Principal's Message
Dear Parents & Carers,
Welcome back to TBPS for the 2013 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful break and your batteries are charged for a busy year at school. I would like to extend a special welcome to those families who are new to TBPS; we hope you and your children enjoy your time at our wonderful school. This is our first newsletter for the year due to some teething problems with our computer system and photocopier. In 2013, we will continue to send home a newsletter every fortnight on even weeks with the youngest child in the family. If for some reason your child does not bring their newsletter home, it is available on the school website [www.tanilbabay-schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.tanilbabay-schools.nsw.edu.au) or you can request another copy from your child’s teacher.

Here is some information that will allow you to kick off the year….

**2013 Classes:** We have 509 students spread across 20 classes at TBPS for the 2013 school year. A great deal of time, effort and consideration was directed towards ensuring that children are appropriately placed.

**Executive Structure:** Once a school reaches 505 students it is reclassified and provision is made for one Assistant Principal to be released from class full time to support the Principal with the Administrative side of running a large school. This Administrative position will be shared by two Assistant Principals at TBPS to ensure that these excellent teachers still have contact with their students. Warren King and Clare Ashby will fill this administrative role in 2013.

**New Teachers:** We have a number of new teachers I would like to welcome to TBPS in 2013. Natalie Newton (KN) is a permanently appointed teacher who has transferred to TBPS from Kurri Kurri PS. Sarah Schofield (4S), Marc Gattenhof (5/6G) and Jo Graham (3G) are temporary teachers teaching at TBPS for the 2013 school year. We welcome these four teachers and look forward to working with them. I would also like to congratulate and welcome Lisa Wood who is now a permanent teacher on our staff. This is the third year Mrs Wood has worked at TBPS and it is excellent news that she will be a long term addition to the teaching staff.

**Uniform Shop:** The P & C’s uniform shop is open again in 2013 from 9:00am-10:00am on Mondays and 2:00pm-3:00pm on Wednesdays. Drop in and see the ladies for all of your uniform needs or pick up an order form from the school office.

**Canteen:** Our school canteen, run by Robyn McDermott, is open five days per week at recess and lunch with a large range of healthy foods available for the children. Please consider volunteering some time to help out at the canteen so we can continue to offer this valued service.

**Bicycles:** A reminder that children are permitted to ride their bicycles to school and that when doing so they must observe the road rules and must wear a helmet. Children who ride scooters or skateboards to school must also adhere to road rules and wear protective equipment. Students are not permitted to ride bikes, skateboards or scooters inside the school grounds and they should not be ridden on the footpath outside the front of the school as this area can be very busy and someone could be injured.

**P & C:** Our first P & C meeting for 2013 will be held in the library from 3:05pm-4:00pm on Thursday, 28th February. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Facebook:** Many of you have already “Liked” our Facebook page. This is a great way we communicate with parents, particularly if you have the Facebook app on your phone.
Successful Swimming Carnival
The Tanilba Bay Public School Swimming Carnival was a wonderful event to begin the school sporting calendar. The participation, sportsmanship and school spirit shown by the students was exceptional. Special thanks to Mrs Smoother and all of the teachers, parents and students who assisted on the day.

At the beginning of the school year it is timely that all community members read the following information for the safety of all our students, staff and parents.

Driving and Parking Safely Near Our School:
● School opening and closing times are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school. Drivers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all children.
● Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on each gazetted school day.
● Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
● Observe all parking signs – they are planned with children’s safety in mind. Fines and demerit points apply if you park illegally.
● NEVER double park – it puts children at risk.
● Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.
● Slow down near the school crossing.

Avoiding Traffic Congestion Around the School
● Allocate enough time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
● Always observe the parking signs outside the school. They are designed to keep children safe.

● NEVER PARK ILLEGALLY:
  • In the school driveway.
  • On or near the school crossing.
  • In the school bus bay.
  • In the ‘No Parking’ zone.

● NEVER DOUBLE PARK: It:
  • Blocks the vision of other drivers.
  • Forces children onto the road.
  • Obstructs the flow of traffic.

Just a reminder to all parents that the two internal car parks within the school grounds are for staff only. It is illegal for these parking spaces to be used by parents at any time as there are Departmental Guidelines and associated safety concerns involving public usage. I would encourage all parents to adhere to this request. Have a great weekend!
Stuart Wylie – Principal

School Sores/Impetigo
Evidence of impetigo is as follows: small red spots which change into blisters appear, usually on the face, hands or scalp. They fill up with pus and become crusted. Consult your doctor and keep your child home if you suspect they may have this condition, until antibiotic treatment starts. Children may return to school when their sores are covered with watertight dressings. Encourage your children to wash hands regularly to prevent the spread of infections.

Lost Property
The following items have been handed in to the office. If you have misplaced anything recently (and late last year) then please check the following list:
Mallabula J. R. L. zipper jacket, 2 SD cards, EB Games Card, Silver purse, 2 skateboard/scooter helmets.

Canteen
Regrettably, menu prices have had to increase due to wholesalers raising their prices. Please find the new School Canteen Menu for Term 1 at the back of this Newsletter.

Stage 1
We would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all our new children, their families and new members of staff. Welcome back to all our children and parents – we hope you all enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer break and are revitalised and ready for the busy and rewarding year ahead. We are pleased and proud to report that the children have all settled well into school and class routines.

Our thanks go out to parents who have ensured that the children look so smart in their uniforms—this shows that they are proud to be a part of the fabulous TBPS learning community.
Thanks to all the Stage 1 teachers who have ensured that all children have enjoyed such a smooth start to the school year. It is pleasing to see so many students eager to complete home reading and homework tasks. Great work everyone!
Happy Birthday to these students in Stage 1 who recently celebrated their birthday:
Trey W  Brayden S  Joshua T
James C  Joseph W

Some reminders:
Even weeks:  Sport-Thursday  Assembly K-6 - Monday 2:30pm
Odd weeks:  Sport- Monday  Assembly K-2- Thursday 2:30pm

Please remember to send in the items as listed in the Stage 1 newsletter handed out recently.

The last page of the Stage 1 newsletter handed out last week contained a section to fill in regarding the publishing of photographs and work samples in the school newsletter, school Facebook page and on our school website; please return this to your child’s teacher if this has not already been done. From time to time outside agencies such as the local newspaper come to take photos for an article. If you do not wish your child to be photographed in such events please inform the school in writing. Many thanks for your support.

We look forward to a happy and successful year ahead in Stage 1.
Stage 1 teachers

3G
Welcome to all 3G parents and carers. I look forward to meeting with you in the weeks to come and I am greatly enjoying getting to know your children.

Term one promises to be an extremely busy time with students in 3G working hard in readiness for the NAPLAN in early term 2.

We have a very exciting week ahead of us in 3G. We are going to be commencing our author study on Roald Dahl’s book “The Twits” and have some wonderful activities planned. We will also be putting our new learnt ball skills to use in some modified games at the end of the week. For our PBL we are focusing on “Respect”. Congratulations to Shane Burling for receiving a merit award this fortnight.

Thank you to those parents and carers who have brought in the requested supplies. I really appreciate your organisation and effort.

3G would like to extend a thank you to Mrs Carlson for sharing her library with us and I would like to commend 3G on their resilience.

Joanne Graham
Class Teacher

3M
Hello and welcome to all 3M parents and carers. I look forward to meeting with you in the weeks to come and I am greatly enjoying getting to know your children. Term one promises to be an extremely busy time with students in 3M working hard in readiness for the NAPLAN in early term 2. It has been very pleasing to see the way in which students have been settling into school routines and are working enthusiastically in class to achieve their personal best. During the term students will cover a variety of topics ranging from persuasive writing to “Cycles in Our World” in Science and Technology and “Our Fleeting Past” in HSIE. If at any time you have questions or concerns regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am looking forward to a highly productive and enjoyable term with 3M.

Regards
Tim Marchant

4/5B
Welcome back to Tanilba Bay Public School. A big welcome to all families and I hope you have all had a very enjoyable break!

All students should have received a note outlining a list of requirements and an overview of timetables for library, science, sport and assemblies. If you would like another copy, please let me know.

Thank you to those parents that have been able to supply the class with tissues, soap and paper towel, we definitely appreciate it. Also, a big thank you to those parents who have offered to take books home to cover, they all look great!
On Monday, 4/5B received their second amount of homework for Term 1. Each week, homework will be handed to your child on Monday and be due Friday of the same week. Homework will be comprised of your child’s spelling words and some revision. It should take one week to complete. As your child’s ability changes, their homework will also change. Please encourage your child to do a section each night, not all in one night/day. On Friday your child should return the homework to school, where it will be marked and recorded as complete. When your child completes 5 consecutive weeks of homework, they will receive a tradable award.

We all look forward to the year ahead.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.
Thank you

Melissa Baker
Melissa.Baker22@det.nsw.edu.au

5W
Students have been working very well and have settled into classroom routines beautifully. The “showbag” presentations were fabulous and we were able to see how diverse our interests really are.

Literacy Centres have commenced and we have a high focus on activities that will support your child in completing the NAPLAN tests which take place during Term 2.

Congratulations to our selected class representatives for Parliament: Reeves Challoner (Shadow Minister for Functions) and Kayla Newey who has been appointed “Speaker of the House”. I am confident that they will do an outstanding job this year.

Communication is an important aspect of your child’s learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Lisa Wood

Stage Three Assemblies

This year’s Award Assemblies are on Tuesdays at 12.50. They will occur in weeks 5 and 9 of each term. There will be access to the school via the front and back gates.

6K
As informed in our class letter, your children are very fortunate to have two teachers working with them this year; Miss Broderick in the morning and then Mr King in the afternoons. Your children have settled in very well to this new arrangement.

Thank you to the families who supplied some tissues and soft hand soap for your children to use but we are in need of much more if past years are any indication. Your children earn Doggy Dollars for each item bought in as an incentive.

Remember that you are invited to contact Mr King if you have any concerns.

Library Bag Fundraiser

Mrs Carlson has a supply of beautiful “Frog” design Library bags for you to purchase – only $10!! These locally made unique bags look great and come in a variety of colours. Money raised will go towards purchasing new readers for your children. Please send money to Mrs Carlson in the library.

Our beautiful new library bags – only $10!
Family InSight is a voluntary home visiting organisation in which trained volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical assistance to families with at least one child under the age of 5.

Family InSight is seeking volunteers who are parents or grandparents, are good listeners, have a bit of spare time each week and a willingness to help parents with young families. A 7 week (one day per week) volunteer preparation course will commence in Nelson Bay on Wednesday 20th February. Please phone Debbie Thompson on 49610700 for more details.

Welcome to 2013, it seems like everyone is refreshed and ready to go. The uniform shop has been flat out since we reopened on 21 January. Don’t forget that you can fill in the order form, pop it into an envelope with the money and we will drop it back to your child’s class room on the next day we are open.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is open in the AV Room on Mondays from 9 -10 and Wednesdays from 2-3.

Prices
School Shirts $18
Boys School Shorts $20
Girls School Skorts $20
School Jackets $33
School Trackpants $24
School Hats $7

Second Hand
We have started a second hand pool of uniforms, so if you have something that would be useful to someone else and would like to donate it, please drop it into the office and they will get it to us. We will be selling all items at very reasonable prices, with most items between $3-5.00. This is a great opportunity for people to pick up some very reasonably priced clothes and for us to make a little bit more money to purchase items for the school.

AGM
The most important meeting of the year is coming up on Thursday 28 February at 3.15. It is the Annual General Meeting. This is the meeting where the audited accounts are tabled and the current executive committee stand down and a new one is
elected. The new committee decides on the yearly fee and membership for 2013 will open.

We have a general meeting straight after where most items get discussed. One of the major items we will be discussing is our fundraising for 2013 to make sure it is a co-ordinated effort between us and the school. All are very welcome.

If you have never thought about coming to a meeting before ..... why not come to this one?

**Bunnings Warehouse**
**Free Kids D.I.Y. Workshops**

Saturday 23rd February
12pm: Woodwork workshop
Sunday 24th February
12pm: Animal Craft workshop

Bunnings Port Stephens Easter Family Night
Thursday 21st March 2013 6pm – 8pm

FREE ACTIVITIES!!

**Maitland Saints Australian Football Club**

Registration Day
Sunday February 24, 2013 – 10am to 2pm
Max McMahon Oval, Weblands Street, Rutherford
For boys aged 4 to 17, girls aged 4 to 14 – Sunday games
Come and try a great new game in the Maitland area
All welcome
Enquiries to www.maitlandsaints.org.au

**PORT STEPHENS POWER**
**JUNIOR AFL CLUB**

Ferodale Park, Corner Ferodale Road & Kirrang Drive, Medowie

2013 First Training Session at Ferodale Park

Monday 18th February 5.00pm – 6.00pm

We will have two Sydney Swans players including 2012 premiership player Craig Bird joining us. Come along and train with AFL players and get their autographs too.

Registration Day at Ferodale Park

Sunday 24th February 9.00am - 1.00pm
NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 8 Years - $60 (includes 2013 Auskick Pack)
Juniors - 8 Years to 17 Years - $90
(New players receive - sports bag, water bottle, playing shorts and socks)
$10 discount for extra family members
***** NO WEEKLY FEES *****
For further information please contact Jodie at portstephenspower@gmail.com
Swimming Carnival Report
Our annual swimming carnival was held on Friday 8th February. We were blessed to have beautiful weather and the attendance, participation and behaviour of all students was excellent.

Congratulations to the winning house, Broughton.

On the day, several records were broken. These include:

- Jack Hagan  All Age 100m Freestyle (a record that has stood since 2011)
- Ebony Connor  Senior girls 50m Breaststroke (a record that has stood since 1998)
- Mia Lilley  Junior girls 50m Backstroke (a record that has stood since 2011)
- Lachlan Battishall 11 year Boys 50m Butterfly (a record that has stood since 2011)

A special mention needs to be made to the following students who will be representing Tanilba Bay Public School at the Zone Carnival on Friday 1st March:

- Hudson Wyeth, Zak Mullins, Jack Hagan, Patrick Hagan, Lachlan Battishall, Rhian Wilkins, Megan Thompson, Ebony Connor, Bree Chester, Mia Lilley, Kaitlin Gilroy and Symphony Murray. Good luck boys and girls!

The age champions for 2013, who will be presented with their trophies in the upcoming weeks, are:

- Senior Boys – Jack Hagan
- Senior Girls – Ebony Connor
- 11 Year Boys – Lachlan Battishall
- 11 Year Girls – Bree Chester
- Junior Boys – Patrick Hagan
- Junior Girls – Mia Lilley

Thank you to the Tilligerry RSL and Bob Baldwin for the use of shade structures. Thank you also to the dedicated staff of Tanilba Bay PS who worked tirelessly on the day and to the parents and friends who came along to support our children.

Ali Smoother (Sports Coordinator)