



Thursday 8th FEBRUARY 2018



# Tambar Springs

Public School



## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to the 2018 school year is extended to all of our families especially those joining us for the first time. Welcome the McMinn, Collins and Kelly families to Tambar Springs Public School. We are looking forward to a great year working together to provide a wonderful learning opportunities for all students.

Our students have commenced the year eagerly with enthusiasm and excitement about learning new and challenging information and socializing with new friends. We welcome back Amarni and we extend a warm welcome to our new students Parker in Year 5 and Matthew in Kindergarten. They all look amazing in their school uniforms.

I am delighted to return to Tambar Springs Public School as the Relieving Principal in 2018. It has been a pleasure catching up with parents and community members and introducing them to our new staff and students. Tambar Springs School is the heart of the community and an amazing school with very capable and caring students who have incredible resources at their fingertips to create a bright future. Our students engage in safe learning environments, where they use a vast array of learning opportunities to develop their skills and understandings.

**Kind regards,  
Shanyn Worley  
(Relieving) Principal**

**Main photo:** Students 2018

### Dates to Remember

#### FEBRUARY

- 9 Small Schools Swimming Carnival
- 21 School Leaders Induction
- 21 Learner Lead Conference
- 21 P&C AGM

#### MARCH

- 30 Good Friday

#### APRIL

- 2 Easter Monday
- 13 Term Ends

## Staff Development Day at Curlewis

Small Schools' viewed the Secretary of Education - Mark Scott message about the future plans for education. We engaged in professional learning on the new ebs ontrack+ roll marking system, mandatory module updates for Child Protection and a presentation from the Growing Strong Minds program.



Mark Scott is Secretary of the Department of Education. He has worked as a teacher, in public administration and as a journalist and media executive. He is committed to public education and learning environments where every child can flourish.

## Staffing

This year we have an awesome team who are dedicated and focused on student learning and wellbeing. Mrs Twidale joins us again this year as our second teacher for 3 days a week and Mrs Hopkins will be supporting our school one day a fortnight. Our school is very lucky to have Mrs Davidson joining us from Tamworth to replace Mrs Vince in the office. The department of Education have created a new position to support principals by employing s SAO for one day a week and Miss Rhada Theresa have very kindly accepted this position. Our team is looking forward to meeting you and community members in the near future.

This week we have been enjoying working together with members of the community and families in welcoming our new families into our school community. Thank you to Carol and Tash for being very supportive during our first week to assist new students and their families settle into our school community.



## Kindergarten

I extend a very warm welcome to our new kindergarten student, Matthew. He have been very busy learning school routines and about the world. Matthew has made some very special memories about his first day at big school. He was very fortunate to see a mother koala and her baby in our gumtree. He will be participating in the "Best Start" process over the next few weeks and a report will be given to his parents at the Learner Led conference.



## Year 5 Buddies

Parker and Hunter have been fabulous Kindergarten buddies helping our new student settle into our school. Thank you, Boys.





# INVITATION

## School Leadership Induction

You are invited to attend our School Leadership Induction day on Wednesday 21st February at 10:30am where Georgia will be officially announced as School Captain of Tambar Springs School, Hunter Vice-Captain and Parker Sport Captain. Our Kindergarten and Stage 1 students will be performing their song at the assembly. You are welcome to join us for a morning tea in the kitchen following the assembly.

## P&C Meeting

This year our school will be forming a P&C Association. A P&C Association is a school-based organisation consisting of parents, teachers and interested citizens. P&C Associations are established to:

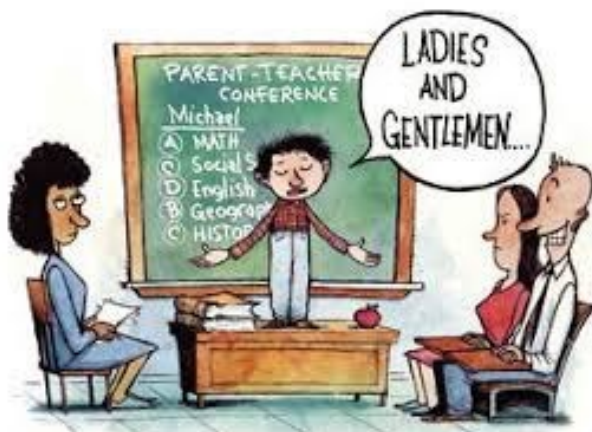
- Promote the interest of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation;
- Assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school;
- Encourage parent and community participation in curriculum and other educational issues in schools;

The AGM meeting to elect office bearers for the P&C will commence at 11:30am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February - start after the Student Leadership Induction morning tea.

## Parent / Teacher Information Session and Learner Led Conferences

Our Teacher and Parent information sessions will be held during our Learner Led Conferences on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February commencing at 1:00pm. You will receive a nomination meeting time note next week. During the meeting we will explain the department's expectations for student growth, our classroom routines and procedures. We are

happy to answer any questions in regard to education.



# EVERYONE WELCOME



## School Canteen News

In 2018, we are encouraging the healthy eating practices of our students. The Student Council has decided that the school canteen will continue to be supplied by the Royal Hotel on a fortnightly basis, with the students planning and cooking a healthy meal for the alternate week. The cost of our school cooked canteen lunch will remain at \$5 per student at this time, to cover the cost of ingredients. The canteen calendar for February 2018 is as follows.

Royal Hotel	Thursday, Week 1 (1 Feb)
School Cooking	Thursday, Week 2 (8 Feb)
Royal Hotel	Thursday, Week 3 (15 Feb)
School Cooking	Thursday, Week 4 (22 Feb)

## Small Schools' Swimming Carnival

This year the Small Schools' Swimming Carnival will be hosting students who are 8 years old to 13 years old on Friday 9th February. Only our senior students will be participating in the Small School Swimming Carnival at Gunnedah Heater Pool. This is due to the modifications to the Gunnedah Memorial Pool and limited swimming space. School will be as normal for all the younger students and any older student not attending the carnival.



## Updating Information

Parents and Carers are reminded to please inform the school of any changes to your circumstances e.g. job status, phone contact numbers, address and your child/children's medical information. Please contact the school to update the information as this assists us in keeping you informed.

## School Contribution Fees

Thank you to the families who have paid their school contribution fees. We greatly appreciate your kindness in assisting our school support our student learning. Contribution fees are for the first child \$30, second child \$25 and \$20 each for other children.

## School Website & FaceBook

Our teachers and staff are highly dedicated and want to share our students learning and experiences. Please view our Tambar Springs Public School website and like us on Facebook for updates about our learning and events.



## School Captain's Report

Yesterday on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January the school travelled to Gunnedah to watch the Queen's Baton Relay. First the school went to Kitchener Oval to watch the runners run and pass on the baton. There were lots of people there to watch and celebrate. It was an awesome, fun and exciting time, however we might not see that baton ever again in real life.

When Sarah Jane Bonner ran with the very special baton around the oval she let us touch and feel it. Most of the students from our school spotted the Queen Elizabeth's note that will be read out at the Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast this year 2018 by Prince Charles. Most of the children in the 6 schools got to touch the texture in that very special, smooth clean custom made instrument. It was a very special day for everyone who participated in this very exciting event as it is very rare to happen in Gunnedah.

Congratulations and well done to the runners who were elected to run with the remarkable baton.

By Georgia





# QUEEN'S BATON RELAY





# Tambar Springs/Premier Community Health

Jenny Donaldson Community  
Health Nurse will be on leave from  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 until  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**A Community Health  
Nurse will be visiting  
Tambar Springs/Premier  
on Mondays & Thursdays**

If you require appointment please  
contact HealthOne Quirindi

**02 67460215.**



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Local Health District



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Australia. Farrer  
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academics,  
agriculture,  
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education of both  
day and boarding  
students Farrer  
is set on 191  
hectares of prime  
agricultural land,  
10 kilometres  
from Tamworth,  
New South Wales.



This is your opportunity for your whole  
family to tour our campus and  
see what Farrer can offer your son

Registration will close at 9.00pm Sunday 18th February  
**6764-S607** – Kerry Hussey - Enrolments Officer  
Wear casual clothing & bring a hat.  
Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.

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**OPEN DAY 2018**  
**WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY**  
**9.00am – 2.00pm**

Are you puzzled about which High School  
will be the right fit for your son?  
Maybe Farrer has the answer ...