



Teven-Tintenbar Public School



Term 3 Week 5 - Monday 19th August 2019

Dates for your calendar

Wednesday 21st August

Book week parade. The theme is "Reading is my Superpower". Children can wear any character costume- it doesn't have to be a superhero. There is a parade starting at 2.10pm to which parents are invited to attend.

Wednesday 11th September

ICARE award and morning tea for this term. The assembly will start at 9.30, followed by a morning tea for the recipients and their parents. If your child has 3 A4 ICARE awards, these need to be handed in to the office by 10am Wednesday 4th September.

Wednesday 25th September

Grandparents Day and Art Show. More details to follow in future newsletters.

New Enrolment Policy

Term 3 has seen the beginning of a phased implementation of the revised DoE enrolment policy. At the beginning of this term, Phase one saw

the policy and procedures implemented without the centrally set cap on non-local students. Phase 2 will see the enrolment caps applying from the beginning of term 4.

We have reached our cap of 138 children. Apart from siblings of **current students**, our school cannot take any out of area enrolments as of Day 1, Term 4, 2019. We urge you to carefully read the information from DoE that is provided with this newsletter. If you have any concerns, especially if you have children yet to start with us, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Latta.

P&C Meeting

The August P&C meeting will be held this Thursday 22nd August. The meeting starts at 6.30pm. The P&C currently does not have a secretary. If you are interested in this role, please come along to the meeting and let the executive know.

What's on ...

21st August

Book Parade @ 2pm

22nd August

P & C meeting @ 6.30pm Library

1st – 6th September

Canberra Excursion

11th September

ICARE assembly and morning tea

25th September

Grandparents Day and Art show

26th September

Mobile Library

P&C Meeting



All smiles in KH

Plenty of smiles in KH this morning while learning about friends of 10. Mrs Hambly will be on leave from 19th August until early Term 4. KH will be in the capable hands of Ms Haag who has taught the class on many occasion.

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Afternoon Pick-ups

We really appreciate the amount of our parents who are using the pick-up line. The children who are regularly picked up have started watching for the car to take them home.

It is important that we not block the road while waiting in the line. If the person in front of you still has part of their car on the white road bump, please wait on the grass until you can move up safely. It is important that we not block any roads.

When waiting in the pickup line, stay in the order you have arrived. Following the bus while others are waiting in a queue is unfair. We ask you consider others and join the queue. The staff move the children out quickly. We usually have most waiting in the cars and gone by 3.30pm

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Our excursion is drawing closer. Students have already received their packing lists and a form regarding dietary requirements. The dietary forms are due back before school tomorrow (Tuesday 20th August). No late forms can be accepted as our travel company and accommodation needs the information well ahead of time to prepare. If medication needs to be taken during our excursion parents will need to complete a medical form and supply labelled medication in its original packaging by Friday 30th August. Medical forms can be collected from the office. Please note a change from previous years on the packing list - students will need one set of their school uniform.

Student Absences from school

The Education Act (1990) states that children attend school every day it is open for instruction and that absences are explained **IN WRITING** within 7 days of the absence. While

this can be done with a phone call, we also require written notes for permanent record keeping. Our school starts at 9.25am and finishes at 3.25pm. Children should be in attendance between these hours except in the cases of emergencies and specialist appointments. GP and family dental appointments should be made outside school hours. We have a teacher on duty from 9am, which is the earliest children can be dropped off at school. It is a legal requirement that children are collected within 10 minutes of school finishing in the afternoon, unless there has been a prior arrangement made with the Principal.

Unexplained non-attendance and regular lateness/early unexplained leaving is monitored by the Home School Liaison Officer. It can also be reported to DOCS under the Mandatory Reporter Program as Educational Neglect.

We appreciate that parents may have to take their work leave outside school holidays. If your child will be absent for more than 5 school days, this leave must be approved by the Principal prior to the event. Please contact the school office for the necessary paperwork.

Lost property

We have an abundance of jumpers and other items in our lost property area between the Year 4/5 & 5/6 classrooms. Please remind your child to look in lost property if they have misplaced an item as any items left at the end of term will be cleaned and used in our sick bay. Please put your child's name on EVERYTHING. It makes it so much easier to return property to its owner.

School Banking

This is a reminder that school bank books need to be at school on Monday mornings for processing. We have exciting new prizes available for regular bankers.

Technology Lessons

Stage 1 have been developing their coding skills in technology sessions. They are learning to de-bug their code to solve problems.



Exciting News

**Out of School Hours Care is coming to
Teven Tintenbar Public School**

Before School Care	7:00 to 9.00am
After School Care	3.25 to 6.20pm
Vacation Care	7:00 to 6.20pm

Applications are available at

www.rainbow.nsw.edu.au

**Also at Teven Tintenbar Public School
Office**

Government Child Care Subsidy and
rebate available.

All enquiries phone Jan or Jodi at the
Rainbow Children's Centre for
Information (02) 6686 6621



Enrolment policy

Information for parents

The Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy is in place to assist schools to meet their obligations under the *Education Act 1990* - to ensure that every student has a place at their local school. The policy also communicates to staff and the community a transparent enrolment process.

Why was the enrolment policy revised?

Across the state, many communities are changing. Some are growing at rates never seen before. Some schools that used to be able to accept out-of-area enrolments, no longer have the room to do so.

The revised policy is designed to support schools to manage all enrolment applications, encourage greater consistency in decision-making and make sure the enrolment choices are clear for parents.

What are the changes?

The enrolment cap

The enrolment cap is the number of students that can be enrolled at a school based on the school's permanent accommodation. The enrolment cap tells us whether the school may or may not have the capacity to accept non-local enrolments. It is not a target or limit on the number of local enrolments a school can take.

Each school with a local intake area will have a cap set by the department from Term 4 2019.

Within the enrolment cap, a number of enrolment places (the buffer) must be kept aside for the likely number of local students who will need to enrol during the year. For this reason, a school will not take non-local students once they reach their buffer, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

100-point residential address check

Parents planning to enrol their child at a school that is near or at their buffer or cap will be asked to complete the 100-point residential address check to confirm they live within the school's designated intake area. This means you will need to provide documents to verify your child's current address.

So that schools only seek information relevant to your child's enrolment, a list of approved documents for the residential address check is available from the school or the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>.

Selection criteria for non-local enrolment

Sibling enrolments are now clearly prioritised (where possible) and selection criteria for non-local enrolment will not include student ability, performance or achievement.



What has not changed?

Schools will continue to enrol students who live in their local intake area, regardless of the school's cap status.

There are no changes to enrolment rights of siblings of non-local students. In schools with available places, each enrolment application is considered on its merits, including if siblings currently attend the school. If the school is below capacity, out-of-area applications for siblings of current students will be given enrolment priority.

Schools will continue to provide families with support and advice during the enrolment process, including assessment of exceptional and compelling circumstances particularly for vulnerable students and their families.

Schools will also continue to apply the policy fairly and consistently using transparent and accountable processes when making decisions around enrolment applications. Parents have a right to appeal to determine whether the stated processes have been applied in a procedurally fair manner.

But what do the changes mean for me?

What if my child is already enrolled but we do not live in that school's intake area?

Your child will remain enrolled at the school as the revised policy does not affect students already enrolled in NSW Government schools.

We were in area when my child was enrolled in the school. The department has since changed the school's boundary and our residence is now out of area. I have other children and I want them all to go to the same school.

What are my options?

At times it is necessary for the department to make adjustments to a school's local enrolment intake area. This could mean a family with a child/children already enrolled is then outside the local intake area. When this happens, the family will still be able to enrol siblings together at the school, regardless of whether the school is over the buffer or cap.

I already have a child enrolled as an out-of-area student in a NSW Government school. Can I enrol my other children at that school too?

This will depend on the capacity of the school:

- If the school is **not near its buffer**, then siblings should be able to be enrolled at the school. In fact, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **nearing its buffer**, then the school will form a non-local enrolment panel. The panel considers non-local enrolment applications when the number of non-local applications received exceeds the number of places available below the buffer. Again, in this instance, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **at capacity** they will not accept non-local enrolment applications unless there are exceptional circumstances.

I have already accepted an offer for my child to attend a school in 2020 that is not my local school. What happens now?

The enrolment will proceed. Non-local enrolments accepted before Term 4 2019 for students starting in 2020 should not be affected.

What is the criteria for enrolment in a school that is not my local school?

Schools that are able to accept non-local enrolment applications establish a non-local enrolment selection panel, if demand exceeds the number of places below the school's buffer.

Schools are required to make the selection criteria available to the school community.

My circumstances are challenging and I think this school is best for my child. We live outside the school's intake area. What should I do?

We understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same, and that there are instances where exceptional circumstances will need to be considered.

Your circumstances should be discussed with the principal of your local school who can assist you to negotiate an out-of-area enrolment if there are exceptional and compelling circumstances.

Contact

For general enquiries contact: 1300 679 332 or email: DoEInfo@det.nsw.edu.au

For enrolment enquiries, speak to your local school. Find school contact details at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/finding-a-public-school>