



Thursday 28th January, 2021

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the 2021 school year at Tanunda Primary School and Disability Unit. I would especially like to welcome the 490 students who started yesterday. All of the staff were extremely impressed with the student's positive attitude and exemplary behaviour.

At the beginning of any school year students and parents will have many questions relating to their learning, timetable, leadership opportunities, homework and classroom expectations. Teachers will provide you with this information either this week or early next week. If you still have questions or queries I would encourage you to make an appointment to meet with the class teacher to seek clarification. Formal interviews with teachers will be held towards the end of the first term.

NEW STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

We welcome Rachael Williams-Barry and Emily King to the school. Rachael is working in Room 7 with a year 4 class. Emily is working in the Tanunda Disability Unit in LA1. Steve Cornish will be the Deputy Principal for term 1. Steve has significant experience as an Assistant Principal in his teaching roles prior to working at Tanunda.

The position of Principal will be advertised this term. The selection panel for the Principal position will consist of Kathryn Bruggemann- Education Director, a member of our Governing Council, staff member and a peer panelist from a 'like' school. The selection process will be finished before the end of term 1.

ASSEMBLY

We have scheduled a whole school assembly for Friday 5th February at 9am in the courtyard- weather permitting. At this assembly we welcome our new Reception students and new students to the school. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly. Please observe the social distancing requirements and use the QR codes as you enter the school. Outlined below is the Department for Education protocols relating to COVID-19.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Parents, volunteers, departmental support and other service providers may enter school grounds, however physical distancing requirements remain in place. **Please continue to avoid entering the classroom buildings, unless absolutely essential, as SA Health is still promoting clear social distancing between adults in schools.** These should also be adhered to during drop off and pick up times, with 1.5 metres spacing between people at all times.

PERMISSION FORMS

Each year we send home a variety of forms for student permissions (local excursions, use of internet, photos in the newsletter etc.) and to update student information. This year there is an extra form which the Department for Education has asked all families to fill out. It relates to early dismissal on the final day of each term. Please read all of the forms carefully and return to your child's class teacher by the end of week 2.

ART EXHIBITION

This year we will be holding our second Art Exhibition. The Exhibition will be held in our school hall in week 4 Term 4. Jane Renner (local artist) will work with each class throughout the year to produce a piece of Art for each student to exhibit. More information about the exhibition will come throughout the year.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS

Please be aware that we are not having lunch orders from Subway on Mondays. Unfortunately Subway have

asked that lunch orders be submitted the Friday before and that the school is responsible for collection. We are currently looking at other local options for our Monday lunch orders.

HAT POLICY

All students are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears (broad-brimmed or bucket hat) whenever they are outside between 1st September & April 30th. Students who do not have a hat at school will be required to remain seated in the shade, in the courtyard area, during playtimes.

School hats are available for purchase between 8:25am and 9:00am any day of the week from the Finance Officer in the Front Office area.

YARD SUPERVISION

Yard supervision commences at 8.25am each morning & finishes at 3.35pm each afternoon. There is no class or yard supervision before 8.25am each day, and **we ask that children are not on school grounds prior to this time**. Any children arriving on buses before 8.25am will be directed to the front office verandah to wait until the bell rings. Children being supervised by their parents are asked to wait near the hall until yard duty commences. Yard supervision in the afternoon will only be near the bus bay and bitumen carpark- we do not provide supervision for the playground and oval areas.

CAR PARK REMINDER

Our car park has become exceedingly busy with our increased enrolment numbers. Please ensure that you & your children use the footpath closest to your car and **only cross the road at the crossing**.

Please note that the car park speed limit is 10km per hour. There is also an alternate gravel car park available behind the Rex, with a path that leads into our yard next to our hall.

MATERIAL AND SERVICES CHARGES

2021 Material and Services invoices went home yesterday with students. The final day for invoices to be paid are Friday 26th February 2021.

The charge for 2021 is \$287.00. The invoice can be paid by

- Cheque payable to Tanunda Primary School
- Cash or EFTPOS (in person)
- EFT – Internet banking – Tanunda Primary School BSB: 105-024 A/C: 1124 76940
(Please remember to put student surname or invoice number as a reference)
- Payment by instalments – Formal agreement must be arranged and signed with the finance office.

We do not mind which method of payment you use as long as the school remains fully informed of your intentions and your payment commitments are honoured. If you require any further information regarding Material and services charges please do not hesitate to contact Paula or Katie.

SCHOOL CARD SCHEME:

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2019 - 2020 financials.

Further information regarding income limits, eligibility and forms / online application for 2021 School Card are available from our website at <http://www.tanundaps.sa.edu.au/parentinfo.htm>

If you require any further information regarding school card please contact School Card on 1800 672 758

Regards,
Nick Wuttke