Principal's Message

Congratulations and well done to our Wakakirri dancers who had a fabulous time performing in Sydney last Friday. Our students performed to a high level and their behaviour on the day was exemplary. Thank you to Mrs Carlson, Mrs Drummond and Miss Maher for their organisation and choreography. Thanks also to all the parent helpers for making this event a huge success. Our students won the Sustainability Award on the day and all had a fantastic day.

Congratulations also to our Girls and Boys Rugby League Team who travelled to Macquarie University in Sydney recently to play in the finals of the NRL Legends Shield. Congratulations also to Dan Williams, Peter Betwell, Noah Morrison and Sebastian Bailey who represented the school at the Regional Athletics Carnival. Congratulations also to our 2015 debating team who continue to beat all comers with their persuasive skills.

Performance Night - Performance night is next term and all classes are very busy preparing their items for what could be our biggest and best extravaganza ever. Tickets are now on sale and are available from the school booking office from 8.30-9.00am and 3.00-3.30pm.

School Attendance - Reminder to all parents that schools are not expected to provide supervision for students any earlier than the half hour before normal school classes commence in the morning. Our school day starts at 9.05am and therefore teacher supervision begins at 8.35 am on the playground. Students should not be at school before the 8.35am bell as there is no supervision during this time.

At TBPS we have a 9.00am warning bell for students and staff to organise themselves for the start of the school day. This warning bell is the cue for students to stop playing and go to the toilet and get a drink so that they can be at class and ready to learn when lessons begin at 9.05am. It would be beneficial to all students if parents could organise to have their children at school by 9.00am. There are a significant number of students arriving after 9.05am which disrupts their learning and the learning of others in their class. We understand that lateness is sometimes unavoidable but please be vigilant in getting your child to school on time.

Reminder to all parents that at TBPS the school day finishes at 3.05pm and children who are picked up by parents must be picked up at this time. We understand that due to unforeseen circumstances occasionally parents may be a few minutes late. However, your child can get distressed if you are not at school to pick them up on time. If you are going to be more than 5 minutes late please ring the school and inform us.

Enrolments 2016 - Just a reminder that we are currently accepting kindergarten enrolments for 2016. If you have a school-aged child who will start kindergarten next year please make contact with the office.

Thank you to our Kindergarten students and teachers for the special day they organised for our dads during the week, there was a great deal of fun had by all. I hope all of our TBPS Dads have a wonderful day on Sunday with your children celebrating Father’s Day!

Have a great weekend.
Stuart Wylie Principal
Here are some games you can play using a deck of playing cards, flashcards and a small collection of objects for counting. When using playing cards, an ace counts as the number one and the jack, queen, king cards are worth ten.

**Higher (or lower):** Start with the deck laying ace down on the table. Each player takes a card. The player with the highest (or lowest) card wins all cards. The winner is the player with the most cards at the end of the game. Increase the difficulty by taking two cards at a time and adding them together to see who’s got the highest (or lowest) total.

**Before and After:** Divide the deck of cards out between the players, take it in turns to turn a card over, that player must state the number that comes before and after the number.

**Bingo:** Lay the cards out in a 3×3 format. Call out a number one at a time, when a player has that number turn the card over so it is face down on the table.

Make flash cards with the numbers 1-20 on each card and play **Number Jumble, Missing Number and Fly Swat.** **Number Jumble:** How fast can you take the numbers 1 – 20 and put them in order? **Missing Number:** Lay the number cards out, in order, encourage your child (or you) to close their eyes then ask “The number missing is…” **Fly Swat:** Lay the numbers out, call out a number then using a fly swat – splat the number.

**Attendance**

As you know, we have been trailing the use of SMS messages to collect explanations for whole day student absences. After examining our absence data with the school auditor, we will be extending this system to late arrivals where no parent or caregiver has presented the student to the office to explain the late arrival. Additionally, any absences that have not been explained by the following week will now be followed with a letter home detailing the absences in question. I would like to thank all parents who have been so helpful in providing feedback and return texts as we have been putting the system into place.

**Helmets**

I would like to remind everyone that helmets MUST be worn while riding bikes and scooters to school, especially while riding on the road. It has been alarming to hear of some near misses close to the back gate and all students have been reminded of their responsibilities when riding to and from school.

I have been in contact with the local Police Youth Liaison Officer and we will be working to reinforce this message, especially with our senior students.

**Tim Harris**

Deputy Principal

**Calendar of Events**

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**Basketball Report**

Congratulations to our boys and girls basketball teams who made it to the fourth round of the NSW PSSA State KO. Both teams attended the Maitland Gala Day earlier in Term 3 and won their respective grand finals. The teams then played Wingham and Forster for a spot in the final 32 teams in the state. Our students played extremely well and displayed great sportsmanship but were defeated. We are so proud of the effort and determination our students showed. Thank you to all wonderful families who came to support us and for helping transport the students to and from the games.

**Mr Hughes and Mrs Schulz**
Woolworths Earn and Learn
Many thanks to the families who have been collecting these valuable stickers for our school.
More sticker sheets are available from the office. We have only three more weeks to collect, so encourage Grandparents and neighbours to collect for us also!
A collection box is in the office area.

Kindergarten
Our Kindergarten students have been very busy learning their songs for our upcoming whole school performance. Our performance is held every two years and we look forward to another exciting few nights. If you have not yet bought your tickets you can purchase them from Mrs Coupe in the front office from 8:35am-9:05am and 3:05pm-3:35pm until the end of next week.

Please remember to check your child’s blue folder every night. Important information handed out by teachers is put into the folders every afternoon along with home readers. We look forward to a busy end of term and our wonderful Reward Day disco in week 10.
The Kindergarten Teachers.

Stage 1
Term 3 has been extremely busy for our Stage 1 classes and it is not going to slow down, with many exciting events still to come. Last Friday we had our Stage 1 Spelling Bee Final. We are all very proud of our students who were selected as class representatives.
1A- Darcy Plummer and Braelyn Lawrie.
1J- Lachie MacKenzie and Lucas Cook
1S- Danny Griffiths and Isla Reynolds
1M- Bailee Reichel and Ashton Sanderson
1/2S- William Vine and Jazmine Blair
2H- Leon Wilson and Nevada Garvey
2L- Ben Mann and Imogen Drew
2M- Kaylie Richardson and Baylee Dittmer
2/3G- Tom Mahomet

A big congratulations to Darcy Plummer and Baylee Dittmer who were our Year 1 and Year 2 Winners.
On Tuesday 8th September we have our Cranky Bear excursion to the Civic Theatre. It will be a fantastic day and we are all so excited.
Stage 1 Teachers

The children working in our Quicksmart numeracy groups are moving ahead with number facts in leaps and bounds. They enjoy their lessons and their confidence is booming!
Numeracy Masters for this fortnight are:
Sam Kirk for exceptional progression through the program so far and his focused attitude.
Elsie Nicki for improved automatic recall of number facts and increased independence when solving mathematical questions.

5D
As part of our novel studies we have been using technology to get creative. They children have put together dramatic movie trailers and are currently rehearsing and filming their advertisement for The Tale of Despereaux. We have been using timed animations and embedding videos into information presentations as well as learning new computer skills. Everyone is busily preparing for market day in their groups. Thank you to all our families who are very supportive of the market day fundraiser.
Congratulations to all of our class members who have been part of some amazing experiences this term:-

Starstruck and choir performers
Wakakirri performers
Regional athletics representatives
Successful debating team
Fathers Day Stall
Our fantastic Father’s Day Stall will be running Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September (Friday Lunch Time ONLY). Lots of goodies available to spoil Dad ranging from 50c to $6.00.

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.

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.

Kids events at Tilligerry Festival 2015
Tilligerry Festival plans continue with the next meetings on 15th Sept & 13th Oct. This festival features a week of events, many free. The goal is to involve everyone -particularly our younger residents.
To do this, the Art Show has added a category on junior photography with a place making theme of people in the environment and lovely Rhonda is bringing students here to take photographs.
The $3000 Port Stephens Council Cultural grant will fund the circus visiting Tanilba Bay School on either 7th or 8th October with a lot of equipment and trainers for students to try and there will be free workshops on Monday 12th Oct and 9th Nov at Tilligerry Habitat between 4 and 6.30pm. These workshops will also be held on 14th Nov at Tilligerry Family Fun Day with the goal of the audience moving around to watch them and of children and adults performing and/or having fun between the band finishing and the fireworks. Sounds like fun doesn’t it?
Let us introduce you to Sailing!

at the Grahamstown Sailing & Aquatic Club

22, 23 & 24 September 2015
(Tuesday to Thursday)

*Cost: $45/sailor

*$65 per family (maximum 3 persons, $10pp extra)

Fee includes: use of personal floatation device, course handbook, instruction by experienced sailors, practical sailing and racing activities, Certificate on completion.

Kiosk open: Light snacks, drinks, ice creams available

Time: 10am - approx.3pm each day.

Venue: Fielding Madden Park
Grahamstown Rd. Medowie

To book, please contact (bookings essential):
Richard Byrne 4981 7509, sailwithrichard@gmail.com or Frank Bardsley Ph/fax 4982 3053

Who can learn? Anyone, age 12 yrs & above.
(If you have younger children wishing to participate please contact us.)

People with disabilities are welcome!

*$25 for past participants or $45 per family

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or contact your local Little Athletics Centre
or contact Jaclyn 0907 122 979

We have started creating our self portraits in support of the ‘Back to school Smith Family appeal’. These wonderful pieces of art have been proudly displayed on the hall noticeboard and we are hoping that all of our OSCH families will purchase these for a gold coin donation.

All money raised will be donated to the Smith Family back to school appeal and Camp Australia will dollar match all donations. All donations will provide education essentials to children in the most disadvantaged areas of Australia. If you would like to make a donation visit www.campaustralia.com.au/tca even the smallest amount can make a big difference to a child in need.

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN.......WHERE IN THE WORLD!!**

*Spring Holiday Club* is now open visit www.campaustralia.com.au for booking details.

Lots of fun activities planned from African mask making, be a town planner – make your own town design, silk painting, shell and beading arts and crafts, footy team supporters day…..so come along and join in the fun!

Karen - Coordinator Camp Australia Tanniba Bay

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