Principal's Message

Camp Australia School Holiday Program Closure -
Last week I was notified that our Camp Australia School Holiday Program will no longer be operating. The decision was made to close the program due to low demand for the School Holiday Program - with the last date of operation being 2nd October 2015. It is important to understand that this program needs approximately 20 students per day to make it economically viable. Unfortunately, our program was not getting anywhere near these numbers and some days had as few as 4 children attending. I have been assured that if the demand grows for the School Holiday Program then it will start up again.

Please note that the current Before and After School Care program running at Tanilba Bay Public School will continue to operate as usual with Before School Care operating from 7.00am to 9.00am and After School Care operating 3.05pm – 6.00pm each school day. If you have any questions in relation to this closure, please feel free to contact the Camp Australia Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 (Monday-Friday from 8am to 6pm AEST).

Snake Activity - Recently we caught a small swamp snake in the school grounds and we have been warning all students of the dangers of snakes and to keep well away from them. I am currently in negotiation with a snake education group to come to our school and discuss recognising dangerous snakes, how to keep safe and how to treat bites if they do occur. There will be a cost of $1 per student and a note will come home with the details in the next week.

Tanilba Bay PS 2016 Next year we are anticipating 560 students in 22 classes. We are currently allocating students and teachers to classes for 2016. However, with a number of new enrolments this term and some students moving away it can be difficult to organise classes with any certainty. We hope to have accurate figures for day one next year so we will have a smooth start. Please let us know ASAP if your child will be leaving TBPS and not returning in 2016. Please contact the office or inform your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. Also if you know of anyone who intends to enrol their children at TBPS next year, encourage them to contact the school before the end of the school year.

There has been a large increase in Whooping Cough notifications in NSW this year with a large part of this increase coming from school aged children. NSW Health has provided us information on Whooping Cough which you will find later in this newsletter. To help reduce the spread of infection in our community please take the time to read the information or visit the NSW Health website: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/whoopingcough/pages/information-for-childcare-and-schools

Have a great weekend and enjoy the Tilligerry Festival.

Stuart Wylie

Calendar of Events

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PARLIAMENT

Wednesday 11th of November, Remembrance Day, marked the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War and commemorates the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace-keeping operations. Our student leaders were invited to attend the community service at the Tilligerry R.S.L. and pay their respects. As always, they represented our school beautifully.

Selective High School Placement 2017
(CURRENT YEAR 5’S)
REMINDER: Online applications for Year 7 selective high school placement (Merewether in our local area) in 2017 close at 10:00 pm on Monday 16 November 2015.

If it is your intention to make an application for your child please make sure you do so before the closing date. Late applications cannot be accepted. Applications must be made online. The Selective High School Placement Test will take place on 10 March, 2016.

A letter was sent home with all Year 5 students on 15 October with in-depth information however, if you are unsure about anything or have any questions please let me know.

Lisa Dovey

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.

Stage Three Matters
Camp

Please have the total cost paid by the 19th November at the very latest. If you are paying by POP, the final payment date is 13th November to allow for the payment to be processed.
Medical notes are to be completed online using the following information by 16th November. If there are any issues please let Mr King know immediately. It is vital that you enter the following details to complete the online form:
Booking Number 0445703
Booking Start Date 7/12/2015
Booking Venue: Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre
Please complete the Medical and Consent Form at dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform by 16/11/2015.

Orientation Days
Extra Orientation Day at HRHS for invited students is on 20th November.
General Orientation Day is Thursday 3rd December and a note has been distributed that includes permission notes, times and costs for the day. Please ask your child for it or ask Mr King for another one if need be.

Farewell
Date – 15th December

5D
Poetry recitals were completed last week and I have seen some fantastic improvement in confidence and expression. There was a real variety in poetry choices which was very pleasing and they kept us entertained.
We are currently working on creating our own anti-smoking campaign and developing an advertisement targeted towards teens. The children are coming up with their own catch phrases and ideas on how to get their message across. I have seen some very creative suggestions and can’t wait to see the end result.

Lisa Dovey

P & C

The P&C would like to thank the following businesses for their support in our recent raffle - Vanessa’s Hair On The Move, Knead Relief and The Poyer’s.
We raised a total of $1553.50 on the BBQ and raffle which will be used towards the end of year gift to the school.

A very big thanks to those who volunteered their time on both performance nights, including chef Rob and some very special Coles team members who helped us out by running the BBQ on Thursday night.

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.

Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.
*Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.*
*If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.*
* Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.