Principal’s Message

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

Our parent information afternoon was a great pleasure for me to see the excellent support parents, grandparents and carers showed for our teachers and programs. Your presence here was a wonderful acclamation for a deserving group of teachers. I am inspired by the numerous engaging learning experiences that are planned for our students in 2015. There is so much to be excited about: art making, science, environmental excursions and camps, music, math competitions, writing, public speaking, sports and the list goes on. Once again thank you for your attendance.

Congratulations to our teachers for their work in preparing presentations to highlight the brilliant programs on offer at TPS in 2015. One such program is our Transition to Kindergarten Program 2016 which was launched last night by Mrs Henderson, her Kindergarten team and Mrs Gallagher. I am impressed by the year-long, thoughtful work that goes into preparing preschool children for starting ‘big school’. Included are: visits to the Life Education van, Easter Hat Parade, iPad lessons, art and music lessons, assemblies, library and computer lessons and a broad range of interactive school visits.

I attended training on our new Skoolbag app from Ms Wraight last week. This is a fantastic way to keep up to date with what is happening in school, on sport teams and your child’s class. If you need some help getting started we have a simple one page instruction in the front office. Just ask your child to bring one home for you and get started.

We have sent home Semester One invoices which cover the costs of such things as books, school packs, and technology. Your payment of the General School Contribution, Class Packs, and Technology Contribution is appreciated. If you wish to make partial payments please contact Mrs Casey at school.

I had a delightful time at our swimming carnival and I extend my heartiest congratulations to all students that competed for their House. There were outstanding achievements again this year. You only have to travel to North America to be reminded that we are the best swimming nation in the world. TPS students are travelling to Ballina on Wednesday to compete at the District Swimming competition. Good luck to our Swim Team and a sincere thank you to all staff and parents for your support of our superb swimmers. Your work is appreciated.

Thank you to Mr Lloyd and Ms MacBeth who organised a fantastic recycling education program for our students in cooperation with North East Waste. Students visited the Greenhouse set up in the hall and participated in songs and games to learn about recycling, low waste lunches at school, living green and our new recycling program. Each class has a recycling bin and food waste bin (arriving soon) and there is a compost bin and green waste bins around the school grounds.

A reminder the Banora Point High School Parent Information night for Year 5 and Year 6 students will be held on Wednesday 25 February at 5.30 pm.
18 February 2015

All about apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

Multiplication times tables

Sorting fact from fiction
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

James Hackett
PRINCIPAL
24 February 2015

**LIFE EDUCATION**

The Life Education van is scheduled to visit Terranora Public School on Monday 23 March to Wednesday 1 April 2015.

Permission notes have been distributed to students. Please return permission note and payment of $10 per student in a sealed envelope to school by Friday 20 March 2015.

A Healthy Harold Merchandise sheet was attached for student wishing to purchase Products. This payment is handed to the Life Education Educator on the day the student attends the Life Education van. Please do not hand to the school office.

Please note that a donation request for Life Education is located below the Merchandise information. Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

**LIBRARY**

Each week all classes have an allocated library lesson time for returning and borrowing of books. Students are encouraged to borrow as this supports the school’s focus on literacy. Students can borrow four books at one time for a maximum of two weeks.

Students must have a waterproof library bag if they wish to borrow as it protects library books from spilt drinks and food. Waterproof, Terranora Public School library bags can be purchased from the Uniform Shop for $15.00. It has the school logo on it, with a velcro closing tab. A cloth bag that has a drawstring closing will be acceptable but please include a plastic insert (eg. shopping bag).

Our library policy for borrowing is “No Bag, No Borrowing”.

Parent/carer volunteers help cover, repair and re shelve books. Anyone wishing to help in the library is welcome, especially for the last 20 minutes of each day when tidying and restocking shelves is done.

**Overdue Books**

Students will not be able to borrow books from the library if they have overdue books. Library books can be returned on any day to the box located next to the borrowing desk in the library. Students who have missed out on borrowing during their allocated class time can borrow at lunch or straight after school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please have one last look at home for any overdue library books from last year. Please be aware that any books that are lost or damaged beyond repair need to be paid for. If you have any books still over due from last year, invoices will be sent home early next week. If you believe you have been invoiced incorrectly please come and see me in the library either before or after school.

Thank you

Kirsty Fitzsimmons
Teacher-Librarian
Welcome back to our student readers and welcome to our new Kindy readers! The first issue of Scholastic Book Club catalogues were distributed this week in class. There are some wonderful books and learning resources available for purchase at discounted prices so take advantage of those.

For those students/families wishing to order through Scholastic;

* Students are advised of due dates when catalogues are distributed and are published in the newsletter available online. Late orders cannot be accepted and will be returned to the student.

* Complete the order form on the back of the catalogue.

* Write the student’s name and class at the top of the order form.

* Enclose the order in a sealed envelope or cliplock bag with correct payment of cash, cheque or C/C payment slip with Scholastic written on the front of the envelope.

* Drop the order into the Administration Office asap.

* Books will be distributed to the student as they are received.

Last orders for Issue 1 will be taken on Friday, 19 February for processing.

Happy reading!

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.

If you are unable to access the Skoolbag App via your phone you can access it via the school website.

P&C

Next P&C monthly meeting is on Tuesday 3 March at 6.30pm. Come along, learn more about the amazing school your children attend. All welcome. Lots will be happening this year to raise funds for our school so come along and get involved.

The uniform shop hours are as follows -

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There is plenty of winter stock so please call in and pick up your winter jackets. Great value at $40. We have all sizes 4, 6 and 8 although limited.

The uniform shop accepts second hand uniforms for resale and funds raised go back into necessary resources around our school.
SCHOOL SWIMMING TRIALS

Congratulations to all our students who participated in our school swimming trials Thursday evening 5 February. For once the weather was kind to us and we enjoyed a dry however windy evening.

It was great to see so many parents, extended family and caregivers at our swimming trials.

A huge thank you to our staff who volunteered their services to officiate at the trials.

Well done to Ms Harker, Mr Lloyd and Mr Wetherall for organising the swimming trials.

Our Age Champions are listed below. Well done to these swimmers -

A swimming team was organised for the District Swimming Trials which took place yesterday at Banora Point Oasis Pool.

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**FNC GIRLS CRICKET**

We had 8 girls travel to Mullumbimby this week to compete in the FNC cricket trials. It was a great day with the girls experiencing some new skills. Their behaviour and sportsmanship was outstanding with comments from the selector about how well mannered the girls were to both himself and others. After some fielding drills followed by batting and bowling, the selector had a hard decision to pick only 12 out of the 20+ girls their to travel to Sawtell next Monday to compete for a place in the North Coast Team.

Congratulations to Amber, Emily, Giselle and Charlotte who were chosen as part of the FNC Team and will travel to Sawtell next Monday. Good Luck Girls!!!

**FNC BOYS CRICKET**

Congratulations to Nathan and Jacob both of 6S who have made it through to the North Coast Cricket Trials.