Congratulations to our Eisteddfod stars who participated so enthusiastically this week in the Tamworth Eisteddfod. I have had many reports about our students fabulous behaviour during what was a long day. Uniforms were outstanding too. Thank you parents for supporting this great opportunity and to our teachers Mrs Sharkey and Mrs Palmer for leading our choirs with skill and panache.

Our busy week also included an audit of financial and work health and safety procedures, which I am pleased to report were found to be in line with DEC policies. Thank you and congratulations to Mrs Sharkey (WHS coordinator) and our administrative staff.

Unfortunately Georgia Harvey cannot make the P&C meeting as scheduled. Georgia has operational matters to attend to but will be available at the following meeting which will be held on August 13. At our meeting next week, representatives of the School Council will be leading discussions on possible amendments to our School Council Constitution. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Council, please come along to learn more about its role in our school community and have your say about the proposed amendments.

‘Save the day’ notices: Education Week is scheduled for Week 3 of next term. Although the details are still being finalised, the annual scripture service and open day will take place on Tuesday 29 July between recess and the end of the school day. The athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday 30 July. More information will be forthcoming in future newslinks.

I was fortunate to be invited to visit the NAPLAN marking centre last week and was amazed by the procedures in place to ensure equity and consistency across all students. The technology used was state of the art and this was just for the marking of the writing tasks. I was able to bring back the professional learning materials created for the markers which will be used by NPS teachers to improve the teaching of writing at our school. I was able to contribute to a passionate discussion about the stimulus material used this year and came away knowing that the opinions of principals and teachers across this area had been heard.

As part of the Educational Measurement Reference group, I have been able to access a variety of opportunities for our students and staff. Students in Years 4-6 have participated in the ‘Tell them from me’ survey which attempts to measure the affective domains of student engagement and student satisfaction. Our results are being standardised against the other sample schools and will be available to us shortly. Staff will then examine the results, and hold focus groups with students to further understand the findings. These findings may lead to changes in some of our operational or pedagogical practices across the school. Findings and recommendations will form part of the annual evaluation of the school which is reported in the Annual School Report. I also have access to the school planning tools which will be introduced across all public schools in NSW next year. I will be working with the executive to transfer to the new format over the coming months.

These opportunities have ensured that NPS is at the forefront of educational change. Our walkthroughs this week have confirmed the positive impact of our work on John Hattie’s Visible Learning with 100% of classes having a clear, concise learning goal for Maths, 100% of Maths lessons having modelled, guided and independent activities; and 90.6% of students being able to verbalise what they were learning in that Maths lesson. This is an outstanding achievement by staff and students. It will be exciting to measure the growth in results this semester. Early findings have been phenomenal. I will keep you posted! It is so exciting to work in a school where teachers are passionate about making improvements to the learning outcomes of students and keen to learn new skills and refine those which are effective.

Have a happy and safe long weekend.

Kerrel 😊
What's Cooking in the Canteen

We now have our new air conditioner fitted in the canteen. This will be so comfortable during summer on those 40 degree days when the pie warmers take the temp to an even higher level!

By supporting the canteen and the P&C, we are able to purchase these needed items at school. I know our volunteers will love it too.

During winter we have a new item on our menu, yummy fried rice. It's an individually packed 200gram serve. The ingredients are: cooked rice, a small amount of peas, ham, carrot and some seasoning. The product is 'green approved' and is gluten free. The introductory price is $3.50.

Don't forget, lasagna is also available for $3.50.

Volunteers for next week:
Tuesday 10th June   Grandy Woods
Friday 13th June Michelle Mortlock and Bronwyn Stewart

Yes....we are open next Tuesday 10th (after the long weekend)!

Marion Woods
Canteen Manager 0414 766 131

July 2014 School Holiday Programs at the Sports Dome

Looking for something for the kids to do during the July School Holidays? Tamworth Sports Dome will be holding two Multi Sports Days with plenty of fun and activities for children aged 7 – 14 years.

Date: Tuesday 8th July 2014
Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Cost: $40.00
and/or
Date: Thursday 10th July 2014
Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Cost: $40.00

If you registered your child and pay for them by the 27th June you will save $$. Call the Dome for more details.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC
GREAT FUN FOR KIDS AGED 5-12

WEST TAMWORTH TENNIS CLUB

Monday 30/6/14 to 3/7/14
8:30am to 11:30am daily      $75pp

FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

CAMP INCLUDES:
PROFESSIONAL COACHING, GAMES,
LOLLIE GUESSING COMP, TENNIS FITNESS
& MOVEMENT,
PRIZES & END OF CAMP PARTY

Sign up online: performwithpowertennis.com.au

For more info please call Club Professional Mitch Power 0434211461 or email mitch.power87@gmail.com

UNDER 12 HOCKEY CLINICS 2014

Hockey NSW is back on the road with our 2014 STICK 2 HOCKEY U12 Development Clinics

The clinics are open to players of all levels born between 2002 and 2004. We will provide a hockey stick if you are just starting out or for more experienced players we'll make sure we put you through your paces and leave with the tools to take your game to the next level.

Cost $53 per player (includes 4% transaction fee)

Every participant leaves with a Hockey NSW Player Pack which includes a drink bottle and bag.

How to Register: www.hockeynsw.com.au
**Head Lice**

Headlice are again at large in the New England Region. Please check your children’s hair thoroughly and treat immediately with products available from the chemist if you find any evidence of lice or eggs.

Constant scratching of the head is a good indicator that your child might be suffering an infestation for further information please go to:


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**NOTELINK**

Notes sent home in the past week

- Peel Schools’ Rugby League Carnival
- Information evening parents Yrs 5 and 6 excursion, Medical Consent form

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