**Principal's Message**

This week we had our hugely successful performance, “Music Through the Ages”. I hope everyone who attended one of the three performances enjoyed it as much as I did. The talent and enthusiasm of our students and their teachers is incredibly impressive. It has been a huge commitment for all to put together such an entertaining show and I would like to thank all teachers for their efforts and giving up their Wednesday and Thursday night this week. I would also like to thank our Performance Committee led by Mr Scott McBain for their efforts in bringing this show together. The committee comprised of Heath Lawless, Clare Ashby, Elli Bevan, Sam Eather and Mel Baker. Thanks to all the parents and community members who have helped with making costumes or doing hair and makeup.

**Gonski?**

This week is National Gonski week 2015. Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education. Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level. Schools can use the additional resources to better meet the individual needs of students. At Tanilba Bay PS we have used our funding to provide the following:

- Employment of additional specialist teachers providing targeted literacy and numeracy programs to develop improved students learning outcomes for students with significant learning problems
- Purchase of the Quick Smart Literacy program and Quick Smart Numeracy program which provides targeted support for students to enhance their skills in these key learning areas
- Employment of three School Learning Support Officers to run the Quick Smart program which targets students needing a kick start in some areas of their learning
- Employment of a Speech Pathologist who worked with our Kindergarten students to screen, assess, and provide targeted programs for students with expressive and receptive language difficulties
- Whole school Professional learning building the skills and knowledge of all TBPS teachers in targeted key learning areas including ‘Seven Steps to Writing’ which is a highly successful literacy based program
- Purchase of significant new 21st Century resources, including new Interactive Whiteboard technology, laptops, iPads
- and many other wonderful additions to our school

Gonski is an agreement signed between the Federal Government NSW, SA, Tasmania, Victoria and the ACT. However, the Federal Government has indicated that in 2017 it will stop delivering to all state governments the needs-based Gonski funding. That means children across Australia will be denied the resources and the opportunities they need to get a high quality education.

Getting the right resources into schools to ensure all our children get a high quality education should be something we can all agree on. You can find out more about how we can ensure that as a nation we do the right thing by our kids and guarantee them the best education and the future they deserve by visiting the following website.

http://www.igiveagonski.com.au

Have a great weekend.

Stuart Wylie

**Calendar of Events**

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What time should the last watch show?

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.

Kindergarten
The Kindergarten students are A M A Z I N G!!! What a fantastic performance - the Kindergarten teachers are so proud! You all definitely had the cute factor. A big, big, big thank you to all parents and helpers who helped with making costumes.

At the moment all teachers are busy collecting assessment data for end of year reports. Attendance during this time, as always, is essential to ensure your child learns to their full potential.

Next week we will be attending an excursion to the Reptile Park. The students and teachers are all so excited.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

The Kindergarten Teachers

Stage 1
Finally, the most exciting week of the school year has arrived…Performance Week. We were lucky enough to watch all of the items on Tuesday and it was one amazing show. If you haven’t seen the show yet, you will be dazzled by the costumes and some extremely funky dance moves. Tanilba Bay students are so talented.

The students will probably be rather tired by the end of the week so we are moving our Reward Day forward to Friday Week 4, instead of Week 5.

Don’t forget the new time for the Stage 1 Assembly. It now begins at 1:55 and will occur in Week 6. Please remember that no awards will be traded after this assembly.

Thanks to all parents for your ongoing support. It is greatly appreciated.

Stage 1 Teachers

4B
The class is excited for performance this week while also getting happy that Reward Day is Friday. Students are getting closer to completing their PBL charts and receiving their badges. We had great speeches in our procedure assignment from all students; this will be reflected on in their reports. Reports are being started at the moment which means our assessments are being finalised to make sure we have a clear indication of where students are situated in the stage.

Home readers are available for all students and there is no limit to when they return and take new books, it is up to them. Hopefully we have more books swapped this term so they can benefit and improve their reading skills.

If you haven’t received a note of any kind please let me know and I can investigate the issue.

Brodie Hughes

5D
What a busy and exciting start to the term. Performance night rehearsals have paid off and the children have put in a tremendous effort with their dance. I would like to say a very big thank Robyn McDermott who took time to sew the girls’ wonderful costumes and to Ella Burgoyne who helped out with the backdrop and various other bits and pieces that helped bring the performance together.

Thank you to all 5D families for all of their contributions, from T-shirts to jeans, sunglasses and hair gel. I am very proud of all of the children.
This term we are focusing on Australian poetry in literacy. We are currently studying “My Country” by Dorothea MacKellar and “Mulga Bill” by Banjo Patterson. All the children have written a poetry piece which has been inspired from “My Country”. I am really looking forward to some fantastic poetry recitals in Week 5.

Lisa Dovey

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 Thursday night from 5pm-6.15pm. Sausage sandwiches and drinks will be 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 in the library. The next meeting is on 26th November, hope to see you there.
PORT STEPHENS ANNUAL AWARDS 2015

NOMINATE TODAY

Do you know someone in your community who goes a little bit further, who opens their arms a little bit wider and who gives a little bit extra to inspire us all to make every day better?

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