Visit From the NSW Mounted Police

We were fortunate to have the Mounted Police visit our school last Friday. The Policemen spoke to the children about their duties and of the importance of the horses - who they told us were worth 10 men.

Both gentlemen commented on the wonderful questions the students asked and through these great questions we found out a great deal about the work of the Police Horses and about the individual officers.

Each child was given the opportunity to pat either Jimmy or Gus. Many thanks again to Jason and Miranda Frith who organised this visit.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Penola who was the winning team at the Swimming Carnival today. More news next week.
Oracles of the Bush

Next Tuesday 16th February, the Oracles Committee will bring poet Marco Grigorio to entertain the students with a poetry concert. Following this Years 5 and 6 will experience a poetry writing workshop. You may recall last year we had a number of our senior students published in an Australian wide literary magazine for their wonderful poems and these magazines are available for viewing in our school library.

School Photos

Please keep in mind that our School Photos are held on Tuesday 1st March. Students are asked to wear full school uniform - including black shoes. Please try hard to have your child at school on that day as we use these photos many times throughout the year.

Information Distribution

Our primary form of notification of events and information is our Newsletter which is sent out via email each Thursday. We also attach these Newsletters to the Skoolbag App which is a free App that can be downloaded and it will come to you as a message. We have a new School Website that is being installed by the Catholic Schools Office next week and the Newsletters are attached each week to that also - this should be up and running by Week 5. Most weeks we try to send information out through our school Facebook page, though it is only as a reminder of what you will find in a Newsletter. When notes are sent home they are given to the eldest child in the family so please ask your child to be sure to get them to you!

Please note: A revised Term Planner is attached today as I realised the Weeks of Lent were pasted incorrectly.
Library Borrowing Days
Tuesdays: Kindergarten, Years 3 and 4
Wednesday: Year 2
Thursdays: Year 1 and Years 5 and 6

Canteen Menu
Please refer to the new Menu before ordering from the Canteen. Some items are no longer available!

Canteen Roster

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Welcome to our New Babies

Congratulations to Jake Adam and Ashleigh Taylor on the birth of their baby boy.
A new brother for Cooper in Kindergarten.

Congratulations to Melissa Martin on the birth of her baby girl - Mia
A new sister for Leo in Year 3.

Congratulations to Aaron & Laynee Taylor who welcome a baby girl to their family.
A little sister for Shayli and Shayden

School Board - 11th February 5.30pm
The AGM for the School Board will be held on Thursday 10th March at 5.30pm

Parents and Friends Association:
Our next meeting will be on Monday 15th February at 6.30pm in the School Library.
Please come and join this wonderful group!

Attendance at School
As we begin our new school year it is a good time for reminders on procedures.
As per the Catholic Schools Office - Diocese of Armidale Guidelines for Student Attendance parents are to:

- Ensure their child arrives at school on time every day
- Minimise disruptions to their child’s school day to ensure the best opportunity to learn
- Contact the school prior to any planned absences to seek Principal’s approval
- Provide an explanation for each absence, either by phone, letter, Skoolbag App or email to front office.
- Late arrivals must be brought by the parents to the front office where forms are to be completed by the adult
- Early departures must be signed out in the sign out register prior to the child leaving - again through the front office NOT directly from a classroom.
- Please note that extended times of absence by law must be reported to the CSO
- Principal will ring parents to seek clarification of a child’s absence if they are away for more than 2 days without notification

The above procedures are in place for the safety and wellbeing of the students. Thank you for your continued support in this area.
School Fees
School Fee Accounts went home this week. Please be aware of the ‘Due by Date’ as we would appreciate prompt payment. You can also set up Netbank payments or Direct Debits and pay on a regular basis.

Important - Medical Information

We are in the process of updating our student files and are required to include the most recent information regarding your child’s medical record.

If your child has any **allergies or a medical condition or is on medication of any sort**, we need to note this on their file.

We respect the privacy of your child and this information will be carefully filed.

Please note that medical plans need to be **valid for the full 2016 school year, from March**.

If your child had a medical plan in place in 2015, an action plan form will be sent home to be completed by your child’s doctor.

An action plan form will also be sent home to our new students who noted a medical condition on the enrolment form.

*Megan Flynn* (Student Support Teacher)

Change of Details
Please remember to return the form if you have changed your address or phone number so we can update our system.

Skoolbag iOS 8 updates are complete
Just a note to let you know that iOS 8.0 updates are now complete and in the App Store for your parents to install.

Your apps have been upgraded to 2.6.0 version, and the update will appear as a normal app update on your parent’s iPhones/iPads, for them to install.

Parents and students can email support@skoolbag.com.au for more information if they need it.

Regards
Team Skoolbag

2016 Tenterfield Autumn/Winter Night Squash Competition
Grading: 16th February 2016 from 6pm at Tenterfield Golf Club, Pelham St.

Competition will run from the 23rd February until the 21st June 2016 with a 2 week break for school holidays.

Cost: $50 (Adult) $40 (School Student) All level of players welcome!

Any questions please contact Libby Melling on 0411 231 513 or attend one of the grading nights.

Tenterfield Junior Rugby League (formally Border Bears) registration and sign on day will be on Saturday the 13th February, 4pm at Rugby League Park. Any parents interested in coaching boys teams or the girls league tag teams please contact Peter Holley by Friday the 12th February - 0408076155. There is a general meeting at the Tenterfield Golf Club on Tuesday night 6.30pm. It would be really nice to see some new faces who might be willing to help.

*Tenterfield Junior Rugby League Committee*