Principal’s Message

Term 4 is moving quickly. Amazingly, we now have only 44 days left of school for the 2015 school year and 70 days until Christmas. Term 4 as always will be a very busy term as we have a lot of activities leading up to the end of year including presentation day, swim school, Kinder and Year 7 transition and Year 6 graduation just to name a few.

Of course this year we also have our biennial performance, “Music through the Ages” in Week 4 on the 28th and 29th of October. Tickets are selling fast but we still have some tickets available for both evening performances and the Wednesday Matinee. This year’s performance is an outstanding extravaganza and should not be missed – get your tickets before they are gone.

2016 Parliamentarians

A number of our Year 5 students are currently thinking about nominating themselves for a student leadership role for 2016. It is a big decision as there are a lot of expectations and responsibilities placed on student leaders. Good luck to all of the students who put themselves forward for election to our student parliament.

Music Lessons

We are partnering with Primary Music Institute in 2016 to provide music lessons (concert band and keyboard) to interested students and hopefully create a school concert band. If you are interested in introducing a musical instrument to your child’s life and would like more information there is an advertisement later in this newsletter.

Bus Behaviour

Unfortunately, inappropriate bus behaviour has been brought to the attention of the school executive once again. The children travel unsupervised on the bus and are expected to adhere to safety regulations. We are asking that all families speak to their children and remind them about safe travelling on school buses. The school will fully support any travel suspensions implemented by the bus company.

Regular Attendance

As you are aware regular attendance at school is vital to ensure students’ maximise their learning potential.

Unfortunately we have a number of students who are repeatedly arriving late each day, unaccompanied by an adult or without satisfactory explanation. These absences are deemed unjustified. As a result students are often missing valuable instruction and consequently have difficulty consolidating new concepts. It is important that good morning routines are established to ensure students are on time. As little as ten minutes every day can add up over the period of a year. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Have a great weekend.

Stuart Wylie

Calendar of Events

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Term 4 - Puzzles!!
Look out for the answer in the next newsletter.
Let’s try an easy one!
Can you replace the "?" with the correct number?

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30  24
  6  ??  3
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Late Arrivals to School
As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, Tanilba Bay Public School has been using SMS messages and follow up letters to ensure that all absences from school are explained. During Term 3, the school participated in an audit by the Department of Education to review school systems and operations. This included our procedures to ensure that all absences, including late arrivals, are explained. To ensure compliance with the audit recommendations and the Department of Education Attendance Policy, we are sending out SMS messages daily for whole day absences and I thank the numerous parents who are replying to these. To ensure full compliance, we are following up unexplained absences and late arrivals with letters the following week. While I understand that receiving a letter following up a late arrival, especially if the absence only a few minutes, can be frustrating; it is important to understand that we are required to ensure that all absences are explained and to demonstrate that we have followed them up with families. Absence notifications for late arrivals can be avoided if parents bring their child to the office when arriving at school. Unexplained late arrivals are generated when children present without a parent or caregiver.
Tim Harris
Deputy Principal

High School Orientation Information
Day/Evening - Thursday 3 December 2015
Orientation Day – For ALL students starting at Hunter River High School in 2016. Students will work with their Jump Start leaders, experience mini lessons and have a tour of the school in the form of a scavenger hunt.
Parent Information Evening 6pm Library – An important opportunity for parents to see the school, talk with executive staff and ask questions.

PARLIAMENT
Nominations for the 2016 Parliament leaders have been handed to those Year 5 students who have expressed interest. Nominations forms are to be returned to Ms Dovey no later than 23 October, 2015. Successful nominees will be notified on Friday 30 October and they will present their election speeches at a special assembly on 16 November, 2015.
Last term some of our parliamentarians met with Mr Wylie to discuss the availability of seating around the school. You may have noticed brand new benches and tables which have been purchased to allow more children to sit down during recess and lunch. They look fantastic in our PBL colours!
Mr Wylie also discussed with ministers last term the possibility of purchasing a new lectern for school assemblies and special events. The lectern has arrived and will be completed with the school emblem over the next few weeks.
We are halfway through the program and there are many Quicksmarters who continue to surprise and dazzle us with their progress. The Quicksmart Numeracy Masters for this fortnight are:

**Jasmine Fraser** – progressing with a personal best attitude

**Jake Langley** – being a focused, consistent worker aiming for improvement

Well Done!

***The Survey is easy to complete*** and the link below will open directly to the Tell Them From Me Survey site. Alternatively the QR Code for your device is below.

Please use the username and password provided (case sensitive) which is exclusive to Tanilba Bay Public School parents.

**https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm**

Username=parent18255
Password = Tan4547

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**Lisa Dovey**

**All parents of Catholic children:**
This is to advise you that the Sacramental programme to prepare children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 2nd December 2015, will commence with an **information evening for parents** in St Brigid’s Parish Hall, William St Raymond Terrace, on **Wednesday 21st October 2015 at 7pm**. Any parents who would like their child/children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 to participate in this programme are required to attend and register their child/children at this meeting. Please contact St Brigid’s Parish on 49871888 if needing any further information.

**Kindergarten**
Kindergarten is very much looking forward to the upcoming performance. The acts are being finalised and practised daily. If you have been requested to send in costume items and have not done so, please do this ASAP as the students will be doing dress rehearsals in the lead up to the event.

We are also counting the days until our big excursion! We are off to the Reptile Park on November 5th. If you have not paid for this excursion, please do so ASAP.

In between all of this, teachers are busy with assessments for the final school reports for 2015. Attending school every day ON TIME is important at this time of the year so students can continue to learn to their full potential and not miss out on any learning opportunities.
Parents, please remember that students are to be left under the COLA each morning, even if you choose to wait with them. Also, please make appointments to see teachers if you need a chat in school hours. It is too disruptive for all children to discuss personal issues in class time.

Stage 1
Tick tock, tick tock…The countdown to 2015 Performance Night is fast approaching and we are very excited!
All the classes are busy perfecting their routines, ready to dazzle and amaze you. We look forward to seeing your friendly faces in the audience. Keep an eye out for notes regarding concert times etc.
Apart from preparing for the concert, we are also very busy learning and exploring many new concepts and skills.
In Science we are investigating a unit titled “Water Works”. We will examine where water comes from and most importantly how to respect and conserve water. This will tie in nicely with the Year 2 Learn to Swim program at the end of the year. (Notes will go home later in the term).
We have also been reading many persuasive books such as “The Day the Crayons Quit” and “Dear Mrs La Rue” and learning how to write a successful persuasive argument. Maybe some students have been practising their “persuasive” skills around bedtime!
In Maths, we will be looking at money, time, measurement, three dimensional objects as well as using our problem solving skills to solve number problems.
It is shaping up to be an extremely exciting and busy term.
Stage One Teachers

5G
Students have been returned back from holidays with a positive attitude ready for a big term ahead. This term 5G students will be learning about built environments in Science, Antarctica in HSIE and reading “Mirror” in English. All of Mr Gatt’s wonderful students have been dancing up a storm ready for performance night. There will be a note going home about a science task this week so keep an eye out. Keep working hard.

Performance Night & BBQ Raffle
Why not take the worry out of dinner and grab a sausage sandwich on Performance Night? The P & C is holding a sausage sizzle on both the Wednesday and Thursday night shows from 5pm-6.15pm. Sausage sandwiches and drinks available for $2.
We will also be selling raffle tickets for $1 each. We have some fantastic prizes including vouchers from Coles, The Poyers @ Albatross Marina, Knead Relief and Vanessa’s on the Move. Tickets will be available to purchase at all 3 shows and will be drawn at the end of the Thursday show.

Uniform Shop
Our Uniform Shop, located in the A.V. room, is open on Mondays 9am-10am and on Wednesdays 2.30pm-3pm.
Don’t forget, if you can’t make it on these days, you can leave an order at the office and we will organise for this to be processed the next time the Uniform Shop is open. Your order can then be sent home with your child.

UNIFORM PRICE CHANGES!
Most items are up in price by a minimal amount. Please ask at the office for an updated Uniform Order Form.

Next Meeting
Our meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 3.15pm. However, due to school holidays and the upcoming performance nights, our next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd October in the library. All are welcome to attend.

Touch Football
The Tilligerry Senior and Junior Touch Competitions are getting ready to commence.
Registrations will be on Tuesday 13th October at the RSL from 5pm to 7pm.
COST: Adults- $550 per team or $700 if you don’t want to referee other teams.
Kids- $30 per child, a team t-shirt will be supplied.
Trials will be on 20th & 27th October (late registrations will be accepted on these dates) with the competition starting Tuesday 10th November.
Welcome back for a busy fun filled Term 4.

The children have been excited talking about the up and coming whole school performance ‘Music through the ages’ being held on Monday 26th and Thursday 29th October. Many classes have been busy practising their dance moves in the hall. If you haven’t purchased your tickets yet, please see the school office staff, from what we have seen so far it is going to be amazing.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Educator Eden, working here at the very best on her new adventure as she leaves us this week. We welcome Andrew ‘Andy’ onto our team; he has now joined us on Wednesday afternoon.

Spring Holiday Fun

Congratulations to our new Junior Buddies for Term 4

These children will help to welcome and provide support to new friends, demonstrate the expectations of OLIM for the next few weeks.

Better buddies leadership qualities are friendly, caring for others, learning from each other and building self-confidence through the program.

With the weather warming up don’t forget to wear your broad brim hat, apply sun screen, drink lots of water from your drink bottle and play in the shade.

How long?

is it since your child’s eyes were tested at the Optometrist?

If it is more than 12 months it is time to consider booking them in for an eye test.

1. You do not need to travel out of the area. Neil Kearns your local Optometrist is open on LTP Rd Tanilba Bay Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Phone: 4982-3999

2. It is cost free to you—Neil will Bulk Bill your child’s eye test and Medicare will pay for it. Phone: 4982-3999 or 0421-027186

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PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE
New Concert Band & Keyboard Program in 2016

Exciting instrumental music program launching at Tanilba Bay PS

- PMI are introducing a concert band and keyboard program for students in 2016
- We will be performing and explaining the program to students on Tuesday 17 November (week 7)

Concert band (grades 3+)
- PMI are offering FREE participation in band rehearsals in 2016 – 1 hour per week before / after school
- Optional lessons are also held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only $13.50 per child per small group lesson (3-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons also available ($32.50 per child for 30 minutes)
- Instruments indicatively include: alto saxophone, flute, clarinet, snare drum, trumpet, trombone
- Equipment to be coordinated by parents – but you can contact PMI for assistance

Keyboard lessons (all grades)
- Lessons held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day (same price as above)
- Learning plan for all students via “PMI Stars” program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for lessons (students bring only PMI Stars workbook)

- ENROL TODAY – via PMI’s website OR enrolment forms available from the school front office