Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

My thanks to all staff, students and volunteers for your hard work in supporting the many sport, arts and cultural activities happening in Term 1. It has been a hectic term and your extra effort has been appreciated.

Congratulations to the SRC for a superb disco last week. I am not surprised we have 211 students in our dance clubs. There are some brilliant dancers at our school.

Throughout the school year parents ask me the question, where should I send my child for high school? At the moment, this question is at the forefront of many Year 6 parents’ minds. I really want to have this conversation with you - What high school education can be for your child.

Once a student is enrolled in a high school, their parents will have an opinion about which high school is best. I recently purchased my wife a car, I am confident I chose the best car for Mrs Hackett, albeit, it might not be the best car for you. Similarly, the school that is best for your friend’s child may not be the right school for your son/daughter. Do your own research and pick what is best for your family, not what is best for other families.

We may not get the opportunity to speak face to face but perhaps I can provide you, a few things to think about when selecting a high school for your child:

- Teachers plan for making learning personalised, and experiential. How does that happen at your perspective high school?
- High school education should be integrated with and connected to real-world problems and issues to provide students opportunities to develop skills for life-long learning. What does that look like at your perspective high school?
- Middle school students need specialised support to get through those interesting years of Years 7 to 9. What specialised academic and welfare support is available to middle school students? Are teachers available for individual help before or after school? How does your school check if a student is on track socially, emotionally and academically?
- High school homework should be suitable for each student. If your child plans to go to university after high school, homework should include plenty of essays and reading analysis. If your child is an athlete or dancer, is it possible to maintain a heavy workload after school and weekends in sport or dance and complete the expected homework? Is there after-school homework support?
- Where your child is dedicated to a particular activity such as a sport, art or a subject, be sure to ask the question how your perspective high school can support your child’s chosen interest/career goal.
- Visit the school during school hours to get a feel for the school’s atmosphere.
- Observe the school during lunch and recess and get a sense for the students that attend the school.
Parent-teacher meetings are an excellent opportunity for parents to learn and share. Teachers spend time preparing to speak to you. It is worthwhile for you to spend a few minutes thinking about information you can share with your teacher. Remember, the intention of the meeting is to assist with your child’s learning.

Please be aware of the scheduled time of your meeting. Be punctual and don’t over stay your planned meeting time. There will be another parent waiting their turn to speak to the teacher.

A good question to ask teachers is how you can assist your child at home?
On Wednesday, March 25 the Tweed/Byron Life Action Group will hold a special ceremony at school to seek further corporate support for the Life Education van. We will host this event and our ambition is to raise $6000 for the Life Education van.

Life Education Australia is a not-for-profit organisation which has been established for over 35 years, and it began in this region. Through the use of the Mobile Learning Centre, and Healthy Harold, Life Education teaches children to respect their bodies, be healthy, active and make wise choices in life through drug and alcohol education.

If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor please contact me.

James Hackett
PRINCIPAL
18 March 2015

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Jnr Encouragement Award
Tristan - 1/2D

Jnr Academic Achievement Award
Leilani - 1/2D

Snr Academic Achievement Award
Balin - 3H

Snr Encouragement Award
Levi - 3S

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KINDERGARTEN ICECREAM DAY

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2015 TEST DATES

The test dates for NAPLAN for students in Years 3 and 5 will be as follows –

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SCHOOL DISCO
LIFE EDUCATION

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

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 bring it 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.

EASTER HAT PARADE

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 2 April at 11:30am for students in K-2.

The students will be required to make their hat at home and bring it to school the day before or on the day of the parade.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale from the canteen at 11am.

SRC EASTER RAFFLE

The SRC are organising an Easter raffle this term. Any students that would like to make a donation of Easter eggs to make up Easter baskets as prizes, would be much appreciated.

Students who donate an egg will have their name go into a draw to win a prize for their stage. These prizes will be drawn along with the main raffle on Thursday 2 April, 2015.

Each family have been sent a book of 10 tickets to sell at a cost of $1.00 each ticket.

THE TWEED DAILY NEWS

The Kindergarten photos will be appearing in the newspaper on Saturday 28 March.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Good luck to our swimmers who will be representing Terranora Public School and the North Coast at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships at Homebush, Sydney.

Amy - 12/13yrs Girls 50m Backstroke
Elise - 8/-10yrs Girls 50m Breaststroke
Elise, Jayme, Ruby and Abby – Jnr Girls Relay

We are all very proud of the girls and we wish them all the best in Sydney.

School Sports Committee

P&C

Next P&C monthly meeting is on Tuesday 5 May at 6.30pm. Come along and 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.

Winter Jackets and Hats of all sizes are now back in stock. Thank you to those families who have donated their preloved uniforms. Our secondhand rack is now well stocked.

Cheques –
Please be aware that when paying by cheque, items are not to be taken until the cheque has been cleared.

Would you like to have a deeper understanding of autism spectrum disorder. There is support for parents who have children with autism spectrum disorder.

Free two day workshop and information sessions for parents and carers of school age children on the autism spectrum.

Location: Twin Towns Clubs & Resort,
Wharf Street, Tweed Heads
When: Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 March 2015
Day 1: 9am - 4.30pm
Day 2: 9am - 3.30pm

Right click on Positive Partnerships heading to open the hyperlink to download a registration form to register for workshop.

Or collect a copy from the school office.

THE KINDERGARTEN PHOTOS

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CLOSE THE GAP
Tuesday 24 March 2015
at the Tweed Civic Centre

Community Event
10 am to 2pm

Information Stalls * Local Performances * Free Health Checks
Free BBQ Lunch Provided

Tweed Civic Centre, Brett Street, Tweed Heads.

18 March 2015
KIDS CAMPS
THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Kids’ Day Camps start from $47. Family Camp weekends start from $63 per day for kids and $96 per day for adults (kids under 5 attend free; cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.)

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