Principal's Message
I hope everyone had a fantastic weekend and had an opportunity to celebrate Easter with their family. This will be the last newsletter for the term as we only have one week left of school for Term 1. The last day of term is Friday 12th April and our students return on Wednesday 1st May. We have had a long and busy term and I have been very impressed with our students’ efforts in all aspects of school life so far this year. Next term is a short one with only nine weeks of school in Term 2.

Easter Hat Parade
Thank you for all those in attendance at the Easter Hat Parade last Thursday. It was a great day with all students, staff and parents sharing in the fun. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those involved in organising the day, particularly Mrs Flux and Miss Roberts and the Senior Parliamentarians. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with the making of their child’s hat and also thank you to Mrs Wylie and Mrs Wilkinson for taking turns at being our Easter Bunny. I would also like to thank our P&C for organising the wonderful Easter raffle.

Additional Staff Development Day Tuesday 30th April
The department has created an additional staff development day on Tuesday 30th April 2013 to facilitate the implementation of the National Curriculum. The purpose of the day is to provide time for teachers to engage in learning activities, planning and programming in order to be prepared for the full implementation of the English Syllabus in 2014. Tanilba Bay Public School teachers will be working through a range of learning activities on both days. School will resume for all students on Wednesday 1st May.

2012 Annual Report
The school’s 2012 Annual Report went live over the weekend. It can be viewed on the school’s website. We are proud of our 2012 results and currently looking at ways we can build on our successes. We are all very proud of what our great school offers for the students at Tanilba Bay PS.

NAPLAN
2013 NAPLAN testing will take place early next term during the week of 13th May 2013. These are National tests that are conducted in the area of numeracy and literacy. There will be an explanatory note sent home to all parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students next week.

Have a great last week of school and a wonderful holiday.

Stuart Wylie
Principal

ANZAC Day
The Tilligerry RSL Sub-Branch has invited our students to attend the ANZAC Day march and wreath laying ceremony to be held on Thursday 25 April, 2013. This is the second Thursday in the holidays.

At Tanilba Bay Public School we believe that this significant event should be supported by our school community. Last year we were very well represented by our students and our commitment was held in high regard by the community as a whole. We encourage our students to be involved in the march to show respect and to support our school commitment. In particular, our Parliamentarian leaders and class representatives are asked to participate on the day. We understand that there are students who attend the march as part of other community commitments. Students marching under our school banner are asked to assemble at the entry to Tanilba Bay dressed in full school uniform at 9.20am. The march will proceed to the Tilligerry RSL where a formal service and wreath laying ceremony will take place at 10am.
We value your children’s participation and look forward to seeing many of our students proudly wearing their uniform and paying respect to our Diggers.

Lisa Wood

Woolworths Earn and Learn begins again!
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. Ask your Gran, the neighbours and friends to save the stickers for you.

There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

Last year we were able to purchase a huge range of musical instruments including guitars and indigenous instruments.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

Paula Flux
A.P. ES1

Netball
On Friday the 8th of March the girls Netball team all drove down to Port Stephens Netball courts in Raymond Terrace to participate in the Zone Netball PSSA carnival. The weather was lovely and the girls had a fantastic day! Everyone played well and great sportsmanship was demonstrated. Congratulations on representing our school proudly!

Chloe Zdebski       Kaitlin Gilroy
Marli Muxlow       Tanisha Riley
Rain-Jamira Monck  Krystal Chislett
Josie Nunn          Mya Howard

Our next game in the PSSA knockout competition against Salt Ash PS will be scheduled for early Term 2.

Natalie Newton
Netball Coordinator

Kindergarten News
It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 1. Where does the time go?
What a fantastic time we all had at the Easter Hat Parade last Thursday. There were so many amazing hats! We would like to again say a big thank you to all of the Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers who took time to help make these wonderful creations. Well done!

The Kindergarten students have been working very hard in Guided Reading and Writing lessons and are starting to produce some wonderful writing. Most children are doing Homereading each day which is excellent! Don’t forget if you are able to help in class or change Homereaders, we would love to hear from you. No experience is required!

Homereading every day is a wonderful way to spend time with your child, also it helps students to consolidate the learning that they do in class.

Practising sight words and sounds at home is another great way to help your child.
Next week we will have a K-2 Assembly on Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall. On Friday there will be a Disco for Rewards day. We wish everyone a very happy and safe school holiday break. Thank you for your support this term, as it is greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten Teachers

Stage One
Stage One had an exciting morning last Thursday at our Easter Hat Parade, and we hope that all of our visitors enjoyed watching our students take the catwalk with their unique and creative Easter hat designs. Throughout the morning, our children demonstrated all of the PBL expectations and the K-2 teachers were very proud of their outstanding behaviour. Thank you to all of the wonderful parents and community members who supported the P and C with future initiatives and school developments. Also, thank you to all our great parents who support their child’s reading at home. This consistency is so important to our children’s reading development and their enthusiasm for books.

Just a reminder that our assembly will take place on Thursday 11th April at 2:30pm, and will be hosted by 1R.

This fortnight’s happy birthday wishes go to: Isaac Belworthy, Johnathan Garvey, Kalan Freeman, Saxan Freeman, Ahlyia Richardson, Riley Johnson, Ava-Brielle Shiels, Tyler Smith.

The Stage One teachers would like to wish all of our students and their families a happy and safe holiday break. We look forward to seeing you again in Term Two.

2/3A
We have had a lovely last couple of weeks. Our Literacy centres are providing lots of different opportunities to further develop our writing and reading skills. In Maths we are learning all about measurement. We have been using formal units of measure like cm and metres.

Last week we were very excited to see the new equipment being installed. We can’t wait to use it. We also had a great time at the Easter Hat Parade. There were so many colourful hats and some great designs.

This is our last newsletter for the term. Have a safe and happy holiday and we can’t wait for Term 2.

Mrs Ashby and Mrs Smoother

Alivia having a lovely time at the Easter Hat Parade.
This term has been very productive with students working hard to achieve their personal best. I look forward to Term 2 as we work towards NAPLAN and continue to achieve success.

Lisa Wood

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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:

- Gold engagement-style ring
- Copper girls ring
- Zebra purse
- Mallabula J. R. L. zipper jacket
- 2 SD cards
- Silver purse
- 2 skateboard/scooter helmets
Easter Raffle
We raised $895 from the raffle this year, another great effort from all of the parents and children. Also, a big thank you for the donations. We were able to make 35 great prizes. The winners were:

Andrea Hughes (Angus) Corey Neate Aiden Grosse
Keenan Hodgson Jade Morrison (Noah) L. Curry (Lucas)
Jacob Witt Nat Jake Paul Berini (Chris)
Layla-Mae Sanders Carly Neate Dave Edwards (Elie)
BJ Freeman Thomas Graham Milade Hurle
Erick Hickson (Lam Page) Mya Howard Cheney (Stef)
Ben Gukie Jacob Sanders Blake 8 – Polus
Leland Ramington Sue Stirkland Mathew Harding
Layla-Mae Sanders Hannah Coupe Sue stirkland
Isak Tselunno Tim Hamilton Joe Maggick
Tyler Duke Mya Howard Katelyn Brokman
Andrea Hughes (Angus) Emma Zielke Missy O’Reilly
Summa Maidstone Cheny Tom Baillie
Kaya Eyb Reeves Chaloner Isabel Kegnedy
Sully Chaloner (Reeves) Lily Emmery Karen Freeman
Dave Crowe (Darren) BJ Joe White
Matt of Lara Forde Jade Morrison (Noah) Katelyn Brokman
Kaya Eyb Dave Edwards (Elie)
Dowidle Jack Kirk

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.

P & C Meeting
The next meeting is Thursday 4 April at 3.15 in the library, all are welcome. Normally our meetings are the last Thursday of each month (school terms only) and they are at 3.15 in the library. All welcome.

Note: Please see previous page (4) with regards to extended opening hours on Wed 10 April.

All parents of Catholic children: Sacrament of Reconciliation
This is to advise you that the Sacramental programme to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion in July 2013 will commence with an information evening for parents in St Brigid’s School Hall, William Street, Raymond Terrace on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm.

All parents, who would like their child/children in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion, are required to attend and register their child/children at this meeting.

Please contact St Brigid’s parish office on 49871888 or Bernadette Stellenberg on 49321875 for further information.

Tanilba Bay Scripture Teachers.

Scripture has by now been underway for several weeks. While we farewelled Pastor Chris and Lynette Francis and Rev’d Ken Youman at the end of 2012 we now welcome Pastor Dennis Carter, Tony Adams and Elizabeth Currie as members of our Scripture team.

As part of our financial commitment to Tanilba Bay Public School all programme resources are provided through donations from the local churches. Individual members of the community also contribute to this programme through tax deductible donations. (These can be made by contacting me at the address below.)

In addition, all of our volunteers have been trained and approved through the “Safe Working with Children Check.”

The Scripture in Schools Programme at Tanilba Bay has been providing religious and ethical education on the Peninsula for over 30 years. All of this has been made possible by the ongoing support of Teachers and staff members to whom we are truly grateful.

Combined Scripture Assemblies will be held on 26th June and 27th November this year. You are always welcome to attend these assemblies.

Lachie McKinnon, Co-ordinator,
43 King Albert Avenue,
Tanilba Bay,
Ph. 4982 3363
PBL Badges For Sale

For only $2 each you can purchase a red, blue or green PBL badge from 2010-2012.

Hurry in and get yours today!

NEW STUDENTS ARRIVING IN JULY!

I was the happiest girl at the moment!
- by Harmony from France

School Life

How awesome is it to come all the way to Australia and learn Japanese?

Before the summer holidays, my English teacher at school agreed to have ma in her grade 12 Japanese class for this year, so here I am, since a month and a half, studying Japanese with a class of lovely people! They have taught me Japanese for some years already and know way more than me about this language, and keep helping me or answering my questions. In Europe, we didn’t really have the opportunity to study Asian languages at school but I’m really interested in it though. I am so grateful to my teacher for letting me have a taste of Japanese, what an amazing experience!

In my host family, we have Jodi goes for North Melbourne Kangaroos and Tim, Tania and I go for Geelong Cats.

On Thursday night, family meeting Jodi announced to us that we were going down to Geelong to see the North Melbourne against Geelong forty match! I was very excited but that was nothing compared to what was yet to come...

Indeed, Jodi did everything for me to make one of my Australian dreams come true...

Down to the Simonds stadium, Tania took me outside and we...

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ALEXIA - BELGIUM

Alexia loves music and plays the flute in an orchestra.

SUSANNA - FINLAND

Susanna loves sports and is eager to try new ones in Oz.

LAURA - NETHERLANDS

Laura has played the harp for 10 years and plays the piano.
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