



Tapping Primary School

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Snapshot of Coming Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4	◆ 20/02	◆ 21/02 ◆ P & C Meeting. ◆ Staff Meeting	◆ 22/02	◆ 23/02 ◆ Newsletter 	◆ 24/02
Week 5	◆ 27/02	◆ 28/02 ◆ School Board Meeting– 7pm	◆ 01/03 ◆ Camp– Year 6	◆ 02/03 	◆ 03/03
Week 6	◆ 06/03 <i>Labour Day</i>	◆ 07/03	◆ 08/03 ◆ Fun Run & Family Picnic P - 6 ◆ Kndy Fun Run	◆ 09/03 ◆ Newsletter  ◆ Kindy Fun Run	◆ 10/03 ◆ Assembly T1 & T2 – Junior

Term Dates 2017	Term 1 2017	Term 2 2017	Term 3 2017	Term 4 2017
Start	1 February	26 April	17 July	9 October
End	7 April	30 June	22 September	14 December
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(Pupil Free)	31 January			24 November



Notes going home today



Friendliness : Persistence : Tolerance : Courage : Good Manners : Compassion

Principal's News

As outlined in the newsletter last week, in my 33 years in education I have continued to see a decline in students' social, emotional and academic functioning. Many of today's students come to school emotionally unavailable for learning and there are many factors in our modern lifestyle that contribute to this. Last week I focused on the negative impact of technology.

This week we will look at the impact of instant gratification. What research is saying is that kids get everything they want the moment they want it. "I'm hungry." "In a sec. I will stop at the drive thru." "I'm thirsty." "Here is a vending machine." "I'm bored." "Use my phone." The ability to delay gratification is one of the key factors for future success. Unfortunately our intentions are always about making our kids happy in the short term which actually makes them miserable in the long term.

To be able to delay gratification is a child's way of practising to function under stress. Our children are gradually becoming less equipped to deal with even minor stressors, which eventually become huge obstacles to their success in life. The inability to delay gratifications is often seen in classrooms, shopping centres, restaurants and toy stores the moment the child hears "No" because parents have taught their child's brain to get what it wants right away.

Fun Run/ Family Picnic



We are very excited to announce that we are combining the Fun Run Family Day with our Tapping 10 year anniversary.

This means that we will commence the Fun Run at 9:00am so the students are running in the cooler part of the day. At 10:00am we will then be entertained by the Pioneer Bush Band which will include some group dances and songs.

We will then commence the family picnic at 11:00am. Then at the end of the day every family will receive a commemorative gift from the P&C to celebrate our 10 years.

This will be a terrific day so come along and join in the fun while at the same time raise some much needed funds for the school.



Collective Shout

Collective Shout is a grassroots campaigning movement against the objectification of women and sexualisation of girls in media, advertising and popular culture. If you are interested in attending this very informative workshop please email tappingps@education.wa.edu.au.

If we have enough interested participants we will organise the workshop. Thank you.

SPELLING LEVY CHARGE

The spelling levy charge that was on the student requirement list needs to be paid to the school office or by direct debit BSB: 066040 Account: 1990 0794 by Week 10 of Term 1, 2017

The spelling levy / e- book relates to a spelling program (Sound Waves) which is used across the school

This compulsory charge is to cover the licences for each student so that they can access the program. It would be appreciated if this levy has not been paid yet, that the school receives the money as soon as possible.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We encourage all families to please pay the school contribution. This is set at \$60 per child for the year which works out to be approximately only \$ 1.50 a week. In 2016 we collected only 50% of voluntary contributions. This money is all spent on resources for the children. We accept the contribution anytime throughout the year. Thank you.

School Board

Our first School Board meeting is on Tuesday February 28 commencing at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. All welcome.

Parent Correspondence

I was sent the article below from a parent who was at the open night last week. She was very interested in the homework issue after her child's classroom teacher discussed our new policy in this area.

I apologise that I could not print the entire article because of its length, however, I appreciate the parent's interest in research around best practice. We have attached the new homework guidelines to this newsletter.

Back to School: Why Homework Is Bad for Kids

The biggest fallacy of all lies in our near religious confidence that more homework makes better students. If homework were a prescription drug, the FDA would long ago have demanded its recall. Over the years, homework has been subjected to a series of controlled trials. These trials vary considerably in their attempts to control for such confounding variables as the education and financial well being of the parents. Bringing together all such trials into the kind of meta-analysis often attempted with respect to drugs is a difficult task, but it so happens that one respected investigator has done so.

Dr Harris Cooper, a close student of the subject, reports that "The conclusions of past reviewers of homework research show extraordinary variability... Even in regard to specific areas of application such as within different subject areas, grades or student ability levels, the reviews often directly contradict one another." Even where a positive correlation is established, it is not clear whether homework makes good, well motivated students or privileged and well motivated students do homework.

Cooper's work is unequivocal in its conclusion that no significant gains for homework are established for the primary school years.

Tapping School App

You are now able to access the newsletter, term calendar, send SMS absence messages and more. To do this follow the steps below on your mobile phone.

1. Go to your App store or Play store
2. Search for **"Tapping Primary School"**
3. Download it for FREE onto your phone
- 4.



National School Opinion Survey

At Tapping Primary School we are constantly striving to achieve the best outcomes for our students. An important element of this review process includes getting feedback from students, parents and staff. Therefore we encourage you to complete our school survey as honestly as possible in order to inform our future planning and direction.

Parent survey link:

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/HMX8mKEX>

The link will also be an SMS to parents and put on the App.



School Dentist

The dentist opening hours are- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 8.00am-4.00pm.

If you need to contact them please phone on 9404 7902.

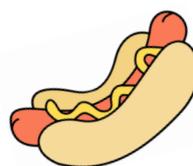
If you require an emergency dentist for Monday or Wednesday please call 9300 0125.

Sausage Sizzle

The P & C are looking to hold a sausage sizzle on election day 11 March.



If you are able to spare some time to help out on the day please contact Pippa Gale on 0409 291 122.



*Bill Boylan,
Principal*

P & C Committee Members

On Tuesday 21 February the P & C held their Annual General Meeting. The following list below are the names of the parents that were elected to represent the school P & C . Thank you for all that attended the meeting.

Elections of Office Bearers

President	Cath Taylor
Vice President	Sarah Harris.
Secretary	Marianne Thoroughgood
Treasurer	Bronwyn Hutchings n
Fundraising Co-ordinator :	Pippa Gale



Executive Committee Members

All Office Bearers

Amanda Ferguson
Fay Cooper
Liz Barber
Ruth Twell

School Board Representative (President)

Cath Taylor

School Banking

Debbi Seconi