Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Your P & C Needs You!

I attended our P & C meeting on Tuesday evening and I enjoyed watching a very productive and decisive P & C in action. I encourage more families to be involved in the P & C. More hands make light work and it is a great way to find out what is going on in the leadership and planning of the school. If you have an agenda item for the P & C please attend their meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. Please contact the P & C president Mr Owen Hogan prior by emailing him through the school’s email address terranora-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The P & C made a $200 donation per class and teachers have begun getting those little extras they need for their students. Thank you to the P & C.

I provided the P & C with a “Wish List” from the school’s executive which included:

- Soundproofing needed in Creative arts room;
- Replacement of interactive whiteboards with new interactive TVs as smart boards begin to fail;
- Fixed seating for outdoor areas around the school;
- Air conditioning to replace old machines as they start to fail;
- Development of 21 Century Learning spaces;
- New goal nets for the oval; and
- Expansion of our iPad program

The P & C made decisions on a number of these items and I am very pleased to receive on behalf of the school tremendous support from our P&C.

Clean is Cool

School cleaning is an important daily routine. Some staff and parents have raised concerns with me about the importance of providing an absolutely healthy environment for our staff, students and volunteers - I couldn't agree more! Consequently, I have directed our cleaning contractor ISS, to undertake a review and thorough overhaul of our school cleaning program. I am pleased to say they have been absolutely diligent in taking action. Change was immediate and their follow through is being closely monitored by the Area Manager and I. Three managers visited the school earlier this week to speak to teachers and make a thorough inspection.

We all need different tools to help us learn.

The implementation of our iPad program has moved our school forward in meeting the individual needs of our students. It is time to take the next step forward, and this means getting greater technology into the classrooms and into the hands of students and teachers. Children need an inspired teacher. They need to develop the knowledge
skills and values of a 21 Century learner. This means learning to collaborate, think creatively, share through technology and solve problems. These are the work skills desired by employers today and in the future.

Ben Young, director of iDesign IT has introduced a proposal for a next step. Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Eke and I are currently creating and sharing ideas on how we can take our iPad program to the next level. We are visiting the P & C and school executive this week and we will introduce all the information we have collected to our teaching staff next week. This is an opportunity to inspire community wide dialogue about how we further develop our means to meet the needs of all our students.

**Daily Fitness**

Many of our younger students love to wear black leather school shoes. These may not be the best shoe for daily fitness lessons. I suggest parents pop a pair of joggers in their child’s school bag for a quick change at fitness time.

**Good number sense**

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


**Reading with your child at home**

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.


**Removing head lice and nits**

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.


James Hackett
PRINCIPAL
5 March 2015

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**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
SPORT NEWS

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Congratulations to the Terranora Swimming Team for their wonderful efforts at the recent Tweed District Swimming Trials held at Oasis Pool, Banora Point.

Overall Terranora finished in 2nd place with 127 points—a great achievement.

Individual results are as follows:

Amy—2nd Girls Open 100m Freestyle, 2nd Girls 12yrs 50m Freestyle, 2nd Girls 12-13yrs 50m Backstroke and Butterfly, 2nd Girls 11-13yrs 200m Medley, 2nd Girls 11-13yrs Relay.

Joshua—4th Boys Open 100m Freestyle, 3rd Boys 12yrs 50m Freestyle, 3rd Boys 12-13yrs 50m Breaststroke and Butterfly.

Kye—2nd Boys 8 yrs 50m Freestyle, 3rd Boys 8-10yrs 200m Medley.

Abby—4th Girls 8yrs 50m Freestyle.

Claudia—2nd Girls 9yrs 50m Freestyle, 2nd Girls 8-10yrs 50m Breaststroke and Butterfly, 3rd Girls 8-10yrs 200m Medley.

Elise—1st Girls 8-10yrs 50m Breaststroke, Butterfly and 200m Medley, 1st Girls 8-10yrs Relay, 4th Girls 10yrs 50m Freestyle.

Dominic—4th Boys 11yrs 50m Breaststroke, 2nd 11yrs Boys 50m Butterfly, 3rd 11yr Boys 50m Backstroke, 2nd Boys 11-13yrs 200m Medley.

Ruby—4th Girls 8-10yrs 50m Breaststroke, 3rd Girls 10yrs 50m Freestyle

Abby—2nd Girls 10yrs 50m Freestyle, 4th Girls 8-10yrs 50m Backstroke.

Jayme—3rd Girls 8-10yrs 50m Backstroke

Phoebe—3rd Girls 11yrs 50m Backstroke.

Girls - 1st 8-10yrs Relay (Elise, Abby, Ruby, Jayme)

FAR NORTH COAST SWIMMING

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at Ballina in the FNC Swimming Championships. This next level of competition proved to be strong, however we had some pleasing results and it is great to report on our successful swimmers who have qualified for the North Coast Carnival in Lismore.

Claudia—1st Girls 8-10yrs 50m Breaststroke.

Elise—3rd Girls 8-10yrs 50m Breaststroke and 4th Girls 8-10yrs 200m Medley.

Joshua—3rd Boys 12-13yrs 50m Breaststroke.

Amy—3rd Girls 12-13yrs 50m Backstroke.

Junior Girls Relay—2nd (Elise, Abby, Ruby, Jayme)
NORTH COAST SWIMMING LISMORE

Congratulations to our swim team at Lismore, we are all very proud of your efforts. A special mention to our swimmers who have made it to State, what a fantastic effort!

Amy—2nd Girls 50m Backstroke
Elise—2nd Girls 50m Breaststroke.
Claudia—3rd Girls 50m Breaststroke.
Girls— 2nd Jnr Girls Relay (Elise, Abby, Ruby, Jayme)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

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 clip lock 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 2 will be taken on Wednesday 18 March for processing.
Happy reading!

SRC NEWS

SRC and P & C DISCO

The P & C will be holding a disco for students on Thursday 12 March, 2015.

**Kindergarten - Year 2:** 3.30pm–4.30pm

**Year 3—Year 6:** 4.45pm–5.45pm

The cost is $2.00 per student door entry to be paid on the night.

The following food will be available for sale at $1.00 each:
- Party pies
- Half sausage roll
- Slice of meat lovers pizza
- Slice Hawaiian pizza

Drinks:
- Aronas
- Soft drink
- Water

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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.

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 second hand 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.

SCHOOL ONLINE INTERVIEWS

As outlined in the Skoolbag App and the note sent home, you will now be able to book you parent-teacher interviews online.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter the provided code
1. Enter your details
2. Select the teacher/s you wish to see.
3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best.

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically.

FROM THE OFFICE

If you have a message for your child/children during school hours, it would be appreciated if you could call the office before 2pm. This will ensure that we can convey the message to your child in a timely manner.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

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3.5—5th Birthday Mighty Kickers
5-7 Birthday COMING SOON