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Assembly

We would like to encourage you to attend our weekly Assembly programs, if you can. We realise that parents are busy people, however, if you have the opportunity to join us then you are certainly welcome to do so. Assembly takes place on Thursdays at 9am and runs until about 9:15am. We look forward to seeing you at this time, if you can make it.

Students who will be sharing Nature Spotlight presentations this term are:

Week 5: Jentson

Week 6: Benjamin

Week 7: Daniel and Mario

Pupil Free Day

Please note that Monday, 27 November is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will be busy writing reports so it will be a great opportunity for families to spend a little extra time together.

'We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.'

Psalm 33:20-22

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Casual Bus Drivers

We are seeking expressions of interest from experienced bus drivers looking to take on casual work.

Essential Criteria:

- A current and valid NSW Drivers Licence LR (or above)
- A driver authority card
- A good driving history (current) issued by RMS
- Committed to child safety by providing a safe culture, safe operations and a safe environment. Only applicants with a Working With Children Check (WWCC) will be considered for this role.
- Strong communication and customer services skills

Please contact the Principal for further information.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our wonderful TAS parents have organised a special Thanksgiving Dinner

to express their thankfulness for our school community. We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday, 5 November at 4:30pm at our hall.

TCN Awards Night - Sunday 26 November

We are excited to announce our TCN Awards Night is back up and running this year. This will be our first TCN Awards Night since Covid-19. This is a great night and one you and your children will not want to miss! Further details will be sent out shortly.

Student Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best. TAS works in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build

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and maintain friendships with other children.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

Arriving at school and class on time ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day, helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine, gives students time to greet their friends before class, and reduces classroom disruption. Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide the school with a verbal or

written explanation for the absence.

However, if the school has not received an explanation on the day of an absence, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

The Principal may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if she does not believe the absence is in the best interests of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the Principal may discuss their decision with you and the reasons why. The Principal may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. The Principal may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the Principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with the Principal. An Application for Extended Leave will need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

If your child refuses to go to school the school will work with you to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan. You should contact the Principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate

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support networks. The Principal may seek further support from education specialists to develop an attendance improvement plan.

It is important to understand that the school may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences - You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan to support your child's attendance at school.
- Application to the Children's Court for Compulsory Schooling Order - If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the school may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.
- Prosecution in the Local Court - School staff remain committed to

working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

TAS recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

Upcoming Events...

- 8 November - PK Letterland Party
- 9 November - Primary swimming lesson
- 20 November - Kindy Practice Day
- 26 November - TCN Awards Night
- 27 November - Pupil Free Day
- 6 December - Speech Night

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:45am-2:15pm