



# Tapping Primary School

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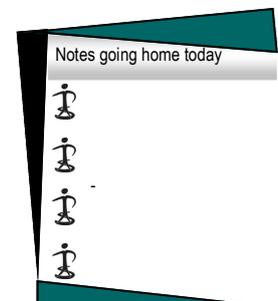
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## Snapshot of Coming Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 04	◆ 15/05	◆ 16/05 ◆ Staff Meeting	◆ 17/05	◆ 18/05 ◆ Newsletter 	◆ 19/05 ◆ Assembly T7 & T8 Junio ◆ Walk to School Day
Week 05	◆ 22/05	◆ 23/05 ◆ School Board Meeting 7pm	◆ 24/05	◆ 25/05	◆ 26/05
Week 06	◆ 29/05	◆ 30/05 ◆ Staff Meeting	◆ 31/05	◆ 01/06 ◆ Newsletter 	◆ 02/06 ◆ Assembly-LA8 Senior



Term Dates 2017/ 2018	Term 2 2017	Term 3 2017	Term 4 2017	Term 1 2018
<b>Start</b>	26 April	17 July	9 October	31 January
<b>End</b>	30 June	22 September	14 December	13 April
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**Friendliness : Persistence : Tolerance : Courage : Good Manners : Compassion**

### Principal's News - Virtues

In the last newsletter, we discussed the importance of raising responsible children. Today we will look at some simple ideas for developing this virtue at home

#### Start Young

You can't suddenly spring responsibility on a teenager and expect he will know how to follow through. Imagine your high school daughter calling you at work with the complaint: "Mum I'm hungry. When are you coming home?" You say: Make a sandwich! She replies: "I'll just wait for you." Handing out responsibility to kids needs to start early. Think: toddler.

#### Let Them Help You

Don't grumble and mope when it's time to do housework. Try and be positive and invite your children to help. It's team work, precious time with your child and a lesson that will one day send him off into the world knowing the importance of keeping his living space clean. After they help simply thank them and let them understand how much you appreciated their help. Resist overpraising or rewarding.

### Show Kids the Way

Play to a child's skill level. First, you can demonstrate how to complete small tasks. If your child wants a snack let them organise it themselves. If your child always throws dirty clothes on the floor, place a basket in the room to use instead. Make responsibilities age-appropriate and even use the word "responsibility".

### Model Responsibility

Use phrases out loud such as "now we have finished dinner it's time to wash the dishes. It then just becomes an expectation. You'll be surprised how quickly these actions become a habit for kids.

### Manage Your Expectations

When you ask a five-year-old to make her bed, it may still be lopsided. Don't criticise. Recognize the effort. The next time you make your own bed, show how you do it.

### Avoid Rewards

Don't reward them for helping. Acknowledge the effort, show your appreciation and move on. Rewarding makes things seem special and out of the ordinary. We need to expect certain things are done rather than always signalling that its something special.

### Provide Structure and Routine

Children thrive on order. Instead of offering rewards to get them to meet responsibilities, set up routines and expect them to be followed. Give children some say in establishing these routines.

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



Yes it's on tomorrow. We are hoping every student either walks or rides to school and that this can be the start of developing a habit of doing it every day.

## Help Needed

If any family has an old shade marquee tent that they no longer need then the school would be happy to accept it. Any donation can be dropped off at the office. Thanks



## Assembly

We have a Junior assembly on Friday 19 May conducted by T7 & T8's Year 1 classes.

All welcome.

## PARENT SURVEY

The P&C work hard to raise funds to support the students. Over the years they have made an enormous contribution to resources and facilities at the school. This year they are keen to get your feedback on what you believe the school needs that would benefit the students.

Over the next two weeks any suggestions can be placed in the suggestion box in the office or emailed to

[Tapping.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Tapping.ps@education.wa.edu.au). All ideas will be taken to the next P&C meeting for discussion.

## Huge "Thank You"



The P&C donated \$15 000 to the school last week in order for us to upgrade our computer and IPAD resources.

We appreciated the tremendous work done by the P&C throughout the year which provides invaluable resources for all the students so please continue to support fundraising initiatives. Thank you.

## Fidget Spinners

We request that students do not bring these to school. We have had issues with students having them taken from bags or broken etc.

If teachers believe that a student would benefit from using a sensory object to help them focus etc., we will discuss this with parents. Thank you.

## Costumes

Mr Mac costumes changes are drawing to a close. His aim now is to reach 600 costume changes without wearing the same one twice. He currently sits on 584

With only a few weeks to go we hope parents can support Mr Mac in reaching this goal so if you have any costumes to help Mr Mac get over the line simply bring them onto the front office.



## Dance Lessons

Dance lessons will be commencing in Term 3 - week 2. Very soon forms and costs will be sent out to all students. All money will need to be paid by the due date.

## Enrolments

### Kindy for 2018

2018 Applications are being taken for the above year. This is only an application and forms can be obtained from the front office or downloaded from the school website. The closing date is Friday **21 July 2017**. Late applications will not be considered until all other applicants have been offered a place. Please bring with you proof of residence in Tapping/Mariginiup (ie utilities bill). There is a boundary between Tapping and Spring Hill so if you are unsure please check with the front office or look on our website the list of streets that feed into Tapping. If you are out of area and you wish to apply you need to fill in the out of area application.

Letters will be sent out early August 2017 advising if you have a place. If you know of anyone who this applies to please let them know.

### Pre Primary for 2018

Applications are now being taken for Pre Primary 2018. Pre Primary is the first year of compulsory schooling. If your child already attends Tapping Kindergarten you need to come to the front office, you will be given a student update form to check and/or correct and sign an

The office will check that your immunisation is up to date. If you know your immunisation is not up to date please bring a current copy we only take the ACIR copy.

### Spelling E-Book and Voluntary

#### Contributions

Accounts are being sent out to families that have not yet paid the spelling E-book or voluntary contributions. The Spelling E-book

is a charge for the spelling programme that was purchased for students to access via the computer. If you receive an invoice, please pay as soon as possible to the front office or via bank deposit.

## Students Leaving

If your child is leaving Tapping please come into Admin and fill out a form advising us of the date your child is leaving and where they are going. Thank you.

## Holidays During Term

If you decide to take your child on a holiday during school term please fill out a holiday form in the front office.

## HEALTH/MEDICAL CONDITIONS REVIEW

We are currently reviewing all the medical and health information we have on students. Parents may receive an email requesting an update on their child's information. Any queries can be directed to the office.

## School Championships

We wish Nadia from year 6 all the best tomorrow as she represents Tapping PS in the All Schools Cross Country Championships tomorrow. Go Nadia.



## Water Bottles



Mrs Geraghty from Kindy T9 is collecting 600ml water bottles for an activity in her class. They can be brought to T9 or to the office.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The entertainment books is now available to purchase. There is a limited amount available so if you are wishing to purchase a book you can obtain one from the front office.



*Bill Boylan,*  
*Principal*