Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

Terranora Public School teachers undertake Professional Learning to ensure marks are fair for all students.

Mrs Eke and the school’s literacy team provided professional learning for all teachers last week to improve consistency of teacher judgement.

Teachers worked in their stage groups to prepare for report writing. Students will receive their first semester school report on Friday 19 June.

The P&C propose to make an addition to the girl’s winter school uniform including black stockings to be worn under their school collates but not the sport uniform. This does not include leggings or tights. The stockings must cover the foot. Black stockings may be worn during the winter season by girls from June through to August only.

The purpose of this addition is to provide additional warm clothing when it is not cold enough for school black pants.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the implementation of this addition please contact the P&C secretary in writing through the school’s email account.

The NAPLAN has commenced this week and I wish to remind parents that NAPLAN provides teachers and parents with a snapshot of individual student performance in literacy and numeracy. Teachers use this information to update their teaching program.

I encourage you to celebrate this time (Year 3 and Year 5) as a milestone your child has reached rather than giving NAPLAN unrealistic importance and students, unnecessary stress.

The PSSA soccer competition is about to start and our teams are out early in the morning training with Mrs Foster and Mrs Harry. Best of luck to our soccer teams.

Thank you to Tim Purcival for helping to train and coach our boy’s cricket team. Unfortunately we lost to Kingscliff and made an early exit from the knock out competition.
Cross Country is a great way to compete and get fit but an even better way to have fun with your friends. Congratulations to our Cross Country team for a fantastic effort and thank you to teachers and parents for providing our students with an excellent sporting experience. I enjoyed the opportunity the competition provided me to catch up with parents and some past Terranora Public School students including Kaitlin who is in her last year of a Bachelor of Education degree. At the completion of her degree she is off to Peru to teach. She is sharing a seat in her mother’s lap with younger brother Josh. Best wishes to Kaitlin.

Kindergarten participated in their first martial arts lesson today and then returned to class to write about their experience. Congratulations to our Kindergarten group for their enthusiastic participation in martial arts and some terrific writing.

I will publish the story of the school bell when we launch our boat into the sandpit. The boat represents a great story in our school’s history but at the moment it is a wonderful learning opportunity for students to work with Luke, (past boat builder) one of our Learning Support Officers. They are preparing the boat for painting.

**Grade 5 Student Returns to TPS 15 Years On**

The daughter of our Mr Wetherall, Tameka Pilcher (nee Wetherall) graduated from Terranora Public School in 2001 and she never thought then she would return to her grade 5 primary school in 2015 as a prac student. Mrs Pilcher is a second year student at University of Armidale studying a Bachelor of Education (primary). She is currently on a practicum at TPS in 4M with Ms MacBeth.

“I undertake my studies online watching videos of lectures and submitting assignments online. It’s a great way to earn a degree without having to move away from home” explained Mrs Pilcher. “I would love to teach at Terranora one day but I would be happy at any school. It is amazing how the school changed since I was a student here,” added Mrs Pilcher.

Mr Wetherall has two of his own children studying to become a teacher with his son Tim on a practicum at Centaur school.

If you have children starting school in Kindergarten in 2016 I would ask you to enrol them now. Enrolling now ensures we are best prepared for meeting the individual needs of our newest students. If you know other families with children to enrol, please encourage them to enrol with us now.

James Hackett  
**PRINCIPAL**  
13 May 2015

**Jnr Encouragement Award**  
Mali - 2W

**Jnr Academic Achievement Award**  
Taiyo - 2W

**Snr Encouragement Award**  
Laura - 6D

**Snr Academic Achievement Award**  
Olivia - 5A
Terranora Rex rugby players enjoyed a day of footy at Dave Burns Rugby League Field on Wednesday. Players were well supported by parents and grandparents cheering from the sidelines. The weather cooperated with only a light rain in the first game. Jai, forward for the Opens team described conditions in the first game as "wet, slippery and horrible, and we lost the first game. We just weren’t amped up. They scored two tries in the last couple of minutes. The weather cleared and we changed heaps. We put our bodies on the line and tackled a lot harder."

Josh plays second row and scored four tries on the day. "His speed and size were a big factor in scoring” said Jacson about his lanky second rower.

"Jai is a big strong forward and did some amazing tackles, in fact one time he saved a try by smashing a Tweed player on the goal line and pushed him back about ten metres”, explained Josh.

Coach, Mr Spencer credited the players for a good performance. “They played well in all three games, unfortunately we lost our first game by a small margin. All the boys put in an excellent effort but I need to give credit to Keo for his evasive runs, Josh for his powerful hit-ups and Jyi for his hard hitting tackles.”

Coach/Mr Lloyd praised the players of the under 10s team which included a few under 8s players. "The whole team played with enthusiasm, skill and fantastic team spirit to achieve an excellent result”.

The speedy Calen said, "I had a great time, having fun, playing footy with my friends and we played really well. We played well as a team and we all tackled really well.”

Jacob was steadfast on defence offering up bone crushing tackles to the opposition who were daring enough to attempt to elude him. However Jacob was quick to praise his team.

"We all played with good teamwork and Bowen, Zeph and all the young ones went well especially playing two years above their age."

One common message from all the footy players, they loved having a day off school to be with their friends to play football. Congratulations Terranora Rex rugby players.

PSSA Touch Football Representative Trials were held this week. Well done to our students who participated on the day. Congratulations to Georgia S and Dyson L who were successful in being chosen to trial for the FNC team in Ballina.

Great effort to all.
Mrs Scott
**TWEED DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**

Students from the TWEED SCHOOLS participated last Friday in the Tweed District Cross Country at Kingscliff.

We had 60 students compete on the day, with over half finishing in the top 25 students in their age race. Twelve Terranora students finished in the top 10 of their races and are eligible to advance to the FNC District event in Murwillumbah.

Terranora Public School came third in the school point score competition.

Some of our cross country team had a conflicting date with their Leadership Course which prevented them representing their school in this sport.

Terranora displayed excellent team spirit, inspiring behaviour and kept their area clean and tidy.

Great effort as always, everyone.

Thanks to all of the parents and family members who assisted on the day with transport and CHEERING!!!!

Our next team of: Georgia S, Phoebe D, Abby P, Amelia W, Giselle S, Jamie L, Jordan W-R, Joshua K, Keo B (sadly not available to participate), Maddie S, Shaylee L and Mitchell F will travel on Friday, 22 May to Murwillumbah to compete at the next level.

GOOD LUCK....RUN STRONG.

Mrs Scott

**P&C**

**“HOMESTYLE BAKE” PIE DRIVE**

This week order forms were sent home for our “Homestyle Bake” Pie Drive. This is our third year participating in this fundraiser with both previous years being very successful. “Homestyle Bake” is an Australian company based in Toowoomba.

For each item sold we will receive $1. All money raised from this pie drive will go to purchase more iPads for our school.

Forms and payments need to be back at school by **Monday, 1 June 2015**. Method of payment is cash or cheque which should be written out to Terranora P&C Association.

Products will be delivered to the school on **Monday, 15 June** and will be available for collection from 2.30pm - 3.30pm in the school hall.

If you have any queries please phone or text to 0412 494 965.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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**EAST COAST HOBBY EXPO**

**ECHIE 2015**

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 June 2015
Open 10am to 4pm
South Tweed Sports Club
4 Minjungbal Drive
South Tweed

Entry: Single Adult $5
Child/Pensioner/Club Member $2
Family (2 Adult/2 Children) $10

Proceeds donated to local Children’s Hospital Wards
More Information on www.tweedvalleymodellers.com

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**OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME**

In late June - early July Student Exchange Australia New Zealand will be receiving exchange students from Argentina, Bolivia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden and the USA. These new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. Student Exchange Australia New Zealand are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Find out more about this organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au or phone 1300 135 331.

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Keo (left), Jordan (right)
Neck to neck all the way, with Jordan pulling ahead to win in the final moments