Principal's Message
This is the last newsletter for the term with the school holidays beginning next week. I would like to thank all the staff, students and parents who have contributed to a very enjoyable term. I hope all at TBPS enjoy the holiday period and get to spend some quality time with their family. Hopefully the weather is fantastic and we can take advantage of the beautiful Port Stephens Waterways. A big thank you to the ladies who stepped in and ran the canteen at short notice recently, great to see the support when we had no one available to open our canteen. Thanks to staff members Clare Ashby, Eleanor Roberts, Annie Schulz, Heath Lawless and Jade Meddings who stayed with me to look after our students on Wednesday until the last bus arrived at 4.45 pm. Thanks also to Elizabeth Wylie who manned the phones until 4.45pm contacting parents and answering queries about the delays.

School Performance
Our very talented students are busy practicing their singing, acting and dancing so that they can entertain us at our school performance next term. To all those family and community members who wish to attend the performance, there are still tickets available from the front office (but they are selling fast). I know you will enjoy the performance and be very proud of our students.

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 about safe travelling on school buses. The school will fully support any travel suspensions implemented by the bus company.

Staffing
Good Luck to Natalie Newton and Sue Fitzgerald who will not return as teachers next term as they are both expecting babies later in the year. Both teachers will be taking maternity leave for the remainder of this year and all of 2016 and we look forward to their return in 2017.

School Funding for 2016
We are in the process of collecting data on parent/carer Occupation Groups. The Occupation Grouping is an important component of the Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI) which is used to determine aspects of our schools funding. Historically some of our families have been reluctant to provide this information to the school. I would like to encourage parents/carers to provide the correct occupation group code to help our school’s FOEI best reflect the school’s student profile. All information collected is treated as highly confidential and is only used to determine our school’s equity loading (funding) for Socio Economic Background. If you would like assistance or to discuss your situation then please contact Mr Wylie or Mr Harris on 49824762.

Bicycles and Scooters
It’s alarming to learn that young people under the age of 16 are the most frequent offenders when it comes to bicycle helmet use. This becomes even more concerning given that wearing a helmet significantly reduces the risk of severe head injury or death in the event of an accident. TBPS riders must wear their helmets on the journey to school and should wear helmets within the wider community. Many young people think that helmets are un-cool and I often see students arrive at school with their helmet on the handlebars or even not present all. I would like all parents of students who ride a bike or scooter to and from school to ensure your child is wearing their helmet.

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone. I look forward to seeing you all back on deck in Term 4. Just a reminder - the first day back for staff and students is Tuesday 6th October.

Stuart Wylie
Principal
Mathematics is an area where both teacher and parent input is necessary. Parents already do many things with their children that can encourage mathematical thinking and help them see the relevance of mathematics in their everyday lives.

**In the garden**
Kids love getting dirty and playing in the garden. Parents can harness this enthusiasm and develop math skills at the same time. Spatial awareness is used when adding plants to the garden. Estimating the positions so the plants are evenly spaced is something we all do - why not give this job to your child?

**In the kitchen**
Knowing that there is often more than one way to solve a problem provides comfort for those who think in different ways. Using scales to weigh ingredients reinforces the skill of reading these numbers and draws on knowledge of decimals. Calculating when the food will be ready uses knowledge of time, but also encourages basic number strategies, like counting by 5s.

**Calendar of Events**

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<td>Tues 6th Oct</td>
<td>Last Day of Term Staff &amp; Students Return – Term 4</td>
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<td>Mon 12th Oct</td>
<td>K-6 Assembly 2.30pm</td>
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<td>Thurs 15th Oct</td>
<td>Girls &amp; Boys Soccer Gala Day</td>
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**Joe Waite** - who is quickly earning the title of “multiplication magician”.

**Katie Loveridge** - for consistently improving throughout the program.

**Well Done!**

**Kindergarten**
Kindergarten enjoyed our first excursion to ‘The Very Cranky Bear’ last week. We had a wonderful time at Civic Park for lunch and were very entertained by the performance. We have also been very busy practicing our class items for the upcoming whole school performance. All students are very excited to dress up in our costumes and perform for you on the stage. As the weather is warming up, please ensure all items of clothing are labelled to avoid anything getting lost. There is a large pile of lost property in the wet area joining KB and KS. If your child has lost anything, please check here. All other lost property is located in 3B near the basketball court.

As the term winds up Kindergarten students are all looking forward to the Reward Day Disco on Friday. We have a busy term four coming up with a visit to the Reptile Park and the school performance. Keep an eye on the school Facebook page and website for more information.

The Kindergarten Teachers

**2/3G**
2/3G have been extremely busy this term, deconstructing procedures, creating amazing stories using sizzling starts and improving on our high frequency words with Super100. During Mathematics in the last few weeks we have been working with different strategies for addition and subtraction such as formal algorithms, split, compensation, jump and bridging to ten. Our enthusiasm for this has been outstanding! Thank you to my students for their well-researched projects for HSIE.

**4H**
What a busy term it has been! 4H have loved all the learning experiences this term including NAIDOC day, Education Week, The 26 Storey Treehouse Performance and The Great Aussie Bush Camp. Not to mention all the wonderful things we have been learning in class. We are enjoying reading ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’ and have enjoyed improving our writing skills by writing ‘Sizzling Starts’ to capture the reader’s attention. Recently we have started writing procedures and this week we enjoyed...
cooking for Mr Harris (and eating the leftovers). We are still focusing on mastering our multiplication tables and many students have made great improvements. I have been very impressed by the quality of the ‘National Parks Assignments’ that students have completed. 4H have started learning our dance for the school performance – don’t forget to purchase your tickets if you haven’t done so already!

5D
What an amazing creative term! The children have worked very hard on their tasks to produce some wonderful quality work. We have been involved in everything from drama and dramatic dialogue to computer presentations and advertisements. We have attempted to be business entrepreneurs and throughout it all have had some great fun. Enjoy your holidays and we will see you next term putting the final touches in place for our performance night extravaganza!

As a school community we value your ideas and opinions. We invite you to take part in the National School Survey that allows you to express your views about your perceptions of your child’s experiences at Tanilba Bay Public School.

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

Lisa Dovey
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.

Father’s Day Stall
Our Father’s Day stall was a great success!! Thank you to everyone who supported the P&C and we hope all the Dads and Pops enjoyed their presents!

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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 night, our next meeting will be Thursday 22nd October in the library. All welcome to attend.

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.
Seasons for Growth
Gan Gan Family Centre (at Anna Bay Public School) is offering the Seasons for Growth® Parent Program: Supporting your child following separation or divorce in October.

For many years parents whose children have participated in the Seasons for Growth® Young People’s Program have been asking ‘Is there a program that can help parents, too?’ The Seasons for Growth® Parent Program has been developed to meet this need. The program provides an opportunity for parents to reflect on the experience of separation and divorce from their child’s perspective, and to explore ideas and strategies that might help parents support their child/ren through the changes happening in their family.

Venue: Gan Gan Family Centre
Anna Bay Public School (Parking on Old Main Road)
Dates: Thursday 22nd and 29th October, 2015
Time: 9am – 12 noon
Cost: $15.00 for workbook
RSVP: Jacqui on 4982 1767
Childcare: FREE children’s activities on site

Medowie Cricket
Urgent - Junior Cricket Players still Required
Medowie Cricket Club still need registrations to complete our teams for this coming season.
We need 3-4 kids aged 9 & 10 year (or up to 11 year old girls) for our Under 11’s competition team; 1-2 kids aged 13 & 14 years for our Under 15’s competition team, 4-5 kids aged 8 - 10 year olds for our Tonkin Tens teams, and 3-5 kids aged 7-11 years for T20 Blast to be held on a Wednesday at Harker Oval, New Lambton Jump onto the Medowie Cricket Website and register online or email us on medowie.cricket@icloud.com.
If you have any questions or need more information, do not hesitate to contact Alison on 0425 371 093.

RAYMOND TERRACE DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB
NEW PLAYERS WANTED NOW!
2015/16 SEASON

Come and play cricket at our wonderful facilities at Raymond Terrace. Established in 1882 we proudly support Junior Cricket, promoting player participation for enjoyment and skills development.

Milo in2Cricket
Age guide 4½ – 8 years
$75 Registration
Saturdays 9:00 – 10:30am King Park Raymond Terrace
Players receive a backpack, hat, drink bottle, bat, ball & playing shirt.

Milo T20 Blast
Age guide 7 – 9 years
$99 Registration
Saturdays 9:00 – 10:30am King Park Raymond Terrace
Players receive a bag, hat & playing shirt.

Junior Cricket
Age guide 10 – 16 years
$65 Registration & match fees or $130 season
Saturdays in Raymond Terrace & Maitland District 8:30 – 11:30am.
New players receive a club playing shirt & hat.

Seniors
Teams also available and requiring players.

Come along for some fun, fitness & friendship!

For more information please contact:
Juniors – Dana Wells 0402 854 014
rtdc@hotmail.com
Seniors – Dave Farmer 0422 775 214
Visit our website - www.rtdc.nsw.crickeet.com.au
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<td>Safari Adventure</td>
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<td>Keep your binoculars handy - a safari adventure awaits!</td>
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<td>Dave's Aussie rules (rules)!</td>
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<td>Fotty fever is here and it's time to celebrate, supporting our teams and putting our footy skills to the test!</td>
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<td>Passport - around the globe</td>
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<td>How many natural wonders of the world can you name? Join us to celebrate some of the natural wonders that make up our extraordinary planet.</td>
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<td>Gem is going on an Animal Adventure today and we've all invited!</td>
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<td>A journey on the high seas awaits - keep on the lookout for collectibles, shells, breams and more!</td>
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<td>Have your map and GPS at the ready, because today we are globe trotting around the world - stopping off at some iconic landmarks along the way.</td>
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<td>Today we learn all about a special fun-loving and cheeky dog who plays a big role in protecting an endangered colony of penguins. Please arrive by 8:45am, Bus D leaves 9:15am.</td>
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<td>The Smith Family - Back 2 School Day</td>
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<td>Today we are raising awareness for The Smith Family Back 2 School initiative. Dress up in your favourite sports star and get ready for fun building and group activities.</td>
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<td>Discover the colours of the world as we uncover arts and crafts from some amazing countries!</td>
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