

Fernleigh Public School

Newsletter

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Term 2 - Week 9



Cookie has a new friend! Meet Choc Chip, our lovely new guinea pig.

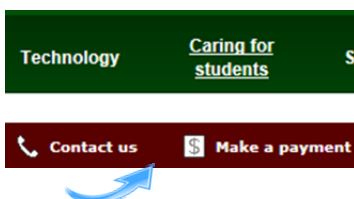
The **Small Schools Athletics Carnival** is being held this Thursday at Ballina High School Oval. All students will be taking part in this all day event and parents are very welcome to attend and be a part of the cheering squad. Students will need to be dropped off and picked up from the event. See attached note with more information.

Road Safety - Your child will come home today with some important road safety information and freebies from the NRMA. Please use this opportunity to discuss road safety with your children.

For new parents especially, please take note of the following

- * Please park in the car parking area off the main road, not at the front gate.
- * Use the new gate near the stepping stones to enter the school grounds; its further away from passing traffic.
- * Hold your child's hand until they are in the school grounds.
- * It is safer for children to use the kerb side door when getting in and out of the car.

Parent online payments - We have a new facility for parents to make payments to the school. Information is attached to this newsletter, but basically just click on the 'Make a payment' heading on the school website and follow the prompts!



The **Kindergarten Dental Assessments** are on Friday this week; because we are a small school the dental team have kindly offered to assess the Year 1 and 2 student's teeth as well. No treatment will be provided on this day as the assessment is designed to be an introduction to further dental visits. Notes are attached to this newsletter.

Next Tuesday at 2pm there will be a **Working Bee** to help move and sort books as we are moving the library into the office block. Afternoon tea will be provided by the students and younger children are welcome to attend.

Student reports for Semester 1 will be sent home next week.

What's Coming Up?

This Week

Monday -
Tuesday - Cooking (still bring lunch)
Wednesday - Preschool visit
Thursday - Schools Athletics Carnival
Friday - Tennis, Dental Assessments

Week 10

Monday -
Tuesday - Cooking, Working Bee @ 2pm
Wednesday - Preschool visit
Thursday - Cricket
Friday - Tennis, **Last day of Term 2**

Reminders

Second hand uniforms - we have lots of winter jumpers, trousers, shorts and skorts etc in the office. Each item is only \$2. Please come in and see Jeanette or Sarah on Mondays or Wednesdays.

Notes to return

- * K-2 Dental Assessments
- * Small Schools Athletics Carnival
- * Preschool reading

P&C

If you can volunteer any of your time at our two fundraising events, please remember to add your name to the rosters on the notice board - thanks!

Dates are:

- * Election Day Saturday 2nd July
- * The Bunnings BBQ Sunday 24th July

Together We Grow

Student Achievement

Sports Report - The students are all enjoying their sports lessons and are learning great skills from their cricket and tennis coaches.



The **School Shop** continues to be successful and is creating lots of excitement and responsibility. Thank you to all community members for donating produce. If anyone can help cutting up some more bamboo that would be wonderful. Plants or cuttings are also needed.



Bell Times

9.30am - Class
11.30 am- 12pm - Break 1
1.30pm - 2.15 Break 2
3.30pm - Home

Thank you to the Folkes girls for the giant sweet potato, and to Lucas and Elijah for the pumpkin that was grown in their grandfather's garden. We managed to make sweet potato and pumpkin pies, sweet potato chips and sweet potato cooked in the fire ashes. All very tasty!



Our students have started reading to the children at Tintenbar Bright Horizons Childcare Centre. Every Wednesday four different students will visit the centre to read to the pre-schoolers. It's wonderful for our students to have the opportunity to read to a different audience, and for the pre-schoolers to have special visitors.



Community News

Tintenbar Community Hall

Children's Taekwon Do classes are held at Tintenbar Hall every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4-5pm. For more information phone Marc: 0416 173 936

Upfront Music is held on the second Friday in every month from 6.30 to 10pm - food is also available while listening or playing music! Check out www.tintenbarupfront.com for more information and for other local musical events!

Respect ~ Integrity ~ Responsibility

Parent Online Payments (POP)

How do I access online Payments?

The \$ Make a payment link can be found in the ribbon on the school Website. By selecting this link you will be taken to a secure Westpac payment page. (You will no longer be in the school's website.) The payment process is very simple and follows the format of many other online payment systems you may have used before.

how do I make a payment?

From the initial payment page Parents/Carers can complete the details, some of which are mandatory (marked with an *), before confirming the payment details and completing the payment.

A receipt can be printed from the payment page OR be emailed to the payer.

The payment screens are:

Entering payment details

Entering credit card details

Confirmation of payment details; and

Online Payment Receipt.

Entering Payment Details

The payment details screen captures student information and payment details. This allows for identification of the student that the payment applies to and what the payment is for.

This is critical to ensure that the right student is credited with payment for the right items.

Where Class or Year AND Invoice number are entered, Date of Birth is not required.

If only Class or Year OR Invoice number is entered a Date of Birth is required.

The payment details should come from the school invoice/statement of account or listing that the school issues. There can be more than one payment line for all items except voluntary school contributions, the items are

Voluntary school contributions (1 payment), use this for general contributions or donations

Subject contributions (up to 10 payments), use this for contributions for specific subjects e.g. Visual Arts, Industrial Technology, etc

Excursions (up to 5 payments), use this for specific excursions e.g. Zoo; Opera House, etc

Sport (up to 5 payments), use this for any sporting activities e.g. carnivals and weekly sport activities, etc

Creative & Practical Arts (up to 5 payments), use this for drama, dance, craft levies, etc

Sales to Students (up to 5 payments) use this for any goods? purchased by a student that becomes the property of the student e.g. example?

Other (up to 5 payments) this may be used for paying total amounts owed by a student e.g. complete student invoice/statement of account

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHICH BOX TO CHOOSE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL AND ASK FOR CLARIFICATION.

When any option is chosen (by selecting the tick box), a payment description and payment amount must be included. You can deselect an option by checking the tick box again.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do I need to enter Date of Birth?

The date of birth helps the school distinguish the student a specific payment relates to. This will ensure your payment is credited to your son/daughters account.

Note: date of birth is not required if class or year AND an invoice number are entered for a student.

Why do I have to enter the student's details each time I make a payment, isn't it stored in the system?

The security of your information is of utmost importance.

When you make a payment you are in a secure Westpac website, for privacy and security of data no student details are maintained within the Westpac site. You must enter the details with each payment.

The screen keeps displaying the data I have just entered, it is not moving on.

Check there is no missing information.

Scroll through the whole screen, any errors will be shown in RED, you cannot progress until you resolve the error.

I don't know the student registration number, what is it?

The student registration number is optional, if your school issues invoices this number may appear on the invoice. Some schools use this on advice to parents, but not all schools.

What is the Ref or Invoice number, I don't know it?

The ref or invoice number is optional. Some schools use this on advice to parents, but not all schools.

Why can't I deposit directly to the school's bank account?

A direct deposit does not give the school any detail as to what you are paying for. The description space varies from bank to bank and is limited so the student's name and class may not fit. Schools can have students with the same name and it is difficult to distinguish which student the payment relates to.

Why can't I use BPay?

BPay only allows a total amount to be paid, payers are not able to select particular items to pay.

Does the school see my credit card details?

Your credit card details are 'masked' on any system reports seen by the school. e.g. 411111xxxx4111

Can I use a debit card or PayPal for payments?

Payments can only be made using Visa or MasterCard credit or debit cards. American Express, Diners Club or EFTPoS cards are not accepted. PayPal is not a payment option using this process.

If a payer only has an EFTPoS debit card then the school's EFTPoS terminal, cash or cheque are alternate methods of payment.

I have made a payment in error, how can I cancel it?

Contact the school and request that they refund the transaction.

If I select "\$ Make a payment" on the school's website and the screen does not change who should I contact?

Contact your school's office and ask for the School Administration Manager.

I haven't used online payments before, is it difficult?

The payment process has been developed to be very user friendly. It follows the format of many other online payment screens you may have already used.

Can I pay for multiple students?

Each student requires a separate payment. Once you have completed payment for the first student, please press the "Make Another Payment" button and proceed with the next student.

I am having difficulties using online payments with my Mac

Try updating your browser to the latest version.

My session has timed out

If you are delayed in completing a payment you will be logged out and will need to recommence the process. This is a security feature common to many online payment systems.