Principal’s Message

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

The 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC tradition made us reflect on the misery of the landing at Gallipoli. Most of all we reflect on the beauty and peace that surrounds us today.

Congratulations to our student leaders for their organisation and presentation of our ANZAC ceremony. The laying of wreaths by each class is memorable as is the image of Flanders Fields at the edge of Terranora Road. Thank you to Mrs Daley for her leadership with this program.

The recent weather across Sydney and Central Coast of NSW brought down trees and thousands of people were without electricity. The power of nature made us all take notice. How quickly the earthquake in Nepal put that event into perspective.

This is an opportunity for teachers and parents to talk with children about this tragic disaster and how we, as Australians respond with compassion, kindness and generosity. Our SRC will be donating to the Sydney and Central Coast Storms, Vanuatu and Nepal.

Our teaching staff participated in a vigorous day of learning at our Term 2 School Development Day. We joined 100 teachers from across the Far North Coast to work with Steve Francis (Teacher/Principal/Presenter). The focus of our work was around building trust in our school relationships and effective teamwork in schools. The feedback we have received from teachers has been excellent.

NAPLAN

The 2015 NAPLAN tests will be completed by Year 3 and Year 5 students from May 12 to May 15.
The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Friday 15 May is a scheduled catch up day for students who were absent on a test day.

Please make an appointment with your child’s teacher if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in the NAPLAN.

Mother’s Day is just around the corner and like all good husbands/fathers out there I recognise this is the most important day of the year!?! My wife will not question my love. I will be organised with a Mother’s Day gift. I will respect her right to sleep in and I will accept my duty of care to our children while she sleeps in. I will ask for nothing but peace and quiet on Mother’s Day.

Thank you to the P&C for their organisation of the Mother’s Day stall.

Happy Mother’s Day to all Terranora mums. Good luck dads.

James Hackett
PRINCIPAL
29 April 2015

NSW PSSA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to our school representatives who competed at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships at Homebush prior to the Easter break.

Both government and non-government schools throughout NSW participated in the competition.

Amy, Claudia, Elise, Abby, Ruby and Jayme were all part of the North Coast Swimming team and performed creditably at the meet.

The junior girls relay team consisting of Elise, Abby, Ruby and Jayme finished 15\textsuperscript{th} overall in a great time of 2.40.12

Our individual representatives attained great results as well with Claudia finishing 28\textsuperscript{th} in the Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke in a time of 49.49 and Elise finished 29\textsuperscript{th} in the same event in a time of 49.52. Amy competed in the 12/13 Years Girls 50m Backstroke finishing 30\textsuperscript{th} in a time of 38.72.

It is a wonderful achievement to compete at such a high level of competition and once again congratulate the girls on their fantastic efforts.

Terranora Sports

CROSS COUNTRY

Terranora Public School has over 70 students running at the PSSA District Cross Country at Kingscliff next Friday, 8 May. All notes and $6.00 levy are to be at the office by early next week. We wish our runners swift feet and fair weather.

Mrs Scott

PSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL

Boys and Girls representative touch football trials for the Murwillumbah and Tweed District are being held next Monday, 4 May at the South Tweed fields. Good luck to our talented players.

Mrs Scott
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KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2016 ARE NOW OPEN

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Miss Foster

BUDDY BENCH

Gold FM and Bunnings are donating a Buddy Bench to our school. A friendship tree will be planted alongside it. This will create a lovely area for students to meet with friends and also make new friends.

Mrs J Edwards

SRC EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for your support. The school community raised $780. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for the school.

Mrs S Daley
SRC Coordinator

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2015

NSW Public Education’s Charity of Choice

Envelopes for your donation of $2 were sent home last week. Please complete entry details on the back and return to school to be eligible for the draw to win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice. All entries must be returned to the school office by Stewart House Day Friday 8 May to participate in the draw.

P&C

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The P & C will hold their annual Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 7 May 2015.

- The stall will be held in the school hall and students will be taken during class time with their teachers to purchase their gift.
- Mother’s Day gifts are $5.00 each.
- Students are to bring their $5.00 Thursday 7 May only.

No money to be sent to school before this time.

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Traditionally in term 2, the Welfare team implements a number of supportive programs facilitated by our school chaplain Naomi Harry and the Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) Peta Gallagher. Some of these programs include; Social Skills – “Friends for Life” program, “The structured playground” program, “Rock and Water”, “Seasons for Growth”.

Classroom teachers already successfully embed the teaching of these skills in their daily classroom practice but our school chaplain and Learning and Support Teacher explicitly teach these valuable skills to children in small groups K-6. Some of the explicitly taught skills highlighted in these programs include:

- building problem-solving skills
- managing emotions
- using effective, decision-making skills
- effective communication
- developing and maintaining friendships
- being a good role model
- promoting a healthy self-esteem
- resilience
- leadership
- coping with change and loss

These small group sessions assist to further enhance and support the classroom program as well as provide a safe and fun environment to establish positive relationships. If your child comes home talking about one of these programs, by becoming involved in discussion and supporting their participation, you will promote mutual respect and understanding and make the program’s success more valuable. There is no cost for families and all sessions are held either just before or after lunch so that quality literacy and numeracy lessons are not disrupted.

We are pleased to be able to offer these important programs and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who are involved. If you wish to know more information about the programs on offer, please contact either Naomi Harry, school chaplain or Peta Gallagher (LaST) on 07 5590 4146. If you do not wish for your child to participate in a program please write a letter to the classroom teacher explaining so.

The Seasons for Growth Program is held during school time, and is referral based. You will be notified with a letter prior to commencement of the program which will be facilitated by Naomi Harry who has received special training in the use of this program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to your child about this. Should he/she decide to participate please fill in the tear-off section of the letter and return to the school attention to Naomi Harry.

**ATTENDANCE - TARGETING LATENESS**

School Attendance Policy (2015)

Parents/Caregivers are responsible for the regular attendance of students at school, including partial attendance, lateness and leaving early (Education Act 1990).

If your child is late

- Parents are required to sign their children in at the front office and provide the school with an explanation so that accurate records can be maintained.

- If you are unable to accompany your child to the front office, please ensure your child has a written note accompanying them.

School Principals can decline an explanation for an absence and record this as unjustified. Please refer to the information for parents Compulsory School Attendance (School Attendance Policy 2015).

Terranora Public School is committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and wellbeing of all students.

**YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN 2016**

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving, academically gifted students who may otherwise be isolated from a suitable peer group. These classes can provide intellectual stimulation by grouping gifted and talented students together, concentrating school resources and using specialised teaching methods. Students are offered places in opportunity classes by a selection committee which considers all available information.

Online information & applications available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is well under way. Students from Kindergarten through to year six are encouraged to participate. Below is an excerpt of the requirements from the PRC website. For full details go to https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html

Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the challenge, see the rules table below:

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Students, whose online entries are received by the closing date of 21 August 2015, and following validation by the school, are eligible for certificates.

Only one certificate per year will be issued to each student regardless of the number of books read.

- A student who completes 1 year receives a completion certificate.
- A student who completes 2 years receives a completion certificate.
- A student who completes 3 years receives a completion certificate.
- A student who completes 4 years receives a Gold certificate.
- A student who completes 5 years receives a completion certificate.
- A student who completes 6 years receives a completion certificate.
- A student who completes 7 years receives a Platinum certificate.
- A student who completes 8 years receives a completion certificate.
- A student who completes 9 years receives a completion certificate.

Students who complete the Challenge each year from Year 3 to Year 9 inclusive receive a PRC medal.

Students and parents can pick up a PRC reading log from the library. Parents can logon to the PRC website (using their child’s school logon and password – this is the user name and password they use to log on to computers at school) and enter books directly at any time.

To help students locate PRC books within the school library, PRC books for K-2 are located within the blue and red borrowing boxes and are marked with a red star. Year 3-4 books are located in the yellow borrowing box and are marked with a silver star.

Good Luck and keep reading.