Principal's Message
We have had a very busy term and we are now fast approaching the holidays with only three weeks left of Term One. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of our staff for their hard work and dedication so far this year. All of the Tanilba Bay staff are committed to providing the best possible educational outcomes for our children. Thank you also to those parents volunteering in our classes, the canteen, and our uniform shop or at special events so far this year. The help that parents and community members provide is invaluable in the smooth running of a school and supports the great work being done by our students and staff.

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the school Cross Country last Friday. All staff and students had a fantastic time and enjoyed the event, even though some of our staff and students got a little bit soggy towards the end of the run. Thank you to everyone who were involved in the organisation and smooth running of the Cross Country, especially Mrs Smoother and Mr Marchant, and to all parent volunteers who helped out with the event or at the BBQ.

Demountable classroom
Our demountable classroom has finally been finished after having the roof replaced to stop the leaks. The room has now been re-carpeted, cleaned and made available for 3G to move in to their room. I would like to congratulate 3G and Mrs Graham for their patience and excellent attitude during the period they were unable to get in to their classroom. Thank you to Mrs Carlson who has given up her library this term so that 3G could use it as a classroom. Library lessons will now be able to return to normal and be held in the library rather than in the classrooms.

Smoking near our school gates
As you know, it is Government policy that smoking is prohibited on school grounds. I thank everyone for adhering to this policy. In the interest of health, and in particular, for the safety of younger students who may be injured by a cigarette held at their height, all staff and students would appreciate it if smokers would refrain (just for the short period of time in the morning and afternoon) from smoking directly outside the school fence when you are picking students up. Thank you!

Attendance counts!
Attendance at school counts – and reads, and writes and spells! Regular attendance at school is vital for children to learn and retain the fundamental skills taught in primary school. It is also very important on a social level and in terms of promoting effective life-long habits. Just one day a fortnight away from school affects a child’s learning and adds up to four weeks of missed schooling across the year. Keep your child learning—keep your child at school.

Easter
Remember that Good Friday and Easter Monday are Public Holidays and that the school will be closed on both these days. Also, don’t forget that next Thursday is our annual Easter Hat Parade. I have heard that the Easter Bunny may make an appearance.

Have a great weekend.

Stuart Wylie
Principal

Hunter Sports High School
Applications for Hunter Sports High School are now open. If you would like an information package please see Mr King by Friday as the applications are due back by Tuesday 27th March.

Before you part with your well-earned $40 (trial fee), take into consideration the level of ability of your child in their chosen sport/s. Have they represented the school zone or region or their sport association at a higher level than their usual weekend competition? The level of skill needed to be successful in achieving a place at Hunter Sports High is quite substantial.
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 and patterns. Money raised will go towards purchasing new readers for your children. Visit the office staff to choose your favourite design!

Our beautiful new library bags – only $10!

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:

- Copper girls ring
- Zebra purse
- Mallabula J. R. L. zipper jacket
- 2 SD cards
- Silver purse
- 2 skateboard/scooter helmets

Junior Cross Country
A fantastic morning was had by Kindergarten, Year One and some of Year Two last Friday. Our Cross Country event was well supported by families coming to cheer on the students, and some even joined-in!

A short period of chaos occurred as the starter began the race. Students were all jostling for position. Strategies were implemented with precision and it was clear, focus was on the greatest number of laps. Brief stops were made to replenish body fluid but then it was back to the business of the day! Students pushed themselves to achieve a myriad of personal goals including beating a friend or a teacher. Some were determined to look the part as they passed parents. Many strove to get just one more lap and not fall over again. Alas the final whistle blew and students returned triumphant to their teachers, hot, red, exhausted and immensely proud.

Unfortunately, there can be but a few winners. They are as follows.


Kindergarten overall winner – Jackson Sparks
Year One overall winner – Tori Borg
Year Two overall winner – Jake Hessell
Stage One overall winner – Tori Borg running well over 2 kilometres!

We ended the morning with a delicious sausage sizzle and thanked the heavens the rain held off for our run. Great effort boys and girls!

Cross Country
Last Friday saw students in years 3-6 as well as year 2 students who turn 8 this year compete in our Annual Cross Country event. The day was very successful and it was great to see so many parents, caregivers and friends come along to support the children.
The placegetters were as follows:

**8/9 Girls**
- 1st: Mikayla Walls
- 2nd: Taylor Simmons
- 3rd: Bindi Steele

**8/9 Boys**
- 1st: Aidan McGovern
- 2nd: Harry Dale
- 3rd: Joe Mitchell

**10 Girls**
- 1st: Summa Maidstone
- 2nd: Tiger Monck
- 3rd: Lily Manton

**10 Boys**
- 1st: Takarei Kuru
- 2nd: James Borg
- 3rd: Mitchell Layton

**11 Girls**
- 1st: Bree Chester
- 2nd: Kaylah Newey
- 3rd: Kayla Blackmore

**11 Boys**
- 1st: Ryan Farrell
- 2nd: Montell Kuru
- 3rd: Ethan Andrews

**12 Girls**
- 1st: Reanna Betwell
- 2nd: Chrissie Beavan
- 3rd: Emily Baker

**12 Boys**
- 1st: Blair Andrews
- 2nd: Lachlan O’Neill
- 3rd: Kane Chester

Notes have gone home this week to students who have been selected to represent Tanilba Bay PS at the Zone Cross Country Carnival on Friday 5th April 2013. Good luck to those competitors!

Ali Smoother  
*Sports Coordinator*

**Kindergarten**

Kindergarten has been in full swing this last month with formal learning. We are investigating many sounds and reading lots of books. Our number knowledge is greatly improving. While many children have been quite sick this term, please remember they are learning new things every day and we really don’t want to miss anything.

Just a couple of reminders to keep up the Home Reading and Home Work books. It is a fabulous way for parents to monitor their own child’s achievements.

On Thursday 28th March we will be having our annual Easter Hat Parade. You will be challenged to help your child make a terrific design for the parade. Hats may be left at school until the event. We will be parading from 9.30am, so come along and cheer the children on. A special guest will be in attendance.

Please ensure laces are done up securely on shoes as this is a constant hazard for children.

**Stage One Teachers**

**3G**

Term 1 has been extremely busy in 3G. We have been working tremendously hard on our persuasive text. The topics covered thus far are based on matters concerning the classroom, school and local community. I am ever so proud of the input of all students in relation to their justification surrounding the covered topics.

In Mathematics we have been covering tallying and graphs based on our favourite foods and games and are working on Measurement this week.

We recently had a visit by the NRL and discussed the issue of bullying. This coincided nicely with National Day of Action Against Bullying on Friday 15th March.

For CAPA over the next coming weeks we will be learning Australian bush and folk dances.

Congratulations to Dylan Flood for the award he received at this week’s whole school assembly and to 3G for their effort in the Cross Country.

Exciting news! We are now in our new classroom, HB20, located near the basketball court!

Mrs Graham
5/6G
5/6G have been working hard during the past 8 weeks. We have been studying about rainforests and the children have been asked to select a rainforest animal for their H.S.I.E project. Last week all 5/6G students completed the Beep Test. All students put in a great effort with some fantastic scores being produced. Bailey Steed scored 8.11, with Reanna Betwell and Chloe Newman scoring 7.2 which was great to watch. 5/6G have been working hard on writing expositions with some fabulous arguments being produced. Keep up the great work class.😊

Mr Gattenhof

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Frank Lupton P&C President Reported on his visit to Hunter River High School Information Evening on Monday 18th March 2013:
I found the presentation and information very good and informative. The high school is now known as a trade school and has an excellent learning centre.
In my opinion, Hunter River High School is an A plus high school for our students considering enrolling in 2014.
Frank Lupton
President P. & C. Tanilba Bay Public School

**Easter Raffle**
Tickets have gone out and all children should have received a book. They are due back in next Tuesday and the prizes are drawn at 2.30 pm on Thursday 28 March, you are all welcome to attend the drawing. If you are able to donate an egg or two, please leave them in the office and we will get them from there. Even small eggs are great for us to make up baskets as a prize. Thank you and good luck.

**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 we 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.

**P & C Meeting**
The next meeting has been changed to Thursday 4 April at 3.15 in the library, all are welcome.
**Bunnings Port Stephens Easter Family Night**

**Thursday 21st March 2013 6pm – 8pm**

**FREE ACTIVITIES!!**

- Kids DIY Workshop
- Hunter Valley Zoo Animals
- Visit from the Easter Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt
- Stacks of great prizes & giveaways
- Supplier product demonstrations & displays
- Jumping castle, rock climbing wall & bungee trampoline
- Sausage sizzle provided – kids eat free, adults gold coin donation

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**Open Day**

**11AM-2PM, SATURDAY 23 MARCH**

The Australian Performing Arts Grammar School (APGS) is a dynamic, boutique secondary school focusing on academic, creative and performing arts excellence.

Based in a state of the art facility on Broadway - Glebe, APGS is accepting applications from students with a passion for Dance, Drama/Acting, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts/Design.

An essential event for all students and parents interested in a school focusing on performing arts and academic excellence.

11am - 2pm, Saturday, 23 March
Level 3, 355 Broadway, Glebe

For more information please contact:
admissions@apgs.nsw.edu.au or 9232 8916 3123
236 Broadway, Glebe, NSW 2037

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**Experience another culture in 2013 and improve your language studies at home.**

In June/July students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

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**Lemon Jive**

**Sat 23rd March @ 12pm**

**Featuring**

NAT JAMES, MOOD JONES & BAND

.......smooth jazz !

Bring a chair, bring a friend.....

**Lemon Jive** is a series of performances held once a month, on the weekend, during the day, on the waterfront at Lemon Tree Passage.

We’re looking for local performers & musicians – experienced or not – to get on stage and entertain us. This could be an opportunity to start your musical career!

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