Welcome everyone to the start of a new school year. A special welcome to all our new families. We hope you enjoy being a part of the Tapping school community.

2016 is our 10th year in operation, a significant landmark that we will celebrate throughout the year.

**Virtues**

At the commencement of the year we like to outline our philosophy regarding student behaviour. At Tapping we refer to our policy as being about “behaviour, education and self-management” rather than behaviour management. There is a significant difference between the two terms. Behaviour management implies that teachers are there to manage student behaviour and therefore will try and bribe students through rewards to behave or impose consequences to ensure students “tow the line”.

At Tapping we do not use any form of rewards, consequences or raised voices to manipulate student behaviour. Our policy of “behaviour education and self-management” focuses on educating students on how their behaviour affects themselves and others and gives them strategies to self-manage.

As educators we are there to help students, not hurt them. No school can claim to be a safe environment if students fear adults trusted with their welfare and it must be noted that a “respectful” adult does not mean...
students should be fearful of them. Furthermore, in safe classrooms the significant relationship between teachers and students creates the best environment in which to offer immediate guidance that helps students manage inappropriate behaviour and return to the task at hand.

We are offering a workshop to discuss our BESM policy. Please note that the original note home stated the workshop was on March 16 instead of February 16. Our apologies.

**BESM Workshop**

**When:** February 16  
**Time:** 6:15pm-7:15pm  
**Where:** Library

All welcome

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**Fun Run Family Day**

YES it’s on again.

**Our most important fund raiser of the year.**

Come along and run with your child or simply cheer them on then stay for the family picnic on the oval.

As with last year all students in the school will run laps around the oval for 45 minutes.

Students gain sponsors and collect the money if they complete the running. Some students get sponsored per lap others accept a straight donation for completing the task.

The money will be spent on boosting our reading resources, particularly home reading books and non-fiction research resources. We also intend on increasing our bank of iPads to ensure every student has access to iPads so we can continue to develop our professional student learning program in conjunction with Winthrop Australia.

The family picnic will commence at 11:00am on the oval following the Fun Run which has always been a nice way to complete the event.

The success of the Fun Run in the past has meant that we do not have to constantly fundraise throughout the year. So dust of your running shoes and get behind the Tapping Fun Run

**When:** Wednesday March 9  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Family Picnic:** 11:00am

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**P&C Meeting**

We welcome everyone to the AGM of the P&C meeting next Tuesday night in the staffroom commencing at 7:30pm. P&C meetings provide a great opportunity to keep informed about what is happening at the school and to have a say in issues that affect your children. For new families the meetings always conclude by no later than 9:00pm. All welcome.

See attached documents.

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**Sun Smart**

With the really hot weather upon us it is important that we work together to ensure our children are well protected. Please ensure all students have broad brim hats, water bottles and sun cream every day. As part of our Sun Smart policy we will be ensuring all students put on sun cream before they leave the classroom to play outside. We have attached a copy of the policy that we will discuss at the P&C meeting.

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**Anaphylaxis**

Tapping Primary School is concerned about the safety and well-being of all our students. Many of you know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction.

Whilst Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia does not promote nut/food bans (Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia, www.allergyfacts.org.au, 2012) they encourage an educative approach to minimise the risk.

We have students anaphylactic to: Dairy, eggs, kiwifruit, nuts and seafood

Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented management strategies regarding food preparation activities and areas, including the school canteen.

We encourage you to educate your child on the importance of not sharing food, to wash their hands after eating and to seek out an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick. If you have any queries, please contact the office.
Welcome back to all of our students in 2016.

Our first canteen special for this year will be a “Super Sausage Sizzle Day” on Wednesday 9 March in support of our biggest annual fundraising event, the FUN RUN!

The order form will be sent home soon and MUST be returned to the canteen staff by Friday 4 March to receive the Special $4.50 deal on the day.

Please note: Our normal canteen menu will not be available on FUN RUN day, however, we will be open for students to purchase drinks and ice creams etc during lunchtime.

The Special $4.50 deal will be available only on the Wednesday but will be available for all students who attend Tapping Primary School on that day, from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Kindergarten students who have their FUN RUN on a different day will be able to order from the normal Term One menu on their day.

Sausage sizzles will also be available for parents and siblings to purchase on the day from the BBQ which will be set up just outside the canteen area.

“Thank you” to all of our parents and students for your wonderful support so far this term.

Bill Boylan, Principal