Dear parents and carers,

We have had another busy week at Tamworth South. Some points of interest this week include:

**NAPLAN**
Children from years 3 and five will sit the national NAPLAN tests next week. Please ensure that the children from these grades are at school on time especially on the following days.
- **Tuesday May 15:**
  - 9.30am Language Conventions
  - 10.30am Writing
- **Wednesday May 16:**
  - 9.30am Reading
- **Thursday May 17:**
  - 9.30am Numeracy
- **Friday May 18:**
  - Catch up day

**Opportunity Class Applications**
Applications for Year Four students wishing to apply for the OC Class in 2013 close next Friday May 18. Applications may be completed on line at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement) or on a paper copy available at the front office. Paper applications must be returned to the office by Friday May 18.

**Walk Safely to School**
Walk Safely to School will be celebrated next Friday May 18. We encourage all children to walk to school with their parent or carers. If you can’t walk all the way, leave the car a good distance from the school and walk the rest of the way. This will allow parents and carers to exercise as well. They can also teach their children how to cross roads with safety. More information can be found at [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

**Mothers’ Day**
We wish all the mothers of the Tamworth South Public School Community a very special Mothers’ Day this Sunday. Many thanks go to our wonderful PAC Committee for organising a wonderful array of gifts.

**Cross Country**
Congratulations to all those children who participated in the Tamworth South Cross Country yesterday. Well done boys and girls.

Craig Long
Deputy Principal (Rel)
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, the school looked so bright and happy. This is the memory most students and teachers have of Miss Janine Erich, who sadly passed away twelve months ago. This will be an annual event to respect the memory of a very special teacher and friend.

Choirs and dancers are busily rehearsing to represent the school at Gunnedah Eisteddfod and local Dance Festival. Many notes will be sent home in regards to both events. It is very important to return notes and necessary monies by their due date. Apart from respecting this process, it helps all organisers arrange adequate supervision and transport.

I was so proud to see our young year two students participating in yesterday's school cross country. They tried so hard and made every effort to complete the course. Well done!

Walk Safely to School Day is on next Friday 18th May, 2012, and we encourage as many children as possible to walk to school with their parents or carers. This is an ideal opportunity to teach children how to cross the road with safety. This will allow parents and children to get regular exercise as well. Posters will be displayed around the school as a reminder. Enjoy your walk!

Regards, Jayne Johnson

Happy Mother’s Day to all on Sunday!

Class of the Week

S107 has been chosen as Class of the Week! Today the class shared some fond memories of a very special teacher. Rheuben says Miss Erich was happy and playful and Aurora remembers Miss Erich as a great teacher. She always played fun games like Dodge Ball, Bingo and Rainforest Maths on the smart board! They also remember her helping them make a puppet show and cook some popcorn to share. Ilki learnt that Miss Erich liked bright colours and her favourite one was pink! The students have enjoyed dressing in colourful clothes today and think about the importance of Friday 11th May.
Cross Country 2012
**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

**CANTEEN ROSTER Term 2 2012**

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**Stewart House**
Stewart House envelopes are now due back to school. If you still have one at home could you please return them to the front office by Friday 18 May.
Thanks

**Principal's Awards**


**Years K-2 Infants Awards**

**Students of the week**

**Achievement Awards**
Makenna Barnett-Suey, Tex Baker, Domanic Vines, Kyriesha Sampson, Madison Bowen, Ashlee Collins, Natalie Damon, Wayne Livermore, Adam Russell, Campbell Lewis, Dakota Eades-Jones, Cameron Reed, Issabelle Kelly, Emily Smolders, Jakob Tait, Hannah Partlin, Xander Botfield, Alan Smith

**Years 3 - 6 Primary Awards**

**Students of the Week**
Talhan Niness-Good, Lucy McMahon, Donald Sullivan, Lori Rivenell, Jemma Heywood, Cody Gibson, Jayleigh Riley, Alex Love, Qwin Downes, Luke Aslin

**Achievement Awards**
Kalei Coutman, Braden Ryan, Hayden Lock, Mindy Summers, Shauna Haines, Yamnaa Qureshi, Jessica Allan, Jacob Coops-Blume, Luke Summers

**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.

**Respect for self, others and school**
**School Cross Country Results**

Congratulations to all children (over 370) who participated in yesterdays cross country.

**12/13 yr girls**
First – Georgia White (Wentworth)
Second – Rebecca Willis (Wentworth)
Third – Sarah Mathews (Sturt)
Fourth – Brittany Porter (Sturt)

**12/13 yr boys**
First – Bradley Mills (Sturt)
Second – Addison Coutman (Blaxland)
Third – Jordan Whitten (Wentworth)
Fourth – Cooper Faint (Lawson)

**11 yr girls**
First – Nickiah Kennedy (Lawson)
Second – Lily Singh (Wentworth)
Third – Ashleigh Price (Sturt)
Fourth – Abbey Shanahan (Wentworth)

**11 yr boys**
First - Bernie West (Wentworth)
Second - Ben Jolliffe (Lawson)
Third – Bodie Muscat (Sturt)
Fourth – Blake Russell (Sturt)

**10 yr girls**
First – Olivia Collison (Blaxland)
Second – Alina Swan (Wentworth)
Third – Rhanee Coleman (Blaxland)
Fourth – Aleeka Blacklock (Blaxland)

**10 yr boys**
First – Kintarley Blacklock (Blaxland)
Second – Yallum King (Lawson)
Third – Fletcher Partlin (Lawson)
Fourth – Connor Orman (Sturt)

**8/9 girls**
First – Taylor Cronin (Blaxland)
Second – Kayla Muscat (Sturt)
Third – Lanna Collins (Blaxland)
Fourth – Abbi Simon (Wentworth)

**8/9 yr boys**
First – Lachlan Wesierski (Wentworth)
Second – Rilye Turville (Wentworth)
Third – Joey Mead (Sturt)
Fourth – Ethan Antzakles (Blaxland)

**7 yr girls**
First – Skye Tufrey (Wentworth)
Second – Tyleya Dungay (Blaxland)
Third – Chloe Dela Torre (Blaxland)
Fourth – Tess Chambers (Blaxland)

**7 yr boys**
First – Jacob Clark (Blaxland)
Second – Alex Ryan (Sturt)
Third – Mason Murdon (Sturt)
Fourth – Harry Vermeulen (Wentworth)

**Winning House** LAWSON

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Clothing Pool

The clothing pool is open from 9.10am to 9.45am every Wednesday.
Due to other commitments, the volunteer that runs the Clothing Pool will soon be unable to continue in this role. We are asking anyone who has some spare time and who may be interested in filling this role to contact the office.

Lunchbox inspiration

It's easy to fall back on the same tried and tested school lunches, but why not try something new, tasty, easy and healthy?

Quick and scrumptious school lunchbox ideas are available at School A to Z (www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes) and the Heart Foundation, www.heartfoundation.org.au/recipes which also offers a wealth of information about maintaining a healthy body weight and, of course, heart health.

Respect for Self, Others & School

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: www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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.

TSPS Rugby Union

Friday 4th May was a memorable sporting day for our school as we played our first match in a competitive Rugby Union competition. A number of the boys were backing-up from their League commitments & for a few it was their very first match.
Against an experienced Calrossy School team our boys showed the sporting determination TSPS football teams are known for. Conceding a few tries in the first half, our skills improved in the second as we kept our line intact while threatening to score on a few occasions.
The boys were happy with their efforts in the match and can take a lot of confidence from their first taste of Rugby Union.

Tamworth Zone PSSA Touch

Congratulations to Luke Berman and Bradley Mills on their selection in the Tamworth Zone PSSA Touch team. The boys will now attend the North West SSA Touch Trials on Friday May 18. Well done boys.

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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
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