Principal’s Message

As we count down to Christmas there are fourteen school days left of 2015 with the last day for students being Wednesday 16th December. Term 4 is always a very busy yet enjoyable time in all schools. Last week we had our Snake Education Program so everyone now knows what to do if they encounter a snake and also what to do if they are bitten by a snake. We had our Combined Scripture concert during the week and we currently have a large number of students attending Swim Scheme. There are some great activities still to come such as our annual Teddy Bears’ Picnic to welcome our 2016 Kindergarten students, Stage 3 are off to Milson Island for a week, Year 6 Farewell, Presentation Day, our final Reward Day for the year and the announcement of our 2016 Parliamentarians. I look forward to the fun and excitement the coming weeks will bring.

The Water Catchers

Our drama group recently competed in the Hunter Water short film competition, for a chance to win $5000. The winner is to be announced at a gala screening at the Tower Cinemas in Newcastle. There will be a red carpet entry, canapés and refreshments for our drama group and their families, which will be very special. I look forward to attending and will keep you posted as to the result.

Reports to Parents

All teachers are currently working on our students’ end of year reports which will be sent home on Tuesday 15th December. Students from Years 1 - 6 are reported using a common grading scale which is based on clearly defined state-wide syllabus standards drawn from the Board of Studies syllabuses. The common grading system is mandatory in all public schools in NSW. As always if you have any questions regarding your child’s report or progress contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment.

Year 6 Farewell

This night is one of the highlights of the year for Year 6 students, their parents and staff. We look forward to an enjoyable evening on Tuesday 15th December in the Tanilba Bay School Hall. Doors will open at 5.00pm for a 5.30pm start, with the formal Graduation Ceremony. Please note the evening will commence promptly so get organised early.

Have a great weekend.

Stuart Wylie
Principal

Calendar of Events

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PARLIAMENT
Last week our 2016 Parliament nominees overcame their nerves to deliver enthusiastic, quality speeches to the school community. We were very impressed and they all should be very proud of themselves. Voting has taken place and the results are in! Parliamentarians will be announced on Presentation Day.

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 1
With only three weeks of school left, the students are very busy both in and out of the classroom. We are still investigating the Water Cycle and having fun exploring the world of water.

Year 2 is having a blast at the Tilligerry Pool, learning how to swim and be safe around pools. Please check for a note about the upcoming Christmas Concert. Get your singing voices ready, as this year the theme is “Christmas Karaoke”. We look forward to seeing you there!

5D
Firstly I would like to congratulate all of our 5D Parliament nominees on the outstanding election speeches. I was impressed with how much they have progressed with public speaking. Good luck to you all.

Our anti-smoking campaign is coming together nicely. Each group are now editing their final advertisement. There have been some very creative ideas incorporated into their filming. Mr Wylie and Mr Gattenhof even scored themselves an interview.
Raffle tickets were sent home with each student last week for our very exciting Christmas Raffle! Tickets are $2.00 each and we have some fantastic prizes including a kayak package worth $543!

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. There will be no more meetings this year. The AGM date will be announced in the Newsletter next year.
Merry Christmas to you all, hope you have a safe and enjoyable time during the holidays. Hope to see you at our next meeting – all welcome!
K-2 Teachers and Students of Tanilba Bay Public School
Cordially Invites You to the

K-2
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday December 3rd
12:30 in the Hall.
Bring a rug, a pillow and your best singing voice and
Join us for Christmas Karaoke in the Hall.

The Giving Tree will be also be there, if you wish to donate
a Christmas present for a child in need.
(Please label the gift with the gender and age suitability.)
All students can wear Christmas clothes on the day.

PBL & Rocket Readers Awards will also be handed out. There will
be NO K-2 Assembly at 2:00.
Summer fun in nature around Port Stephens

Join our Discovery Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this summer holiday. There’s something for everyone.

**Tomaree’s WilderQuest treasure trail**
*Thursday 7 January 2016, 9am–11.30am*
Discover the sights, sounds and heritage of Tomaree as you step back to the time of World War II.  

**WilderQuest wild world of rockpools**
*Friday 8 January 2016, 1.30pm–3.30pm*
Explore amazing rockpool creatures on Boat Harbour’s headland.  

**Spooky night walk**
*Wednesday 13 January 2016, 6.30pm–8.30pm*
Experience stories by dusk, the haunting ambience ‘behind the scenes’ of Tomaree’s World War II gun emplacements, and then return by dark.  

**WilderQuest bush to beach family discovery**
*Thursday 14 January 2016, 3pm–5pm*
Enjoy nature with fantastic family activities. For the young and young at heart.  

**Bookings and information**
Bookings for all NPWS Discovery Tours are essential.
Book online following the links above, or phone 13000 PARKS (13000 72757).  
All tours between $12 and $15 per person and families between $36 and $45.  
For more information on tours, such as meeting points, please follow the web links or ask on booking.  
For general enquiries, phone Sue Olsson on (02) 4984 8210 (after 7 December 2015), or email [suzanne.olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:suzanne.olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au)
Some highlights so far for Term 4...

Christmas presents for Orphan children in Sophakama Africa. Many of our children helping to make puzzles and board games as part of our ICAF Term 4 Junior Global Citizenship program. The program is about raising awareness and learning about South Africa, the wildlife and conservation. Our handmade gifts will be given to children for Christmas which is supported by Oxfam Australia.

We were all excited when we received more Lego from the Camp Australia team. This provided a perfect opportunity to celebrate by introducing a Lego building competition. With many wonderful creations, a BIG Congratulations goes to Jake and Lachlan J, who received the most votes from their peers and families for their ‘CA-Camp Australia’ creation. They both worked very well together, planning every brick to form the two letters. Well done everyone on a great effort, working together, sharing and turn taking while having fun.

It’s a boy!

Congratulations Courtney and Nick on the safe arrival of their first child ‘Jacob’ born on the 11th November, both Mum and bub doing well 😊

Holiday Club,

Unfortunately Tanilba Bay we will not be running a Holiday club for this coming holiday period.

Camp Australia holiday clubs are running throughout Australia so please check out online to find out what’s happening in the nearest club for your family.

We are now accepting children from Salt Ash Public School for AFTER school care only. Any families wishing to use our service can enrol online or please contact our Customer service team on 1300 105 343 for further details.

Before school care 7am to 9am
After school care 3.05pm to 6pm

If you have any questions about our daily program please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in before and after school care first hand.

Karen - Tanilba Bay Coordinator
Service Mobile # 0450 276 314

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