Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I would like to wish all the students and their families a happy and safe holiday. It has been a busy and successful term with many events and wonderful learning experiences that have taken place. Students return to school on Tuesday, 7th October and we look forward to another busy term with more fantastic learning opportunities at our school.

Congratulations to all the students that attended the Combined Band Bash on Friday, 12th September. I was lucky enough to watch the final performance on the day. Thank you to Mrs Mary Seckold and our wonderful tutors who organised the event and shared their expertise on the day.

Terranora Public School will be holding a Showcase of Terranora on Monday 17th November at Banora Point High School – 5pm. This evening is raising funds for the new Creative and Practical Arts Room. More information will be distributed about this event during next term. Tickets to this event go on sale at the beginning of next term.

Enrolments for 2015 are now open. Please make sure that if you have a child who will be starting school next year to come to the office to collect an enrolment pack. Our transition program has started and this would be a wonderful opportunity for your child to have a successful and easier transition into ‘Big School’.

A Parent Information evening for new Kindergarten 2015 enrolments is being held on Tuesday, 11th November at 6pm in the school hall. Kindergarten Orientation days are Friday, 21st November and Friday, 28th November, 9.00am – 12.00pm. Parent workshops will be running concurrently on these two Fridays as the student orientation. The workshops will cover topics on Literacy, Numeracy, Parent Volunteer course, Health and Nutrition.

Felicity Henderson
Principal (Rel)
LIFE CYCLES AND FROM FARM TO PLATE

This term both Class 2M and 1EN have been studying the units Life Cycles and From Farm to Plate. The students have thoroughly enjoyed learning about different plants and animals. As part of these units, our two classes got together and planted out the vegetable garden behind the school library. Here is a photo of us weeding and tending the plants. We look forward to harvesting some pumpkins, watermelon, corn, snow peas and tomatoes!

Mrs McQuhae, Mrs Nemcansky and Mrs Edwards

TERRANORA SHOWCASE

WHEN: Monday 17th November 2014
WHERE: Banora Point High School
5.00pm Sausage Sizzle
6.00pm Show time

Come along and see the talents of Terranora students as they showcase a night of entertainment for you.

* Dancing
* Singing
* Band
* Stage Performances and more

Book the date and bring along the family.
All proceeds go to the completion of the Terranora Creative and Performing Arts Room
Tickets go on sale early Term 4
Stay tuned for more information to follow

CAPA Committee

2014 PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE

A total of fifty-three students from stages two and three entered the Premier’s Spelling Bee this year. Students entered on a voluntary basis and practiced their words predominantly outside of school hours, so their efforts are admirable.

Two students from each stage will be going on to represent Terranora Primary School at the district final held at Tweed Heads South Public School on Tuesday 16 September.

Stage two students are Stella - 4/5F who achieved first place and Rory - 3H who achieved second place for the junior division.

Stage three students are Shenae - 6W who achieved first place and Lain - 5S who achieved second place for the senior division.

We wish these students the very best of luck.
P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Plenty of stock available. For those parents who are unable to get to school during opening hours, just send in your completed order form (correct payment enclosed) to the office and we will fill the order and send it home with your child.

Uniform shop hours - Monday 8.30am - 9.00am
Tuesday 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Friday 8.30am - 9.00am

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the uniform shop.
Please contact Phyllis on 0414 817 187.

USING YOUR SKOOLBAG APP

If an alert you are trying to view asks for a username and password it means the alert is for a specific class or event group that you are not part of.

Unfortunately all alert notifications are visible for everyone to see. To avoid confusion we will try to put the class group title in the subject line so you know it doesn't need your attention.

At this stage the office is communicating to all parents via Skoolbag. There are a few classes trialling the use of Skoolbag but unless your teacher has sent a note home detailing the Skoolbag category password and username you are not missing any information. At this stage those classes are KW, 4M and 4/5F.

Information posted to all parents or the school newsletters are visible to everyone without the need for a password. For example, the alert titled "CSIRO Science Day Photos" was sent to KW parents only. Because it was sent as an alert, the announcement that new information was available to this group was visible to all users in the "Alerts" category tab. Unless you are a KW parent you will not have the username and password therefore will be able to read the alert, but not the actual message itself.

I hope this clears up any confusion.

Angela Wraight

SKOOLBAG APP

Smartphone School to Parent Communication

Terranora School will be using the Skoolbag App for school based communication and publication of newsletters.

Click on the link below for installation instructions.

![Search Our School Name](image)

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

In compliance with the NSW Government 2013 Working with Children Clearance Check all volunteers in the school are required to sign a Working with Children Clearance declaration form and also provide proof of identification that meets the 100 point check.

Any parents/carers volunteering in a classroom OR attending a school excursion OR transporting students to school events, please make sure you visit the school office and fill out the required forms.

If a volunteer is transporting children, they are also required to produce their car registration details. Volunteers transporting children should sign the form, provide 100 point check and show rego papers prior to the day of the excursion.

This Working with Children Clearance check became a legal requirement in NSW in June 2013.

TERRANORA SCHOOL IS IN SEARCH OF A SMALL TIMBER ROW BOAT FOR OUR SANDPIT

If you have an old row boat lying around and would like to donate it to the school please contact our school office on 07 5590 4146
Terranora Senior Boys Rugby League

Another season of Rugby League has come to a close for the Terranora Senior Boys team. The boys have had a very successful season and have represented Terranora PS with pride, determination, skill, teamwork and enthusiasm. They should be extremely proud of their achievements.

At the beginning of the season they played in the local Tweed tournament and won which earned them a place in the All Schools Carnival in Sydney. The boys played extremely well in this tournament but were unfortunately hit with injuries later in the day and competed in the finals with only 11 players vs 13 players but still managed 8th in NSW, which is a fantastic achievement.

Following their successes in Sydney the boys continued their winning ways in the NSW PSSA Knockout beating Lennox Head PS to claim the title of the ‘Best Senior Boys Public School Rugby League Team’ on the Far North Coast.

Their next challenge was to play Kendal PS for the North Coast Championship. Unfortunately the team was hit by injury, illness and State representative duties, which led to Terranora being defeated.

The boys can hold their heads high. Their season was full of many highs and successes. The team is full of talented Rugby League players who played in the true spirit of the game. They played each game with pride and passion and represented Terranora PS with flair. Overall, this was a fantastic season for the boys, many of which will be off to High School next year. We wish you all the best boys, well played.

Adam Lloyd

NORTH COAST ATHLETICS

Students travelled to Lismore to compete in the North Coast Athletics. We had a small but determined group of athletes who trained hard and competed even harder. Final placings were;

Junior Girls relay comprising of Phoebe, Giselle, Abby and Jayme - 4th
Senior Boys relay comprising of Tom, Jaylan, Lachlan and Axel - 4th
Claudia - 11th in 100m
Keo - 6th in 800m
Josh - 7th in Shot Put
Benn - Equal 5th in High Jump
Giselle - 9th in Long Jump

Congratulations to all the children and what an amazing achievement competing against ALL students in the North Coast Region. I know there were some PBs and I'm looking forward to working with you all next week and try to go one better.

Mrs Woods
Sports Committee

Terranora Senior Boys Cricket

The Terranora Boys Cricket team are still undefeated in the NSW PSSA Cricket Knockout Tournament. Their latest match was against Modenville PS in which the Terranora boys won. It was a fantastic game considering most of the boys haven’t swung a bat or bowled a ball all winter.

Lachlan and Bayley opened the batting with a solid opening partnership. Tom and Jaylan backed it up with Tom achieving a forced retirement after scoring 40 runs and Jaylan ending the batting Not Out.

The fielding and bowling was to follow with all bowlers bowling tidy overs to limit Modenville’s ability to score runs. Wilson claimed 5 wickets in a fantastic bowling display.

The team demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and the result as due to a well rounded team effort. Well done. The boys will now play Wyrrallah Rd PS for the Far North Coast Championship. Best of luck boys.

Adam Lloyd
MORE SPORTS NEWS

PSSA Touch Football

The Terranora girls have completed over five rounds of the PSSA touch comp. They have been successful against Bilambil PS, Banora Point PS, Centaur PS. These keen players took on Murwillumbah last week and showed them their skills, winning 3-0. Next term sees the girls touch team play Ballina in round 6. The girls have been training hard at lunchtimes learning and trying new moves. Good luck.

Mrs Scott

Hey Mum and Dad
Did you know heart disease affects 2 out of every 3 families? Help your child to have fun and support the Heart Foundation at the same time. Register our child online and simply press send to all your family and friends! It’s easy, safe and secure. www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart

Send emails to family and friends asking for sponsorship.
Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

The compulsory years of schooling

In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
- a combination of both of the above.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships.

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may be required to:

- send a note to the school, or contact the school via electronic means such as SMS text message, fax or email, or
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.
What are school Principals responsible for?

Principals help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your child. Principals have to keep accurate records of student attendance and the reasons for any absences. Principals are responsible for accepting or not accepting a parent’s explanations for their child’s absences. Principals may request further information from parents for long or frequent absences, even where they are explained by parents as being due to illness.

When absences are unexplained by parents, or the explanations are not accepted by the principal, the school will work with parents to help address the issue. The main aim is to sort out what is preventing the child from getting to school and putting strategies in place to help. Sometimes, the school will ask support staff and other agencies to assist.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken.

■ Attendance meetings and compulsory attendance conferences

Parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a meeting with school personnel and other regional officers. The aim of the meeting is to help identify strategies to support the child and family. Other agencies may also be invited along to help, if parents agree.

If the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child’s attendance, without success, parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance conference. The conference will be run by a trained conference convenor. The aim of the conference is for the school, parents (and sometimes their child) and other identified agencies (“the parties”) to further identify the issues which are impacting on a child’s attendance.

The outcome of a compulsory attendance conference is for the parties to agree to undertake certain actions to improve the child’s attendance. These actions are written in the form of undertakings.

■ Applications to the Children’s Court – A Compulsory Schooling Order

Legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues which are preventing satisfactory school attendance but has the added enforcement of a Court’s powers.

■ Prosecution in the Local Court

If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student’s attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of $11,000.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures:
The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are provided, where possible, for parents/carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents/carers who use sign language. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the telephone number: 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

See the website address: