

Welcome back! We've had a terrific start to 2026. Students have been busy settling into their new classrooms, establishing routines and making new friends. Our level this year consists of 3 grades with Mrs Jen Smith (1S), Miss Mollie Taylor (1T) and Ms Caitlin Eagleton (1E). We are fortunate to have the support of our Education Support Staff and the help from our Reading Lab.

**Literacy**

This term in English, we will be continuing with Writer's Workshop. If you hear your children mention 'seed' writing, they are talking about a picture, object or small clip/sound that they are using as a writing prompt. The aim is to give the children more choice with their writing.

Students will be building their knowledge and understanding of Phonics everyday through our Phonics Plus program. We will use explicit instructions, and a structured approach to focus on connecting sounds (phonemes) and letters (graphemes) for reading and spelling. Students will also focus on high frequency words, dictation, handwriting and morphology.

In Reading, students will continue to grow at their own pace using reading strategies explored through our Reader's Workshop and conferences.

**Mathematics**

Our Maths focus in Number will be developing our place value knowledge. Students will do this by counting and sequencing, subitising, investigating patterns and comparing numbers. Students will learn how to play various dice and counter games that will help establish this area. Our grade ones will use and play with lots of hands-on materials to build, model, make and represent different numbers.

Measurement will also be introduced including exploring length and location.

**Integrated Learning**

This term in Geography, students will explore their local area. Learning about what is all around them. They will learn about natural and built features, how places change, and the special connections people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, have with them.

Students will also investigate how places are linked locally and beyond, explore seasons and weather, and consider different ways people understand them. Through this, they will develop a sense of responsibility for their environment and community.

**Leadership Block**

On Thursday afternoon the grade one and two students are lead and taught by our very own Grade sixes! The grade six students together with the help of their teachers carefully plan a fun and engaging lesson for the eager grade one and twos. The student leaders teach a variety of areas Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Environment/Building, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Digi Tech, Cultural Studies, Science and Library.

**DATES OF INTEREST**

**Friday February 6**

School Photos Day

**Wednesday February 11**

PFA AGM

7:00pm

Staffroom

**Monday February 16**

Parent - Teacher Interviews

2pm to 6:30pm

**February 23 - March 15**

Smile Squad Dental

**February 23 - 27**

African Drumming Program

**March 5 - 6**

First Aid in Schools

**Thursday March 26**

Harmony Day

**Thursday April 2**

House Cross Country

Term ends 2:30pm



**New Bell Times**

This year we have a new timetable and bell times. Please be aware that our eating and play times are different.

11:30 – 11:40 Lunch eating time

11:40 – 12:20 Lunch play

2:00 – 2:40 Recess Play

**Compass & Class Dojo**

All teachers at TBPS use Compass and Class Dojo to communicate with parents. Please ensure you have notifications turned on for both and keep up to date with any announcements that come out. If you have changed your email or home address or phone number, please be sure to let the office staff know. **IMPORTANT**—if you have a message to convey to your child regarding after school pick up arrangements, please call the office rather than message us as we get busy during the day and often don't check these platforms until after school.

**Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, we will be holding 'Student-Parent-Teacher' interviews. These conferences will give you the opportunity to talk with your child's new teacher and discuss any special needs, concerns and learning goals. Information regarding these interviews is available on Compass. If you are not available to meet on this day, please contact your child's teacher to organise an alternative time.

**Home Reading**

Nightly reading is an important part of your child's learning. It assists them with building confidence, fluency and word recognition, while giving them an opportunity to celebrate their achievements. Reading at home should be fun, so the books your child brings home will be easier than the ones they are reading at school. Please don't forget to record this in their Home Reading Diary each day.

Passwords for Reading Eggs will be sent home in the coming weeks, so your child can have access to these programs from home if you choose to do so.

**Parent Involvement**

We have opportunities for you to help with excursions, incursions, classroom support and other school events. Should you wish to volunteer your time, we do require parent helpers to hold a current Working with Children's Check. This needs to be lodged at the office.

You are always welcome to come and talk with us. Please feel free to make an appointment if you have any bigger concerns. We are looking forward to getting to know our Grade 1 families throughout the year. Thank you for supporting your child's learning.



**Caitlin Eagleton**



**Jen Smith**



**Mollie Taylor**

**Sun Protection**

Please ensure your child has a named school hat each day. You may send sunscreen (for personal use only). Please apply sunscreen before school each day too.

**Brain Food**

To help keep students focussed, we have ‘Brain Food’ at around 10am each day. This is a snack provided by you which can only be unpackaged fresh fruit or vegetables. No processed foods please.

Jen, Caitlin and Mollie

**TERM 1 SPECIALIST TIMETABLE**

|                        | 1E                       | 1S                       | 1T                       |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>PHYS ED</b>         | Thursday<br>12:20-1:10   | Friday<br>10:40 – 11:30  | Thursday<br>1:10-2:00    |
| <b>VISUAL ART</b>      | Wednesday<br>2:40 – 3:30 | Thursday<br>1:10 – 2:00  | Thursday<br>12:20 – 1:10 |
| <b>PERFORMING ARTS</b> | Tuesday<br>9:50 – 10:40  | Tuesday<br>2:40 – 3:30   | Tuesday<br>10:40 – 11:30 |
| <b>SCIENCE</b>         | Thursday<br>1:10 – 2:00  | Thursday<br>12:20 – 1:10 | Friday<br>1:10 – 2:00    |
| <b>LIBRARY/AUSLAN</b>  | Monday<br>12:20 – 1:10   | Monday<br>1:10 – 2:00    | Monday<br>10:40 – 11:30  |

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| WEEK 1  | JANUARY 26   | JANUARY 27<br>Staff Return                      | JANUARY 28<br>First Day of School Gr 1 - 6      | JANUARY 29   | JANUARY 30                              |
| WEEK 2  | FEBRUARY 2<br>Preps First Day 9:30 – 3:00  | FEBRUARY 3                                      | FEBRUARY 4                                      | FEBRUARY 5   | FEBRUARY 6<br>School Photos             |
| WEEK 3  | FEBRUARY 9   | FEBRUARY 10                                     | FEBRUARY 11<br>PFA AGM                          | FEBRUARY 12  | FEBRUARY 13                             |
| WEEK 4  | FEBRUARY 16<br>Student-Parent Teacher Interviews 2pm – 6:30pm<br>School Council 6:30pm | FEBRUARY 17<br>Gr 4 Incursion – Lets Grow       | FEBRUARY 18                                     | FEBRUARY 19<br>District Swimming<br>Prep Fun Night 5:00 - 6:30 | FEBRUARY 20<br>Prep Incursion           |
| WEEK 5  | FEBRUARY 23  | FEBRUARY 24<br>Gr 4 Kids Helpline Incursion     | FEBRUARY 25                                     | FEBRUARY 26  | FEBRUARY 27<br>Firey's Day              |
| WEEK 6  | MARCH 2<br>Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp  | MARCH 3<br>Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp             | MARCH 4<br>Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp             | MARCH 5<br>First Aid in Schools                                | MARCH 6<br>First Aid in Schools         |
| WEEK 7  | MARCH 9<br>Labour Day Public Holiday   | MARCH 10  | MARCH 11<br>NAPLAN                              | MARCH 12<br>NAPLAN   | MARCH 13<br>NAPLAN                      |
| WEEK 8  | MARCH 16<br>NAPLAN<br>Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp  | MARCH 17<br>NAPLAN<br>Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp | MARCH 18<br>NAPLAN<br>Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp | MARCH 19   | MARCH 20                                |
| WEEK 9  | MARCH 23<br>School Council 6:30pm  | MARCH 24<br>Gr 5 Boronia K-12 Discovery Day     | MARCH 25  | MARCH 26   | MARCH 27<br>Top 10 Maths Curriculum Day |
| WEEK 10 | MARCH 30   | MARCH 31<br>Regional Swimming                   | APRIL 1   | APRIL 2<br>House Cross Country<br>Term ends 2:30pm             | APRIL 3<br>Good Friday                  |