**Principal’s Message**

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

Terranora Public School’s motto ‘Care and Excellence’ is steeped in achievement and tradition. This concept of wellbeing linking with excellence in learning is not new to us. It is the core of our business every single school day, for our pre-schoolers attending transition to big school programs through to and including preparing our middle school (Year 6) students for the transition to high school, and every student in between.

We know the world in which our children live is changing rapidly. We need to be responsive to these changes. We are acutely aware of the need to personalise and differentiate learning for every student. We need to implement support plans to ensure every student succeeds at school.

It is in this context that our understanding of the impact of well-being on learning must be up-to-date. How students feel about themselves and their own well-being changes in different situations and circumstances. Their well-being will affect their learning. Teachers and parents need to understand what is required to nurture well-being in students’ development and learning.

I encourage our students to contribute to their own well-being and to the well-being of their peers and of course the well-being of our school community. I encourage staff, volunteers and parents/carers to communicate and work collaboratively to enhance the well-being of our students and school community.

As we move into the hectic Christmas season I remind our school community that it is not business as usual for anyone. The building and manufacturing industries are racing to get jobs completed in time for Christmas. Retail and hospitality are in their peak season. The pace of our lives this time of the year is hurried at best and chaotic at other times. School can be a place where young people can escape the tragic impact of this commercial world. Communication and understanding is the key.
I have asked our staff to focus on providing our students excellent lessons that inspire a love of learning, enjoyment, choice, sense of achievement and provide playground supervision that is nurturing, vigilant and engaging with students. This is our absolute priority. The planning and organisation for 2016, report writing, and an enormous list of end of year administrative tasks are less important than the immediate care and excellence we provide our students.

At the leadership level of our school, we will deliver on this priority. We have a reliable communication framework within our school. Your class teacher is your first port-of-call. Administrative staff and assistant principals are always available to support you, your child and your teacher. Delivering on this commitment to our students is my privilege.

James Hackett
PRINCIPAL
29 October 2015

SCHOLASTIC

Last orders for Issue 7 is due back Friday 30 October for processing.

Thank you to the parents and community for continuing to support this valuable program which provides resources for our school.

CAPTAIN SPEECHES

Parents are welcome to attend the Captain Speeches from Year 5 students to be held in the school hall on Tuesday 10 November 2015.

REMINDER

In the unfortunate event of an emergency at home time and you are unable to collect your child after school you can call the emergency phone on 0455 320 740. Please use this number in an emergency and ONLY after 3pm. Ring the front office for all other matters.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Intensive swimming starts next week for 2 weeks.

Miss Harker and Mr Lloyd will be taking 60 children down to Banora Pool every day for swimming instruction.

NSW STUDENT BUS PASS

It is a requirement by the NSW MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT that all eligible students produce their pass when travelling on the bus.

Any student who boards the bus without producing a current bus pass is required to pay the FULL FARE.

If the pass has been lost, stolen or destroyed you will need to arrange for a replacement through the bus company at the cost of $15.
1/2D ANIMAL CARE AND WELFARE

1/2D have not only been learning about animal care and welfare but now Miss Dwyer and Ms Robbo are teaching the children how to create a food supply for their guinea pigs.

Rolly has provided the class with an area to grow fresh vegetables and plants, which will help teach the class how to care for their guinea pigs and provide them with the correct nutrition to keep them happy and healthy.

6D FIRST AID

Thank you to Fay from St John Ambulance for conducting the class.

P&C CALENDAR & KINDERGARTEN TEA TOWEL ORDERS

Just a reminder that if you would like to purchase the P&C 18 month calendar or 2015 Kindergarten tea towel, order forms are both due this Friday 30 October.

Calendar cost is $16 each, or two for $30. Tea towels are $12 each.

Remember, as this is organised by the P&C payment is via cash or cheque only.

CANTEEN

For the month of November, the canteen will be giving away one free pizza dinner at Mangroves Restaurant each week for anyone who orders online (through www.flexischools.com.au).

Thank you to the Cenfi family for their kind donation.
WHOOPING COUGH ALERT

There has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2014 and 2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children.

NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

The information is also available on the NSW Health website:


Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

HYGIENE PRACTICES

Please encourage healthy hygiene practices and remind your children to blow and throw tissues away, wash their hands before eating food and after they go to the toilet. It is encouraged to keep your children at home and to go to the doctor if they are displaying signs of any illness. This will help to keep the spread of germs at bay.
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.

FLEXISCHOOLS
Online ordering is here!
Terranora Public School has now introduced a great new online ordering system for our canteen and uniform shop, called Flexischools.
Registration is quick and easy -
1. Go to www.flexischools.com.au
2. Click ‘Register Now’
3. You will be sent an email with further instructions.
Contact Flexischools on 1300 361 769 if you have any questions.
The system is now available, so we look forward to your next online order!

CHECK OUT TERRANORA PUBLIC SCHOOL ON FACEBOOK
Catch up on daily activities at our school. Pictures, videos and announcements.

NAPPY COLLECTIVE
The Athletes Foot Tweed City and The Athletes Foot Pacific Fair are drop off points for the current Nappy Collective collection period.
The Nappy Collective is an organisation that collects leftover unused disposable nappies and redistributes them to organisations that support families in crisis or in need. As a business The Athletes Foot have volunteered for both their stores to be drop off points for people to bring leftover unused disposable nappies and then these nappies will then be collected and redistributed at the end of the collection period.
Nappies must be dropped off to the stores by COB Friday, 30 October 2015.
Store addressed -
The Athletes Foot Tweed City
Shop 504 Tweed City Shopping Centre
Tweed Heads South
The Athletes Foot Pacific Fair
Shop 88 Pacific Fair Shopping Centre
Broadbeach Qld
For more information on the nappy collective the website is www.thenappycollective.com