Dear Parents and Carers,

As usual, Tamworth South is a hive of activity. Points of interest for this week include:

Safety Gates
This week we have had our safety gates completed. These gates have been fitted to the existing entry points along Petra Avenue and Kent Street. They have been placed to increase the safety of our younger students throughout the school day. Please be aware that they work the same as pool gates and as such, parents, carers or older students will need to let younger students into the school grounds each morning.

PAC and P&C Meetings
Please remember that our monthly PAC meeting will be held this coming Monday, 7th May, 2012 at the completion of the whole school assembly. Also, our P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th May, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Both meetings are held in the Staffroom and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Mothers’ Day Stall
The lovely members of our PAC will be running a Mothers’ Day Stall this Thursday, 10th May and Friday, 11th May 2012 in the demountable room 31. All gifts are $6.00. Students need to bring their money to school and teachers will take classes to visit the stall.

Tax Rebate for School Items
The Education Tax Refund provides up to 50 per cent back on a range of children’s education expenses. In the 2011-12 tax year, you could claim up to $409 for primary students and $818 for secondary students. The Education Tax Refund now includes school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011, so items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by a school as its uniform may be claimed from 1 July 2012. Keep your receipts for school uniforms and other education-related purchases so you can claim them at tax time. You will need them to calculate your refund and you may need to show them as proof of purchase. The website www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au will help you decide if you are eligible and explains what you can claim and how to claim.

Privacy Awareness Week
This week was Privacy Awareness Week. Please take the opportunity to remind your children to protect their personal details and information, especially online. Australians lead the world when it comes to average monthly social media use and we share many details of our lives online. As a parent, you can help your child behave in safe and smart ways to minimise the risks of their online activity. To ensure that your kids are protected from cyberbullying, unwanted attention or privacy breaches, you can:

- remind them not to share their usernames and passwords with anyone
- go through the privacy settings of social networking sites with them to make sure they are only sharing their personal information with their friends
- talk to them about the danger of identity theft and the permanence of online sharing.

For more information on how to educate your children about protecting their privacy online and how to avoid being a victim of identity theft or even how to stop junk mail, go to: http://www.privacyawarenessweek.org/youth.html

Term 2 Calendar
Please find following a calendar of events for Tamworth South for this term. We will endeavour to keep it updated and in the newsletter as often as possible.

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to another fantastic term at Tamworth South. I’d like to thank our respectful students for their exemplary behaviour at both the ANZAC Day ceremony and ANZAC Day march. You made us very proud! Many thanks also to Mr Mead who has again organised a moving ceremony.

As you walk through our school please admire our beautiful gardens. Many thanks to the teachers, parents, Mr Lees and his gardening club for your continued efforts. As the weather is very changeable of late, jackets and jumpers are being removed during the day. Please check that all these items are clearly labelled.

Next Friday, 11th May is a very important date in our school’s history. We lost a very dear friend, colleague and teacher, Miss Janine Erich; and to commemorate Miss Erich’s sense of fun, the students have been asked to dress up as clowns or come in colourful clothes. This is not a fundraiser, no money is required. Groups of classes will be organising some wonderful experiences throughout day. Looking forward to seeing a colourful, happy school! Have a fantastic week.

Regards, Jayne Johnson

Class of the Week

S105 have been studying weather conditions in Science. At the end of their unit they were required to make a waterproof outfit for a favourite toy. Their efforts were brilliant!
Abbigail and Max have written a Bilby Report each and they are published on another page of the newsletter. Thank you, authors!
On Tuesday May 1 2012, Year 4 headed off to the wetlands conservation area behind Peel High School to be part of the annual Eco festival. This event was hosted by Peel High and the Peel Landcare Wetlands Group. It is sponsored by NRMA and supported by the Tamworth Regional Council. Year 4 students from 7 public schools were involved in learning about living things and taking care of their environment.
Respect for self, others and school

3-6 Focus
NOTICE BOARD
For Your Diary

Term 2 2012

- PAC Meeting 7 May 2012
- P & C Meeting 9 May 2012
- School Cross Country (years 2-6) 10 May 2012
- Mothers’ Day Stall 10 - 11 May 2012
- YRS 3 & 5 NAPLAN Test 15 - 17 May 2012
- Canteen Meeting 6 June 2012
- PAC Meeting 12 June 2012
- P & C Meeting 13 June 2012
- Olympic Games Day 15 June 2012
- NAIDOC Week 25 - 28 June 2012
- Final Payment Year 5 & 6 Excursion 28 June 2012
- Term 2 Ends 29 June 2012

Infants
TERM 2 ASSEMBLIES
- 4 May: 17 May, No Item
- 5 May: 24 May, S1 - 16

Primary
TERM 2 ASSEMBLIES
- 4 May: 18 May, Captains
- 5 May: 25 May, Vice Captains

Principal's Awards

Years 3 - 6 Primary Awards
Students of the Week

Achievement Awards
Connor Blair, Riley Frankel, Makenzie Hall, Hannah Whittaker, Alira MacApline, James Mariner, Sara Anderson, Tyrone Adams-Lawrence, Lauren McGill, Olivia Sharp, Jesse Collins.

Mothers’ Day Stall
Just a reminder that our Mothers’ Day Stall will be held Thursday 10 and Friday 11 May 2012 in the demountable room 31. All gifts are $6.00. Every child who buys a gift for their mum will have their name put into a draw and will have a chance to win an extra gift for their mum. This will be drawn Friday afternoon.

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Book Club
Book Club orders will be collected each morning under the Cola Area.
Final day for book club will be Friday 11 May 2012.

Breakfast Club
Our school Breakfast Club is operating each morning between 8.40am and 9.10am.
During the months of June to August our Monday Red Cross volunteers will be away. If you are able to volunteer some time please see Chris in the canteen.
Sports News

TZPSSA Cricket
Congratulations to Josh McCulloch, Logan Barnes and Tye Collinson-Putney on their selection in the Tamworth Zone PSSA Boys' Cricket team. The boys will now participate in the North West Southern trials in August. Well done.

NWSSA Boys Hockey
Congratulations to Patrick Hofman, Sean Aslin and Addison Coutman on their selection in the North West Schools Sports Association Boys Hockey team. The boys will now play in the NSWPSSA Hockey Carnival later in the term. Well done.

School Cross Country
The school cross country will be held next Thursday May 10 on our school oval. Children from years 2 to 6 will participate. approximate starting times for each event are listed below. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the children run.

Order of Events
9.20am: 12/13 year girls (3 laps of the course finish section)
9.30am: 12/13 year boys (3 laps of the course finish section)
9.45am: 11 year girls (3 laps of the course finish section)
9.55am: 11 year boys (3 laps of the course finish section)
10.10am: 10 year girls (2 laps of the course finish section)
10.20am: 10 year boys (2 laps of the course finish section)
10.35am: 8/9 year girls (2 laps of the course finish section)
10.45am: 8/9 year boys (2 laps of the course finish section)
11.00am: Year 2, 7 years boys and girls plus any year 2, 8 year olds who don’t run in 8/9 year division (1 lap of the course finish section)

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.
We are excited to be taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn and Learn program for 2012. Last year we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you. From May 9 until July 1, 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn and Learn points. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor or gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. The eldest child in each family will be given a sticker card from Tamworth South. Once the card is completed they can bring it back to school and swap it for another empty card at the front office.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7000 educational resources, art and craft materials and much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions please contact Mr Long at school or visit the Woolworths website:
Clothing Pool
Clothing Pool is opened every Wednesday from 9.10am to 10.00am.
Any donations are more than welcome.
We also have boys winter shirts for only $10.00 each

BILBIES REPORTS
Predators of the bilbies are foxes, hunters, dingoes, cats, large night birds, snakes and goannas.
Bilbies have 1 to 3 babies each year. It feeds in a backwards pouch for 75 days.
Bilbies live in underground burrows. The bilbies can burrow 2 m deep and 3m fat.
Bilbies eat spiders, fruit, plants, seeds, grubs, insects, fungi, termites, honey ants and bulbs. They get most of the H2O out of their food. Bilbies look like this light grey and white coat, large pink ears, black and white tail, long pointed snout and strong front paws.
A bilby is a marsupial mammal. It belongs to the bandicoot family. Abbigal Simon

Bilbies eat spiders, fruit, plant seeds, grubs, insects, fungi, termites, honey ants and bulbs. The bilby gets all their water from their food. Bilbies are Australian animals. It has light grey and white coat, large pink ears, black and white tail, long pointed snout and strong front paws. Bilbies predators are foxes, people, cats, dingoes, large birds, large night birds, snakes and goannas.
Marsupials have backwards pouch.
Bilbies live in semi-arid areas which means a place that plants don’t grow very much. Max Irwin

Red Nose Day
Come and support Red Nose Day on Saturday 5 May 2012 hosted by Maryann Parsons.
Where: Blue Cross Church Werris Creek Road Tamworth
Cost: $20.00 includes lunch & afternoon tea
Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm
LOTS MORRE SCRAPBOOKING will be available to purchase craft items from.
DINKY DIE CREATIONS will also have handmade flowers for sale as well.
We will have challenges, make n take throughout the day (gold coin donation)
Lucky door prizes, raffles will also be available.
Bring your own craft stuff & enjoy the day while raising money for a great cause - SIDS & KIDS.
Please phone: Therese on 0428 615021 to book your spot so we can cater for you on the day.

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Reading at Home
2012 is the ‘National Year of Reading’. Listening to our children read each night is probably the most important contribution we can make to their education.
Each week at school every class has the opportunity to borrow books from the wide selection available in the library. A library bag (or pillowcase) is all they need. Know which day is ‘library day’ and remind your them to return borrowed books.

Spare clothing donations
Donations are being accepted. If you have any spare school clothing that can be used for Infants children, sizes 6 - 8, please send to Mrs van Aanholt in room 19.
Thank you

Monitoring Absences at Tamworth South
1. Attendance is monitored on a regular basis by the Attendance Officer.
2. Initial unexplained absences - level one letter sent home reminding parents and carers of the need to explain absences. Teachers send home notes asking for explanation and / or make a phone call to parents.
3. Absences must be explained within seven days.
4. On going unexplained absences - level two letter sent home. This is an official Department of Education and Communities letter signed by the Principal. Phone calls to parents may also be made.
5. Continuing unexplained absences - Referral to Home School Liaison Officer. This will lead to an attendance plan meeting. If the issue of attendance is not resolved then prosecution may take place.
6. Large numbers of sick days may lead to the school requesting a medical certificate for further sick days. This is a requirement advised by the Home School Liaison Office.
7. The above may also refer to partial absences, particularly late arrival to school on a continuing basis.

If you have any issues regarding attendance please do not hesitate to contact me at school.
Craig Long
Attendance Officer.
At Tamworth South Public School
we show respect for self, others and school at all times.

We do this by

😊 Proudly wearing full school uniform to school every day
😊 Speaking politely to everyone and listening to others
😊 Playing fair and follow the rules of the game
😊 Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves
😊 Playing safe games without tackling, wrestling or grabbing others
😊 Walking on all concrete and asphalt areas
😊 Reporting problems to a teacher
😊 Wearing our school hats in the playground. If we don’t have a hat we play under a cola
😊 Walking all pushbikes and scooters in and out of school through the Woodward Avenue gate
😊 Sitting down and waiting quietly if you arrive at school before the 8.40am bell
😊 Caring for our school environment
Respect for Self, Others & School