**Principal's Message**

Thank you to all students, staff and parents for your wonderful support of our Education Week activities. Congratulations to all of our students who received Education Week awards at our Assembly and thank you to our choir whose performance was fantastic. Open Day and Grandparents’ Day were both great successes and I know that parents, carers and grandparents were impressed with their children’s skills and the many innovative learning activities that were happening in our classrooms. The support of our families is so valuable. I know that our students value your visits and support of their education here at Tanilba Bay Public School. Our K-2 Athletics Carnival was a great way to round out the week. I was very impressed with the participation and behaviour of all students. Thanks to Rob Hamilton for helping Mrs Carlson, Mr Harris and myself cook the BBQ.

I would also like to congratulate the following recipients of Education Week Awards which were presented at Hunter River High School on Wednesday night. The following received awards for excellence in their category; Student Category - Keenan Hodson and Chloe Badger, Teacher Category - Dr Tim Marchant and Mr Scott McBain, Community Category – Mrs Sue Hamilton and School Support Staff Category – Mrs Cally Wilkinson. All are deserved recipients for their outstanding commitment to our school and participation in school life. Congratulations also to our school choir for their performance at the award ceremony. They sang beautifully and looked fantastic in their new choir uniform. The Principal and Head Teacher Performing Arts of Hunter River High School were so impressed that they have invited the choir to perform again at the HRHS Performing Arts Showcase later in August. Well done!

Congratulations to our outstanding debating team who won their third debate last week beating Soldiers Point Public School in a very strong performance. With only one loss this year we are very hopeful of getting in to the finals. At this point we are waiting to hear results from other schools to see who the finalists will be.

Our senior boys’ rugby league team had a mixed week last week. Our replayed game against Dungog PS resulted in our boys reversing the previous score and winning 18-14 in a hard fought and close game. It was a very exciting atmosphere with a large number of our students attending the game and cheering the boys on. Unfortunately, we had to play the next game in the same week and lost a very close game against Scone PS in Scone. Congratulations to the players and coaches for a great effort and thanks to all the parents who travelled to Scone to cheer the boys on.

**Kindergarten 2016** Please make sure you get your enrolment papers in as soon as possible so we can start organising our class groups and have everything organised to make sure your child’s first days at TBPS are happy and successful. Also, if you know of anyone who intends to enrol their child in kindergarten at TBPS next year who is not currently involved with the school, encourage them to contact us as soon as possible.

Have a great weekend.

Stuart Wylie – Principal

**SMS Absence Trial**

Thank you to those parents who have given us feedback on our SMS absence notification system. We are continuing to fine tune the system and will be sending out notifications to the first listed contact as the default action. We have had some instances where we have incorrect or missing contact details for some parents and caregivers. It is important that you ensure that the school has your current details so that we can contact you.
Issues at School
From time to time children have fallings out and this can be distressing to both children and their parents. If you have concerns about something that has happened at school, please do not approach other people’s children to confront them about the situation. The best course of action is to speak to your child’s teacher, one of the Assistant Principals or myself.
Tim Harris
Deputy Principal

Calendar of Events

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Tell Them From Me Survey
This term students from years 4-6 will participate in a second “Tell Them From Me Survey”. Parents will also have an opportunity to complete a survey and further details can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter.

The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

Public Speaking
Congratulations to all of our public speakers. All students spoke beautifully and a lot of time and hard work has gone into the preparation and rehearsing of speeches. The following students will be representing our school this week at the Zone Public Speaking Finals.
Early Stage 1 – Billy Knoke and Jessica Canham
Stage 1 – Sienna Burns and Izak Tetevano
Stage 2 – Taniesha Tetevano and Kate Vine
Stage 3 – Victoria Miller and Joe Mitchell
Ashlea Wolfe and Elli Bevan
Public Speaking Coordinators

Our numeracy efforts are continuing with a number of students working very confidently through the program. Shortly they will begin working on their problem solving skills.

The Quicksmart Numeracy Masters for this fortnight are:

Ronan Lane for exceptional effort, growing confidence and his supportive attitude.
Jack Mahomet for his continued focus to improve and challenging himself to succeed.
Well Done!

LOST PROPERTY
The collection of Lost Property in HB18 is getting out of control! All items with names are returned to class teachers promptly by the students in HB18.
Unfortunately all of the items in the Lost Property tub at the moment do not have names on them. I encourage anyone who is missing clothing to come to HB18 to check what is here. Also, do not forget to check with your class teacher, as there is an abundance of lost clothing in classrooms as well.

**PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AS SOON AS YOU PURCHASE THEM AND THERE WILL BE NO MORE PROBLEMS WITH LOST PROPERTY.**

Have a lovely weekend. Many thanks, Anne Burr

**5D**

The children thoroughly enjoyed Education Week. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to open classrooms and Grandparents’ Day. As a class we took the opportunity to soak up the sunshine and read a book as well. The Civic Theatre performance was a great experience and everyone enjoyed watching real actors… doing live acting…. on a real stage!

Congratulations to **Bindi Steele** and **Joe Mitchell** who will be representing 5D in the Stage 3 Spelling Bee final which is taking place on **Monday 17th August at 9.15am** in the Hall.

This week all of year 5 participated in Kindergarten buddy training where we talked about what being a good buddy is all about, worked on problem solving and some role plays. Next week we will meet our 2016 Kindergarten buddies!

Lisa Dovey

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**P & C**

**Uniform Shop**

Our uniform shop, located in the AV room is open Mondays 9am – 10am and on Wednesdays 2.30pm – 3pm.

Don’t forget if you can’t make it on these days, you can also leave an order at the office and we will put it together for you next time the uniform shop is open and these can be sent home with your child. If you have any unwanted uniforms at home, we would be grateful to receive them for the Second Hand Uniform Pool. can be left at the front office.

**Price increases**

Due to the rising costs of our current uniform and canteen products there will be a small price increase to some items on the canteen menu and all uniform products. This price increase will be effective as of Term 4.

**SAVE THE DATE!!** Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September for our fantastic Fathers Day stall!!

**Next Meeting**

Our meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 3:15pm. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 27th August in the library. All are welcome to attend.
Tell Them From Me: Partners in Learning survey

You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary.
If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:
More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Education’s TTFM website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/