We believe your association with this school will be an educationally and socially rewarding experience for your child. A culture has been established in which students, parents and teachers communicate freely, sharing ideas and discussing all aspects of school life.

School Motto: Aim High  
School Colours: Blue and Gold

Sport Houses and Colours:
Moonbi: Yellow  
Cockburn: Blue  
Oxley: Green  
Peel: Red

Children are allocated to Houses at the time of enrolment. We will endeavour to place children from the same family in the same house.

School Times:

Playground Supervision: From 8.30am each morning  
NOTE: no supervision is provided prior to this time  
Morning Assembly: 9.00am Monday to Friday  
Recess: 11.05am to 11.25am  
Lunch: 12.55pm to 1.40pm  
School concludes: 3.00pm  
Bus Supervision: 3.05pm until last bus departs  
Office hours: 8.30am—3.45pm
 Supervision of Students

 Prior to 8.30am the school is closed and no teacher is on playground duty. Parents should make every endeavour to see that no child arrives at school before 8.30am. School sporting equipment is not available for issue before that time. K—2 students are expected to sit quietly prior to 8.30 am under the trees in the Primary eating area. No student is to enter buildings prior to this time.

 From 8.30am to 9.00am and during recess and lunch, children in the playground are under the direct supervision of teachers.

 The school day ends at 3.00pm and teachers are rostered on bus duty and Bourke Street duty only. Should any child miss the bus they are asked to report to the teachers on 'BUS DUTY'. They should not attempt to walk home. Students waiting to be collected by parents or care givers are supervised by a teacher near the Bourke Street exit in the Infants Playground until 3.30pm each day. A teacher is on duty at the Bourke Street Infants gate until 3.30pm to supervise those children who are collected by parents. If children are not collected by 3.30pm they will be sent to the front office.

 On certain afternoons, teachers and/or parents use the school playground and its facilities to coach sporting teams. It is the responsibility of parents to be aware of these arrangements and to ensure the safety of your child on his/ her homeward journey. Supervision of students at such practices is the responsibility of coaches/ managers. Parents are responsible for siblings not participating.

 Parents must notify class teachers in writing of any change of afternoon routine eg. a different bus, going with a friend, different person to collect child.

 For the first two weeks Kindergarten classes will cease formal lessons at 2.30 pm. Students can be collected by parents from the Bourke Street entrance. Kindergarten children who catch a bus will be supervised until 3.00pm. After School Care employees will collect children from the classrooms for the first few weeks.

 Late Arrival of Students

 School commences at 9.00 am. Rolls are marked immediately when the students are settled into the classroom. Any student who has not arrived at school by this time is classified as being absent. Protocols for students who arrive late are as follows.

 They will need to come through the Napier Street entrance and collect a late note from the office staff, which is then taken to their class teacher.

 If a student has a regular appointment or external tutoring e.g. music, then the class teacher should be given a note informing them of this. However, the student will still be required to come through the Napier Street office to collect a late note.

 Late students must either be accompanied by an adult or produce a note from their parent or guardian detailing the reason for their lateness.

 All absences must be accounted for within 7 days or such absences will be deemed as unjustified.
Collection of Students During School Hours

All parents / care givers wishing to collect a child from the school during school hours, must come via the Napier Street office and collect a leave pass which will be taken to the class teacher and will enable you to collect your child. The student leave pass will be kept by the teacher after placing the child into your care. If a child is in sick bay you will be told from where they can be collected when you are informed of their illness. If you wish to collect your child at recess or lunchtime, please let the teacher know and the child will be sent to the front office in Napier Street for collection.

The ‘Magpie’ Newsletter

The ‘Magpie’ is the school newsletter published each Thursday. Our newsletter is available online - go to the Tamworth Public School website—click on Newsletters and enter details as indicated under email subscriber. The newsletter is also available on School Enews, Iphone and Ipad app. Go to your devices app store search for School Enews and follow the prompts. To keep our newsletter confidential it will be password protected. Please phone the office for more information.

P & C

The Tamworth Public School P & C Association meets in the Staffroom on the third Monday of each month. Meeting time is 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. A cordial invitation is extended to all parents to join this supportive group.

President: Alison George
Secretary: Ruth Loseby
Treasurer: Nicole Parkinson
School Uniform

The summer and winter items of clothing listed below are the official school uniform. Uniforms are available at Lowes. Tamworth Public School uniform, including a school hat, must be worn by all students. By agreement with its community this school is a full uniform school. Pre-loved items are available from the P & C Clothing Pool, which is open every Wednesday from 2.30 - 3.30pm.

Girls’ Summer Uniform

The uniform is a blue/white check princess line tunic with a blue tab tie and white Peter Pan collar. It is worn with:

- Short white socks
- Black shoes, navy or black sandals

Girls’ Winter Uniform

The uniform is a blue/gold plaid tunic. It is worn with:

- White long sleeved blouse
- Tie - same plaid as tunic
- Navy blue or black stockings or long navy blue socks
- Jumpers - royal blue fleecy V-neck top.

or

- royal blue V-neck woollen pullover

*Navy slacks optional. Not acceptable on formal occasions.

Girls’ Sport Uniform

Royal blue skirt with two inverted pleats front and back OR Royal blue rugby knit shorts.
School sports shirt (royal blue with gold trimmings)
Short white socks
Royal fleecy track pants (not shiny) to match school jumper
Gym pants - blue or black
Sports shoes, white or black—practical and plain rather than huge and trendy
Preferably non-marking soles for use on tennis court
Boys’ Summer Uniform
The complete boys uniform is available at Lowes. Boys shorts and shirts are also available at Big W and Best & Less.

- Grey shorts
- Blue short sleeved shirt
- Grey socks with royal blue and gold stripes
- Black shoes / boots or sandals (NOT multi-coloured footwear)

Boys’ Winter Uniform

- Grey long trousers
- Blue long sleeved shirt
- Jumper - royal blue fleecy V-neck top.
  or
- royal blue V-neck woollen pullover
- Tie - same plaid as girls tunic
- Grey socks with royal blue and gold stripes
- Black shoes / boots

Boys’ Sport Uniform

- Royal blue rugby knit shorts
- School sports shirt (royal blue with gold trimming)
- Royal blue fleecy track pants (not shiny) to match school jumper
- White socks
- Sports shoes, white or black - practical and plain rather than huge and trendy
- Preferably non-marking soles for use on tennis court

Jackets
School Jackets are optional - royal blue/gold nylon zip front jacket, available at school front office— for both girls and boys. These jackets be worn with all uniforms.

School Hats
These are available at the school office. The only hats accepted in our school are the broad brimmed blue school hats. As a Sun Safe school we have an ongoing campaign to ensure children wear a hat at all times in the playground.

“NO HAT, STAY IN THE DESIGNATED AREA”
is the rule throughout the year
OUTLINE OF KEY LEARNING AREAS - Primary Schools

The curriculum in New South Wales schools is defined in terms of KEY LEARNING AREAS

**ENGLISH**
This involves developing the skills needed to participate independently in all forms of communication i.e. speaking and listening, reading and writing, spelling accurately, and writing and speaking grammatically. Students will gain skills in a variety of forms, and to listen and communicate effectively in a variety of situations, for different purposes and to listen and respond critically to written and spoken literature.

**MATHEMATICS**
This involves learning the basics of number, space and measurement, developing calculating, reasoning, predicting and verifying skills and gaining a foundation for future study of mathematics.

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**
This involves learning skills of inquiry, investigation, designing and problem-solving, gaining knowledge and understanding about the natural and modified environments and people’s interaction with them, acquiring a knowledge of design processes and understanding the interaction of technology and society.

**HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT**
This involves developing investigative, communicative and social skills, gaining knowledge and understanding about civics and citizenship, the history of Australia, its geography, social institutions and place in the world, developing a commitment or improving the environment, exploring, comparing and appreciating religious and moral beliefs and values, and learning about other cultures and languages. Knowledge and understanding will enable students to participate effectively in maintaining and improving the quality of their society and environment.

**CREATIVE ARTS**
This involves developing technical competency and skills of designing, performing and learning an appreciation for self-expression in the visual and practical arts. These include music, dance, drama and visual arts.

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
This involves learning to develop an active healthy lifestyle, developing skills in interpersonal relationships and positive values, attitudes and beliefs, and participating in regular physical activity. This involves developing the knowledge and understanding, skills, values and attitudes needed to lead healthy, active and fulfilling lives. Students will study content covering interpersonal relationships, growth and development, games and sport, gymnastics, dance and an active lifestyle, making personal health choices and safe living skills.
SPORT & PDHPE ACTIVITIES ARE ALWAYS POPULAR

ART AT TAMWORTH PUBLIC IS THE BEST.
School Development Days
These days will occur on the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, TERMS 1, 2 AND 3. Students do not attend school on these days.

Bus Passes
Application for bus passes is done online through Transport NSW. To apply complete the online application form at transportnsw.info/school-students. Infants travel free on the bus, it depends how far you live from the school if your primary student get free travel. It is usually seven to ten days before the bus pass is processed. These will be posted to you by the bus company. If a bus pass is lost or misplaced the bus company is to be contacted by the parent to obtain a replacement. Cost of replacement is approximately $10.00. To enquire about bus routes or timetable details contact:

Tamworth Buslines Co, Hume Street Tel: 67623999
Hannafords Bus Co, Gunnedah Road Tel: 67651900
McPhersons Bus Co, Gunnedah Road Tel: 67607190

Lost Property
Pupils may collect their lost property from the lost property box in each building. All clothing, including shoes, must be clearly marked with your child’s name. This makes returning lost articles much easier. Each year many items of clothing remain unclaimed. Any unclaimed and unmarked clothing is sent to charity at the end of each term.

Jewellery
Children are not to wear jewellery to school. Children with pierced ears may wear studs only. This helps prevent accidents such as torn ears. The school is not responsible for any lost or misplaced jewellery.

Musical Instrument Hire - Years 3 - 6 students only
The school has clarinets, flutes, trumpets, trombones, cornets, drums, violins and guitars for hire at reasonable rates. Piano and ukulele lessons are also offered. Twenty minute lessons are available on Wednesdays and are taught by experienced music teachers. Experienced students can audition for the school orchestra. There is also a junior choir years 1 & 2 and a senior choir years 3 to 6. Further information available on request.
Hygiene
Please encourage your child to carry a handkerchief in his or her pocket for personal needs. Regular checking of hair for head lice is necessary. Please inform the school if an outbreak occurs. Parents are also asked to inform the school if a child has an infectious illness or disease.

Painting Shirt
This is to be worn over the child’s uniform to prevent paint and glue from staining the uniform. It is a protective garment only and not compulsory. An adult size T-Shirt or button through long sleeved shirt is ideal.

Library Bag
This is a drawstring fabric bag approximately 40cm x 45cm to carry our largest books. This is needed to protect the library books borrowed from the school. Your child’s name needs to be clearly visible. These are available for purchase from the Library at a cost of $5.00.

Kindergarten Children Only
A name tag is provided by the teacher and it is requested that the child wear it every day for the first few weeks. A name tag helps all teachers to get to know the child and each class has a distinguishing colour. The name tag indicates name, classroom number and going home arrangements.

Buddy System
A “Buddy System” involving Year 6 students is in place to assist in our Kindergarten children’s smooth transition to school. Buddies help in the classroom and in the playground until routines are established.
School Sport
Years 1 & 2 have sport on Friday morning, Years 3 & 4 have sport on Thursday afternoon. School sport is held on Fridays for Years 5 & 6. For some sports it is necessary for children to travel away from the school (tennis, swimming etc). The school will arrange for the transport of children to and from the outside venues and on these occasions sport time may have to be increased to allow for travel time. There will be a charge for bus travel.

Kindergarten Sport
Kindergarten sport is held on Thursday afternoon.

Swimming
Information will be available from the school.

Years 5 & 6

Summer Sport
Terms 1 & 4
Tennis, Cricket, Softball, Volleyball, Basketball, Minor games. Senior students may be offered indoor activities away from the school.

Winter Sport
Terms 2 & 3
Track & field, Cross Country, Touch, Soccer, Rugby League / Union, Netball, Hockey, Basketball, Volleyball.
**P.S.S.A. Opportunities**
Extensive opportunities exist for pupils with sporting ability organised under the auspices of the Primary Schools Sports Association to participate in Zone, Regional and State levels in certain sports at an Open Primary level. These sports include - tennis, netball, touch football, rugby union, rugby league, soccer, hockey, athletics, cricket, softball and basketball. Children who represent at Regional level or higher receive a Sports Blue.

**Saturday Sport**
The school supports teams in a wide variety of local weekend sporting competitions. These include cricket, softball, T-Ball, soccer, Minkey, mini-ball, hockey and touch football. Information is provided by sport organisers at school assemblies. Parental enquiries should be directed to the appropriate organiser. The school encourages all students to be members of weekend sporting teams.

**Administration of Prescribed Medication**
Following Prescribed Departmental Guidelines an Indemnity Form must be completed to allow staff to administer medication. The school requires medication to be prescribed in such a way as to eliminate the need to provide students with dosages during the school day. If medication is to be administered, it must be in writing. Information must include details of drug(s) to be administered, the level of dosage, frequency of dosage and possible side effects, if any. There may be instances where school staff are unable to meet the particular needs of the students in the normal school situation. These may include excursions, at work, or at venues away from school.

**Infectious Diseases**
For information concerning exclusion from school, contact the school office. Parents are required to provide documented evidence of the immunisation status of all children enrolling in Kindergarten.

**Sick Students**
Children who are sick should be kept at home. If your child becomes ill at school you will be telephoned and asked to collect your child. A note is required if a child is unable to participate in daily P.E. or sport. You will need to complete a 'leave note' to acknowledge the collection of your child and so must enter the school through the Napier Street entrance.

**Accidents to Pupils**
Despite careful supervision accidents may occur during school times between 8.30 and the end of bus duty. The Department of Education and Communities does not carry insurance to cover the costs when an accident occurs during school time. There are a number of quite reasonable insurance covers which include accidents 24 hours a day seven days a week. Parents might like to consider purchasing a suitable policy.

**Change of Routine**
If there is a change in the way your child is to go home, please write a note to the class teacher informing him / her of that change. Otherwise, your child will be expected to go home the usual way. You may also phone the school office and a message can be passed on but please to do this before 2.30pm.
**Wet Weather**
Parents are asked to supply their children with adequate wet weather clothing, properly labelled. Yellow rainwear provides the greatest safety factor for children crossing roads on wet days. In the event of wet weather the following changes to playground supervision will occur -

**Years K - 2** Before 9.00am all children are to wait under the COLA where they will be collected at 8.30am by the teacher on duty. Children will be taken to the classroom or other designated area as directed by teacher on duty.

Children in Crawford Building will go to Rooms 8 and 9, escorted by the Duty Teacher. In the afternoon parents are to collect children from the verandahs and escort to cars.

**Years 3 - 6** All children are to report to their designated areas (usually the COLA or HALL) where they will be supervised. The Library will be available for use during lunchtime.

**Bus Travellers**
Children will line up for buses in the NOLA. All children are expected to remain seated in their bus line until their bus is called. They will be called as their buses arrive.

**Lunch Centre**
Operates daily from 8.30am. Price lists are available on the website. Children wishing to buy lunch must order before 9.00am. Children may order their own lunch. You may prefer to write the order on an envelope with money enclosed. At recess children may buy carrot sticks, sultanas, fruit, crusts or cheese sticks. You can also order students’ lunch online—go to our website and follow the links.

**Animals in Schools**
The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has an Animals in Schools policy that is applied to all schools. It’s aim is to ensure the welfare of animals in schools and of those who come in contact with the animals. Every school principal is the appointed Animal Welfare Liaison Officer. At Tamworth Public School we have a simple request that any student or family who wishes to bring an animal into the school must run it by the Principal first.

**Dogs in School:**
Please be mindful of bringing dogs into the school grounds, other than for approved activities. Your dog, even on a lead, could cause an issue for a child or for several children. Encouraging students to pat dogs might seem ok, but even the best trained or socialised dog could react adversely in a strange situation.
Student Banking
Tuesday is student banking day. If your child has banked at a previous school the Commonwealth bank will transfer the account. If your child is in Kindergarten and is banking for the first time, the necessary forms will be issued at the beginning of the year. The school encourages children to join the school banking scheme and to bank regularly as the school receives a commission off each transaction.

Scripture
Scripture teachers from various denominations visit the school on Friday mornings and conduct classes. Arrangements will vary according to the number of scripture teachers available. Children who are exempt from attending scripture (in receipt of written permission from parents) are supervised separately. Kindergarten parents must indicate religion on their enrolment forms.

Honour Badges - Merit Awards
These are rewards which recognise achievement and success in work, attitude or behaviour. Merit Awards are issued each week. Pupils who are awarded three Merit Awards gain a Special Award. Three Special Awards entitle a student to a Principal’s Award. Special Awards and Principal’s Awards are presented at the weekly whole School Assembly.

Bikes
K - 3 students are not to ride bikes to school as they do not have the physical maturity and knowledge of road rules to ensure their safety. Years 4 - 6 students who choose to ride to school must wear an approved safety helmet, wheel their bikes within the school grounds and store them in the bike rack areas adjacent to the shade-cloth area near the Year 3/4 assembly area. They must enter and depart the school from the Brisbane Street entrance.

Payments
Payments can be made at the school office by cash, eftpos or cheque. Alternatively you can pay through our Parent Online Payment option on our school website.

School Term Dates 2018
Term 1 2018: Tuesday 30th January to Friday 13th April.
Term 2 2018: Tuesday 1st May to Friday 6th July.
Term 3 2018: Tuesday 24th July to Friday 28th September.
Term 4 2018: Monday 15th October to Wednesday 19th December
Tamworth Public School
School Song

Words and music by Mr G. Falkenmire

This can be a sunburnt country,
Or a green paradise in the spring.
From the deep purple hills
'cross the wide spreading plain
To the Peel and the school of which we sing.

“Tamworth Public, Tamworth!”
Let that be our cry.
We’ll treasure our proud heritage
And Aim, Aim, High!

We follow our banner proudly,
We work and play with a will.
And when school days are over
Tamworth Public we’ll honour still.

“Tamworth Public, Tamworth!”
Let that be our cry.
We’ll treasure our proud heritage
And Aim, Aim, High!