school-visitor-check-in for more information.







