Principal's Message

It is Week 4 of Term 1 already and our school is humming along with all students and classes very settled at this stage of the year. I have been very impressed with our new Kindergarten students who have all settled in beautifully and are developing great confidence in their big new world. Thanks to all of our students for making our new little people so welcome and for the way they support and befriend new students transferring in from other schools. We are focussing on Respect this term and I have been very impressed with the levels of respect demonstrated by all students.

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 Mr Gattenhof and all of the teachers, parents and students who assisted on the day. Good luck to our representatives at the upcoming Zone Swimming Carnival; I am sure you will have a great time and be excellent ambassadors for Tanilba Bay Public School.

Supervision of Students - One area of concern is the number of students left unsupervised in the playground every morning before supervision commences. Our school day does not start until 9.05am every morning and the school's supervision roster starts from 8.30 am. There are no teachers available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time.

I do understand that many parents have commitments at work which require them to leave before 8.30 am. However, there is a Before and After School Care service which operates locally every school morning. Alternatively, you may be able to make arrangements with friends or neighbours for the supervision of your children. Some families with working parents take turns to take each other's children to school. As well, many employers will be sympathetic to parents with responsibilities for caring for children and will allow some flexibility in parents' working hours. By law, employers are restricted from treating an employee detrimentally on the grounds of their status as a carer.

Whatever arrangements you make, you need to understand that you remain legally responsible for the child prior to 8.30 am when supervision begins. I would therefore ask that you ensure that your child is not left unsupervised at the school before 8.30 am any more.

School Contributions - Thank you to all families who have sent in voluntary contributions for 2014. The Annual School Contribution is used to purchase teaching resources, classroom equipment (and equipment maintenance), paper for use in classroom, photocopying paper, first aid equipment and other school items. 2014 school contribution payments can be made at the school office between the hours of 8.45 – 2.45pm.

Library Loan Bond - We introduced our Library Loan Bond in 2012 as we had a large number of books disappearing from our library. There was $3000+ worth of books missing from our school library at that time with no cost recovery system in place. To ensure that all students are able to access and use high quality books we ask parents to pay a bond of $20 which will be returned when the child leaves the school if there are no outstanding library books. This is a once only fee, so if you paid it in 2012 or 2013 you do not have to pay it again in 2014. Thank you to those who have paid the Library Loan Bond and please ensure your child cares for our school books as they are a valuable resource.

School attendance - By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you’re having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to a teacher, Assistant Principal or the Principal. If you would like to know more about your legal obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to: www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/PD20050259.shtml

Have a great weekend!

Stuart Wylie - Principal
Calendar of Events

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Parent Online Payment
Thank you to all the parents who have discovered and used POP. We have a lot of parents now paying their fees and excursions with our new system and relieving them of the worry of cash being stolen or lost and the convenience of doing it from home. You also get your receipt immediately. How great!
Don’t forget to use our new easy system to pay outstanding fees. Parents have commented how easy and wonderful it is to use and quick; no need to miss out on deadlines or cut off times now!
The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website (www.tanilbabay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

P & C AGM Thursday 27 February
All welcome in the library – 3.15pm.

Parliament News
Class representatives for Parliament have now been selected and Shadow Ministers have received their portfolios. Congratulations to the following students:
Shadow Minister for Health and Welfare
Kasey Brown
Shadow Minister for Transport
Casey Taggart
Shadow Minister for the Environment
Jack Jarvis
Shadow Minister for Communication
Ellie White
Shadow Minister for Education
Isaac Maguire

Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation
Zaine Bickerstaff
Shadow Minister for PBL
Brodie Hall
Shadow Minister for Functions
Hunter Stevens
Shadow Minister for Buildings and Properties
Peter Betwell
Shadow Minister for ATSI & Multiculturalism
Mia Lilley
Speaker of the House
Kayle Gordon
2L Representatives
Isabella Whitehall
Cooper Fagan
2R Representatives
Isabella Keightley
Jesse Gregory
2M Representatives
Larah-Kate McNab
Ryley King
3J Representatives
Keeley Taggart
Tanner Stevens
3/4M Representatives
Dannielle Hansell
Harrison Dale
2/3G Representatives
Jett Woodward
Emmy Miller
3/4S Representative
Chelsea Sullivan
4M Representative
Noah Morrison
Stage 1 Reporter
Ronan Lane
Stage 2 Reporter
Ella Livett
Badges for our Parliamentarians will be presented at the week 6 K-6 assembly. Families will receive an invitation to attend.
Lisa Dovey

Sports Report
Swimming carnival
Students from year 2 to year 6 recently participated in Tanilba Bay P.S annual swimming carnival. The weather was perfect and all students tried their hardest. Ribbons, age champions and house
champions will be presented in the K-6 assembly on Monday of week 8.

**Cricket Super Star**

Mia Lilley was recently selected for the Hunter Regional Girls Cricket team and next week will travel south to the border of NSW to compete in the State Cup. On behalf of all students and teachers of Tanilba Bay P.S we wish you the very best Mia.

**Bookworm Corner**

Welcome to week 4! The term is travelling so fast. Kindergarten students have been very busy learning how to navigate their way around the library space, borrow and return their books. All students have settled in very well and are enjoying browsing and choosing library books to take home.

Stage one students have also settled back into a steady library routine with many students also borrowing not only some of our loved books in our library collection but also borrowing our new picture books and rocket readers that have made their way onto our shelves. In story time, we have been discussing book characters and main characters in stories as well as predicting what is going to happen in the story.

Stage two students are learning about ‘poetry’. The students have shown fantastic prior knowledge and ideas on the topic of ‘What is poetry?’ and elements of poetry. We have learnt that poetry does not have to rhyme and can take many forms. Below is just one of the fun poems we have been analysing as well as a poem written by Sharna in 4S, who was asked to write a poem that had to do with something dangerous!!

**I've Been Burping in the Classroom**

By Kathy Kenny-Marshall

I've been burping in the classroom since I ate my lunch.
We had beefy, cheesy tacos, and I gobbled down a bunch.
Can’t you hear my belly rumble?
full of greasy taco meat.
Can’t you hear the girls all whining,
“Your breath smells like your feet!”

Tacos taste so swell, but they make you smell.
They’re full of beans and spicy me-e-at!

When you eat a bunch of that zesty lunch, for sure you won’t smell sweet.

Someone needs to tell the lady when she cooks our lunch today-ay-ay-ay please leave out the grease and spices so we can go out and play.

**Motor Bike Poetry**

By Sharna 4S

Your dream is to ride a bike, But you have to get a licence, If you don’t pass it it’s a waste of time. But one thing if you pass, You could do front flips and back flips. It is not like getting in a car.

The **Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014** has kicked off to a great start. We have had many children sign up and bring back their Premier’s Reading Challenge note. If you would like your child to participate this year, simply ask your child to ask for a note from Mrs Carlson in the library, if they have not already received one.

Don’t forget our borrowing days are as follows:

**Mondays** 6K, K/1B, 1S, 2R, 3/4S
**Tuesdays** KA, KS, 6B, 2/3G
**Wednesdays** KR, 1M, 4/5S, 3J
**Thursdays** 1K, 2L, 5G, 4M
**Fridays** KP, 2M, 5D, 3/4M

Happy Reading Everyone – Mrs Carlson
Kindergarten
Kindergarten attended their very first assembly on Monday. The teachers were very proud to see so many students demonstrating the PBL Be Respectful expectation. Kindergarten will also attend the next K2 assembly at 2:30pm on Thursday 27th Feb. In classrooms we are all learning about how to Be Respectful and concentrating on ‘whole body listening’. Some parents have commented on the change they have noticed in their child’s listening at home too!

This week, homework and home reading have begun. Home reading books need to be returned each day in the blue home reading folder. Please encourage your child to pack their own home reading folder into their bag each day ready for school. If you are available to change home readers, see your child’s teacher. Homework will be sent home on Monday and needs to be returned on Friday – students have all been provided with their own ‘mini whiteboard’ (laminated sheet) to practise writing their name and sight words on. Please keep this in a safe place so it can be reused each week.

A friendly reminder to send along a piece of fruit or vegetable and water bottle for your child to enjoy for Crunch and Sip each day. Students are unable to return to their bags at recess eating time so sending along disposable wrapping is preferable.

If you have any questions or concerns please see your child’s teacher.

Kind Regards
The Kindergarten Teachers

Stage 1
The students in Stage One have had a busy start to the year. They have quickly settled into their new classes and routines and are working hard in all Key Learning Areas.

In Writing, Students have started to learn about Information Reports and are currently working towards writing about the lifecycle of our PBL ambassador, the frog. All classes have been enjoying participating in morning P.E., this daily fitness routine reminds students of the importance of leading a healthy and active lifestyle.

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!

Stage One Teachers

2/3G
Welcome to 2/3G! All students have been enjoying getting to know their new classmates and have been eager to demonstrate their knowledge and share their interests. In literacy this term we are working on narrative as a text type. I have been pleased with all students’ enthusiasm and effort in relation to their creative writing. In mathematics we have been attempting quite challenging strategies for addition and subtraction and will look at graphs, surveys and measurement over the next few weeks. I am very proud of all my students for doing their personal best in all Key Learning Areas thus far, and am looking forward to a wonderful year ahead with them.

A few things to remember:
* Homework is due on Fridays
* Home reading is due on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
* Library is on Tuesday afternoon
* Stage PE is on Thursdays

Kind regards
Ms Graham
3/4M and 3J
3/4M and 3J have continued to make an excellent start to the semester and our year three students are working hard in preparation for NAPLAN in term 2. In particular, teachers have been extremely impressed with the way in which the students’ narrative writing skills have been developing during term 1. The children have greatly enjoyed working with Miss J and myself on a range of engaging topics. Thank you to all parents and carers who have provided tissues and paper towel for the classes over the past few weeks. Your contributions are greatly appreciated particularly with the colder months approaching.

Well done to those students who are showing excellent commitment to learning by completing all components of their homework each week, including home reading. I would like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support with this endeavour. As always, if you have any questions or concerns in regards to your child’s schooling please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher. We are available in the afternoon either in person or over the phone. We can also be contacted via e-mail if this is more convenient.

Regards
Mr Marchant and Miss J

6B
It has been a great couple of weeks in 6B. All students are showing a mature work ethic and settling in very well. Homework and Home Reading are now well underway. Thank you to those students who have completed and returned their homework each week. What committed students, they have received a Personal Best award!

A reminder to all families that the Stage 3 Assembly will be held this Monday 24th February at 12.50pm. It is our first for the year.

Another big thank you to the families of Angus, Reeves and Tyler for donating tissues, soap and paper towels. They are always in great demand, especially for painting and when the cooler months approach.

Congratulations to Brittany, who received the Week 4 Merit Award for Being Respectful and a big Happy Birthday to Mitch and Tanisha – who celebrated their birthday in Feb and Jan.

We all look forward to the year ahead. This year will be our last here, so let’s make it count!
Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.
Thank you
Melissa Baker
Melissa.Baker22@det.nsw.edu.au

Uniform Shop
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.
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 $34
School Trackpants $25
School Hats $7

Second Hand
We have 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.

Next Meeting
Our meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 3.15. Our first one will be Thurs 27 February. Our general meeting will follow on from the AGM. The AGM has 2 main purposes to elect a committee for 2014 and to table the audited financial reports.
The General Meeting follows straight on and one of the major items we will be discussing is our fundraising for 2014 to make sure it is a co-ordinated effort between us and the school. Our meetings are held in library. All are very welcome.
Scripture Teachers’ News — 2014.

Scripture has commenced for the year. The team of nine Scripture teachers, all of whom are approved by their local churches, met on Wednesday, 5th February, to plan for the year and meet the teachers of the classes they will be taking.

We are again using the “Godspace” material for the lessons. This material has the approval of the local Ministers’ Fraternal.

Combined Scripture Assemblies are planned for June 25th and November 26th. Parents and friends are welcome to join us for these occasions.

The Scripture Teachers believe that it is important that what is taught in Scripture is followed up so information regarding local churches and their activities is included with this newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding Special Religious Education at Tanilba Bay School please contact me on 4982 3363.

Lachie McKinnon,  
Co-ordinator.  
Special Religious Education Co-ordinator, Tanilba Bay Public School.

Anglican Church.

Sunday Service – 10 a.m.  
“Mainly Music” for pre-schoolers. Thursday, 10 a.m.  
Contact – Rev’d Bryce Amner – 4982 9173

Baptist Church.

Sunday Service and Sunday School – 9.30 a.m.  
Homework Club – Monday, 4.15 p.m.  
PlayGroup – Wednesday, 10 a.m.  
Youth Group “Ignite” – Friday, 7.15 p.m.  
Contact – Pastor Anthony Gentle – 4982 3022

Catholic Church.

Mass – Saturday – Raymond Terrace – 5.30 p.m.  
Medowie - 7.30 p.m.  
Sunday – Raymond Terrace – 9.30 a.m.  
Mallabula – 7.30 a.m.  
Contact – Rev’d Father Kevin Kien – 4987 1888

Christian Reformed Church.

Sunday Service – 9 a.m.  
“Kids in Church” – Sunday, 9 a.m.  
Contact – Pastor David Trounce – 4984 5442

Church for Life.

Thursday, 10.30 a.m. Meets in the Foreshore Hall.  
Friday, 6 p.m. Foreshore Hall.  
Contact – Pastor Richard Nash – 4982 3385

Uniting Church.

Sunday Service – 8.45 a.m.  
“Kids Korner” – for pre-schoolers – Tuesday, 10 a.m. Contact Marie Towler – 4984 5278

Contact – Rev’d Stephen de Plater – 4987 2041

Here’s your opportunity to play football for fun – with no competition and NO BOYS! Select clubs across Macquarie Football are offering Girls Only Small Sided Football to kids aged 4-8 the opportunity to play with their peers in a club, fun social atmosphere.

Players can make new friends by joining an existing team or gather a group of friends and sign up as a team at their local club. You don’t need to go it alone!

All girls will receive a free ball and set of shin pads courtesy of the Newcastle Permanent Building Society, our Partner in Junior Football in Northern N.S.W.

Importantly, there’s no need to be a football star to join up to play Girls Only Small Sided Football – all skill levels are welcome, so COME AND PLAY FOOTBALL!

For further information on Girls Only Small Sided Football in Macquarie Football, please phone 4985 0000, www.macquariefootball.com.au

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FROM  
1st February 2014 at  
mffootballclub.com.au