



Teven-Tintenbar Public School



Term 1 Week 2 - Monday 4th February 2019

Welcome back

Welcome to the 2019 school year at Teven-Tintenbar Public School. 2019 is going to be a great year. We have welcomed several new families into our community and today our kindergarten children have started their educational journey with us.

This is one of our biggest newsletters of the year, so please keep it for future reference.

Parking

Due to the increased student population (194 children), there will no longer be any parent parking on site from Monday 18th February. This measure, to ensure the safety of all our children, has been taken in consultation with Legal and Health & Safety Directorates.

As an alternative, in the afternoon, a member of the executive will supervise children until after the second bus has left, so that parents can drive into the bus bay and collect their children.

While waiting for buses to leave, please do not block any driveways or roads. Our preferred option is that children outside walking distance travel to and from school by bus. For morning drop-offs, use the bus bay to drop children off **but do not park and leave your car**. Please complete the note attached if you wish to pick your child up after the bell. Notes are required back to the office by Thursday 14th February. (one note per family) Please do not park in the staff car park at any time. There is a blind spot when parents are coming out of the car park and children are crossing the drive to get to cars. Our younger children have not yet developed their peripheral vision so won't necessarily see cars driving out of the car park.

No students before 9am

A reminder that under no circumstances should children be onsite before 9am unless in the direct supervision of their parent.

Year 6 2019

A visit to the year 6 room saw all heads down with everyone on task. We are looking forward to a very rewarding year with this senior class before they head off to High School.



What's on ...

11th Feb
Mobile Library

12th Feb
First assembly @ 3pm

14th Feb
School photos taken

19th Feb
Assembly—Sport Captain badges

25th Feb
Mobile Library

28th Feb
P & C meeting

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Playground duty starts at 9am. While we did offer a service in 2018, we found many of the children either were unnecessarily here early or would not follow safety instructions from the teachers. While we may have before and after school care starting in term 2, you need to make other arrangements if you start work too early to be here from 9am.

Assembly, Scripture and Sport

Outside providers teach Scripture and Ethics lessons. These lessons take place on Tuesday afternoon. If you wish to change the current choice for your child, please send a note to the office so our records can be updated. Scripture and Ethics should start by the end of February.

Assembly starts Tuesday 12th February at 3pm. Due to the increase in our student population; we will be holding assembly under the COLA. Parents who attend are welcome to take a chair from the library to sit on. As we do not have a hall, we will be cancelling assembly on very wet days.

ICARE assemblies will also take place outside. These are in Week 9 of each term on Wednesday mornings. Medallions are ordered at the end of week 7. Any awards brought in to school in Week 8 will be held until the following term.

Sport Captains and Swimming Champions

Our 2019 Sport Captains will be presented with their badges at the assembly on 19th February 2019. At this assembly we will also be presenting our swimming champions with their trophies.

District swimming permission notes will be handed out once we receive it from the PSSA co-ordinator.

Whole School Sport Program

Our sport days have changed for 2019. **Fitness lessons will be on Wednesday and Sport will be on Thursday.** Children can wear their sports uniforms both days. In March, once the weather is a bit cooler, we will start daily running in preparation for our Cross Country.

We will let you know the days so that

children will be able to wear their sports clothes.

Change of Routine

When there are changes to how your child is to go home, even for a day, please provide a note to the office or class teacher. Phone calls during the day to change arrangements are only permitted for extreme situations. Under no circumstances, email pick up changes. Emailed messages may not be read before the final bell and we would hate to miss your message.

For the smooth running of our afternoon pickups and the safety of the children, we do ask that arrangements are sorted before school and not changed.

Bus

Some children have changed their bus habits. If your child gets different buses on different days, please send a note to the office so we know your child's routine. We would also appreciate you confirming with your children in the morning how they are getting home in the afternoon to avoid confusion.

Afternoon Bus 1 → Alstonville

Afternoon Bus 2 → Lennox, Cumbalum, Ballina

Also casual bus trips are now \$1.20 per trip.

Health Warnings

We have several children at our school who have allergies to various food products and some insects. We ask that parents try very hard not to include nuts in children's lunches.

We have a kindergarten child with a nut and kiwi fruit allergy. We would appreciate that kindy parents explain to children about not sharing food. Teachers on duty are very aware of children who have allergies and monitor lunches. All teachers on playground duty are trained in epi-pen use and carry an epi-pen in their playground bag at all times.

Our school occasionally has jumping jack ants nests. These are removed as soon as possible, but sometimes a child may get bitten. If you are aware that your child has reacted in the past to ant bites, and have not yet

informed the school, please do so as a matter of urgency.

Library Borrowing Days

Each class will borrow during their weekly visits to the library. Books are due back 2 weeks after they are borrowed, but many students choose to swap their books weekly. Kinder to Year 2 students must have a library bag for their books. A library bag is optional for Years 3 to 6 but strongly recommended. We no longer keep plastic bags as temporary library bags. We are introducing a limited number of Boomerang Bags which can be used to get books home safely on the odd occasion a library bag is forgotten. The Boomerang Bag needs to be returned the next school day, rather than waiting until the book comes back.

Borrowing days for classes:

Monday: 6T

Tuesday: 5M and 3/4K

Wednesday: 3/4C and KH

Thursday: 1/2 S

Friday: KS and 1/2W

School Facebook Page

As many of you are aware, our school has an official Facebook page. The Teven-Tintenbar page is a positive and more informal way for us to interact as a school community. We use this page to share photos, reminders and general information as it crops up. We have found our page helpful in communicating quickly with our current community but also as a tool to give the broader community and our extended families an insight into our school.

The page is registered with the NSW Department of Education and adheres to the same rules applicable to all online activities of schools. The page is administered by a few staff members at a time in an effort to keep it up to date and responsive to need. While we do our best to respond to messages in a timely manner, we know our community appreciates that this is not the avenue for urgent messages or private matters, including changes to pick up. These are best discussed in person, over the phone to the

office or via an email to the school to make suitable arrangements. In liking this page your personal profile does not become visible to the page administrators or other “likers” any more than it already is to people you are not friends with you on Facebook, so your privacy is maintained. We ask you to take the time to read over our Rules of Engagement under the About/Story section of the Facebook page. For those who don’t have Facebook, you can still view the updates at the bottom of our school webpage. You can find our official account by simply searching Teven Tintenbar on Facebook with our school logo is the profile picture.

School Photos

Please return payment envelopes to school as soon as possible. Sibling envelopes are available at the office if required. Photos are being taken on Thursday 14th February 2019. Please ensure children are on time as photos start straight after the 9.25 bell.

Absences

When your child is away, an explanatory note is required prior or within 3 days of return. A note is included below for your future reference. If your child plans on being absent for a week or more please see the office for extended leave paperwork.

Music News

Monday Rehearsals

Both Junior and Senior Band Rehearsals will commence Monday 18 February. Junior Band-4pm Senior Band-5pm.

Lessons

All lessons will commence Week 2. This year lessons will be on a Wednesday. If for some reason your child is not continuing lessons in 2019 please let me know ASAP (contact via email below).

Music Fees

Invoices will be sent at the end of WK 2. If you have changed your email please let me know as invoices are sent via email. If you haven’t received your invoice by WK 3 you can contact me.

CREATIVE KIDS

The N.S.W. Government has introduced a new scheme called ‘Creative Kids’. This allows parents to apply for a \$100 voucher to put towards Creative or Performing Arts lessons for their child. The good news is I am now a registered provider so I encourage parents to apply for a voucher. To Apply: Go to www.service.nsw.gov.au Create an account Apply for Creative Kids Voucher (follow steps) If you are successful with your application you can redeem your voucher with me-Fiona Clarke (Postcode 2478)

Looking forward to another great year, Fiona Clarke kids_musik@yahoo.com.au **New Students** For those students who expressed an interest in learning an instrument in 2019 information will be coming home shortly.

ICARE awards

Our merit system is based on our school values of Integrity, Co-operation, Acceptance, Respect and Excellence. Once a child has one of each of these small awards, they are presented with a larger ICARE award. Three ICARE awards mean your child will get a medallion at a special assembly in Week 9, followed by morning tea. 2 small awards per class will be handed out at the normal weekly assemblies. Teachers can give 3 more in class during the week. Any unused awards from previous years can be used in the following years.



Date: _____

Dear _____

My child _____ in class _____ was absent from school on _____

because _____

Parent _____

ABSENT NOTE



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KISS AND DROP/ PICK UP AT TEVEN-TINTENBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

From Monday 18th February there is no parent parking allowed on site. This measure has been taken to ensure the safety of our children as there is an increased number of cars wishing to park on the front oval.

There is parking in surrounding streets. Be mindful that at the pedestrian entrance at the back of the school, the closest road to the school is a private driveway, not part of Fredericks Lane. Do not in this private area or block any of our other neighbours driveways.

If you live on a bus route we encourage you to have your child travel to and from school on the bus. Our community worked hard to arrange these bus services and if not used regularly, we may lose the service. If you are unsure if you have a bus service, please contact Blanches (from Ballina, Lennox and Cumbalum) or Ballina Buslines (Alstonville, Pheonix Park). Please contact the office for help in applying for a bus pass.

To accommodate the families who do not have access to a bus route, we will be providing, as part of a playground duty, a pick up zone between 3.40pm and 3.50pm. This is AFTER the second bus has left. We ask that no one uses the bus bay at all in the afternoon- ie no parking in the non bus zone.

You can only use this service if your child is able to get in and out of the car independently. Bags are to be placed in the car, not the boot.

In the morning, the bus bay is for drop offs only. Do not leave your car. This blocks the path of other cars and buses.

Please complete the form below and return it to the office by 9.30am Thursday 14th February. We will provide you with a family label for your car to assist teachers helping children to the right car. See Mrs Latta if you have any questions. **Please remember we are doing this simply to keep our children safe.**

Ginny Latta
Principal

_____ Please return to office by 14th Feb 2019 _____

REQUEST FOR AFTERNOON PICK UP BETWEEN 3.40 AND 3.50PM

Student Last Name _____ Number of signs needed _____
(this may be different to your surname) (eg one for mum, one for dad)

I understand that I must collect my child between 3.40 and 3.50 pm and that my child/ren is/are capable of entering the car independently.

Parent name: _____ Legible signature _____

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