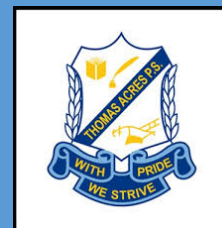


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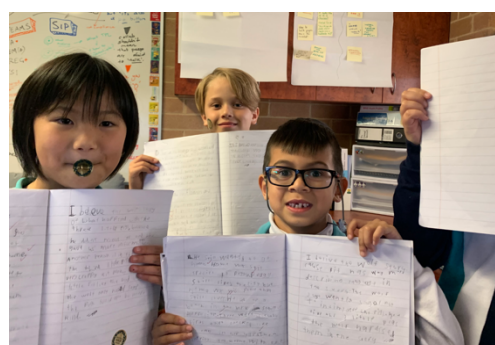


# THE TAPS NEWS

"You can choose – will my words and actions bring us closer together or push us further apart?"

## "School Life" Busy but getting back to normal

We are now eight weeks into Term 2 and it feels like COVID 19 restrictions are slowly easing and school life is gradually becoming more normal. Teachers are writing and finalising reports. Formative Assessment is being re-rolled out as we gradually return to normal. All students in 2021 have been receiving additional support through the special school COVID funding as well as through additional school funding and resourcing – this means we have additional in class and out of class support from teachers and teacher's aides (SLSOs). Wellbeing programs continue to roll out to support our students across the school. We have had our Cross Country carnival after some rain delays and students just ran at the zone Cross Country with Dean, Clint and Rowina moving on to regionals. PSSA days have kicked off. Band is playing and been on an excursions and gearing up for parent performances. Debating has begun with our first two debates being a success. NAPLAN and online Check in assessments have come and gone (not too much drama and only a few stressed kids). We have had school and zone cross country carnivals, gala days, incursions with mad scientists. Last week some of our classes engaged in Reconciliation Week and did tasks around the school and in class. We've had special Kindy days. Our SRC are now running clubs for other students at lunch times and so on and so on ... you get the idea.. it is busy but you can see life is returning to normal and as always our teachers are doing their utmost to know, teach, care for and support your children.



## What's Coming?

What's happening for the end of term and the beginning of next?

- NAIDOC Week activities – week 10
- A tentative dental program in week 10 (notes home next week)

- **Connect Meets for Students, Parents and Teachers (notes home soon)**
- **EDUCATION Week** – Open Classes, Grandparents to visit, Book Parade (all going well with Covid) – Week 3 Term 3 – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- **Book Fair Week 3 Term 3**
- **Athletic Carnival Week 3 Term 3** - 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- **P&C – General meeting 28<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm**

## School Planning & School Targets!

Our new school plan has rolled out (check our website)

- **Knowing and Learning – Student Growth & Attainment (Formative assessment, Understanding Texts, Number & Big Ideas in Maths).**
- **Caring and Learning** – (wellbeing – Self regulation & Zones of Regulation. Attendance - initiatives
- **Collaborating and Learning** – (Mentoring and Professional Learning for staff to improve student learning)

As a school our aim is to increase our results in **Reading and Comprehension**. In **Aspects of Number** and working mathematically. We aim to **increase student attendance** with more and more students attending at least 95% or more. Finally we aim to build on our strong wellbeing initiatives and support assisting our students with both **self-regulation and a sense of belonging**.



## P&C and CANTEEN NEWS

- **AGM and New P&C Executive** last week we held our AGM and all positions were declared vacant. For 2021 and the beginning of 2022 we now have a new P&C executive. Congratulations to –
  - President : Nadia Jameson
  - Vice-President : Jennifer Tabbouch
  - Secretary : Adrienne Warnock
  - Treasurer : Pauline Brockbank

- **Canteen tender is underway:** The school is currently receiving inquiries from businesses who are interested in 'tendering' for our school canteen. The successful business will be selected by P&C and school representatives early in term 3 and will be able to start at the beginning of term 4 (all going well). This means the business will then pay rent to the school which can be used to support the learning and wellbeing of our students.

## Staffing News

Me, I, Mr Pope am on long service leave starting now. Mrs Harris will be relieving as Principal until the end of week 2 next term. She will be supported by Mrs Houlton, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Bryce as Deputy Principals over the next 4 school weeks. I wish all our students a great end of term and a safe school holiday. Take care all.

## COVID 19 Guidelines & Rules as per NSW Health and Department of Education – Some Changes

- **Don't send your child if symptoms or unwell. Get a covid test (share result with school)**

- Parents still not permitted inside school gates at drop off / pick up. This includes wet weather (Pack rain coat / umbrella)

- **Parents may enter the school to drop students to class or to pick up. Don't forget our pick up spot has always been out the front near the train. Please sign in using the COVID QR code.**

- Parents may meet with staff at school for essential meetings but this still needs to be arranged with the school.

- **Parents permitted at assemblies with COVID safe plans in place**
- Some excursions / incursions allowed (With COVID safe plan)
- **External Providers (such as NDIS) with permission from school may return / continue.**
- For other changes stay tuned.

