Dear Parents & Carers,

It is Week 4 of Term 1 already and another wonderful week at Tanilba Bay Public School has come to an end. One of the most rewarding parts of being involved in education is to see children working to do their best. I have been impressed with how quickly our students have settled beautifully in to their routines with all students working extremely hard and striving to achieve great results. I have been particularly impressed with our new Kindergarten students who have all made themselves at home and are developing great confidence in their big new world. Thank you to all of our students for making our new little people so welcome and for the way they support and befriend our new students who have transferred in from other schools.

Thank you to the many parents who attended our Meet the Teacher Evening last week. It was a great opportunity for all parents and teachers to put a face to the name and start off the school year fully understanding how your child’s teacher will manage the class and cater for the educational needs of your child. Thank you to all teachers for making their time available, I am sure it was greatly appreciated by all parents.

One area of concern we have at this early stage of the year is parking at the front and back gates during pick up and drop off. I would like to remind all parents that when picking up or dropping off your children you must obey the road rules. The road signage around the school has been carefully considered with children’s safety in mind. It is concerning that some parents are disregarding the signage and putting our students at risk of harm. Please consider other parents and our bus drivers by not parking where it is not allowed or parking across driveways or the entrance to the Tilligerry Habitat. Please also remember that patience is vitally important to the safety of our students. Consider parking a little further away and walking to collect your children.

School attendance - By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

Snake Activity – Last year we conducted snake awareness and safety training for all students at TBPS. We continue to warn all students of the dangers of snakes and to keep well away from them if they spot a snake. The weather has been quite hot lately and we have had a couple of reports of snakes being spotted in the vicinity of the school. Please assist us by discussing the importance of staying away from snakes with your children and warn them to keep a sharp lookout for snakes when travelling near bushland areas or when near long grass.

Out Of School Hours Care: There are Camp Australia pamphlets available in the school office detailing what they offer at our school. If you are interested in registering with Camp Australia or finding out more about the service they offer then talk to Karen at the school or visit their website www.campaustralia.com.au

P & C: Our first P & C meeting for 2016 will be held in the library from 3:10pm-4:00pm on Thursday, 25th February. All parents are welcome to attend.

Have a great weekend.
Stuart Wylie - Principal

Calendar of Events

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Parliament
Congratulations to all of our Class Parliamentarians. A special assembly will be held on Monday week 6 to present each student with their badge.

Shadow Ministers
5/6H Johnny Garvey
Shadow Minister for Health and Welfare
Amelia McDonald
Shadow Minister for Functions

5B Tanner Stevens
Shadow Minister for Education
Keeley Taggart
Shadow Minister for Transport

5M Jake Hessell Lubbock
Shadow Minister for Communication

Madison Gordon Shadow Minister for Buildings and Properties

6G Wyatt Wright-Towers
Shadow Minister for ATSI
Emma Wilkins
Shadow Minister for the Environment

6H Justin Blown
Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation
Ella Shore
Shadow Minister for PBL

Class Representatives
1/2F Nathan Hughes
Jessica McCormack

1M Billy Knoke
Alyssa Smallwood

1S Blake Mullins
Amelia Ballantyne

1W Thomas Lee
Tiona Gordon

2A Tyrese Flood
Lola Deal

2L Benji Dumas
Chloe Hirst

2R Chase McFadyen
Tesa Tynan

3/4G Cory Duke
Jayda Wilson

3B Fletcher Allen
Indiana Radford

3D Izak Tetevano
Tiarne Robinson

3J Nathan Canham
Kirra Sharp

4K Liam Davidson
Emma Zdebski

4M Brady Letham
Isobel Hannah

2016 Swimming Carnival
Last Friday we held our annual Swimming Carnival. The day was a success with all students doing their personal best and cheering on their team throughout the day. 10 Tanilba Bay students will be representing the school at the zone swimming carnival next Friday at Raymond Terrace swimming pool. Good luck to those amazing swimmers. Ribbons and age champion trophies will be handed out soon. A date for that assembly will be allocated very soon.

Mr Gattenhof

Lost property
Have you or your child lost any items this year? There are a variety of things in our lost property box which need to be reclaimed! From watches to ties and even reading glasses! Please visit the office or give us a call and we will be happy to see if it is here.

Stage 2
Welcome back to another wonderful school year. We are all settling well into our new routines and are working with a very focused attitude.
Thank you to all families who have purchased book packs and helped with classroom supplies of paper towel and tissues.
Please make sure that you label your child’s belongings including clothing and equipment. This will help us to make sure that any lost items are returned as quickly as possible.
This term we will be writing interesting narratives, learning about our Earth in Science and looking into local history.
The homework grid has received a lot of positive feedback. If you have any questions about your child’s homework tasks please contact the teacher.
Congratulations to our all our Stage 2 class representatives who were elected by their peers.

Stage 2 Teachers

6G
6G have started the year off with a bang! Students are working exceptionally and have returned to school with a positive attitude, ready to learn. The Gatty trophy for Week 2 went to Jackson Le Compte and the Gatty PBL trophy went to Corey Radford. Great work 6G.
**Book Worm Corner**
Welcome to another wonderful year back to school, beginning school and enjoying library. We have a very busy term ahead in library involving discovering books, enjoying new books, author studies and lots more!

**Borrowing**
Welcome to our gorgeous new Kindergarten students. All Kinder students have already enjoyed a few lessons in library, sharing books and borrowing. At Tanilba Bay Public School we encourage borrowing and reading and sharing of books. To borrow, your child simply needs to bring a library bag with them to school. This can be a bought library bag, shopping bag, pillow case, environmental bag, anything really that will protect a book. Please ensure your child has their name and class written clearly on the bag.

Students in K – 2 are encouraged to borrow and return on a weekly basis. As students grow older and are reading lengthier books they are able to borrow for longer periods of time.

**Overdues**
At school we try to encourage regular borrowing and enjoyment of books. Every term, overdue notices are sent out as a reminder for students to return their books on time. More often than not other students are waiting to borrow these particular books. From time to time however, books are sometimes mistakenly placed back on shelves without being returned or a book is misplaced in the classroom. In the event of this occurring, simply write an explanation on the back of the overdue notice and send in with your child. Alternatively, ring our school and ask to speak to me (Mrs Carlson), email, or you are more than welcome to come and visit me in the library.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016**
The Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure for students and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, read more and to read more widely. Notes will go home this week to all students who wish to participate in this year’s challenge. All kindergarten students will receive a note. The 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge will open on the 7th March 2016. It closes on the 19th August for students. Students are able to start reading now and can fill out their reading record at a later date. To make it easier for parents this year, our school library system, Oliver, records the books your child borrows. Students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who participate in the challenge, will record their own books on the Premier’s Reading Challenge site themselves in library lessons. Parents will not have to do this at home.

I will send a list home with the students in Kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 when they have read their required amount of books and parents can add the titles online at home. Any parent or family without internet access simply contact me and I will arrange for it to be entered at school.

**Library Monitors**
Students in year 5 were given the opportunity to complete a small library monitor test on Friday to see if they were eligible to become a library monitor. What fantastic students we have at Tanilba Bay Public School. All students who participated did extremely well. I am proud to announce our library monitors for 2016 are: Ella Grosse, Lily Rose Northey, Taniesha Tetevano, Lara Forde, Ruby Morris, Sandie Want, Dannielle Hansell, Katie Loveridge, Keeley Taggart, Chloé Dunster, Lainee McFadyen, Chanel Layton, Lily Rizzoli, Annikah McGrath, Rylee Featherston and Jake Lubbock.

These students will work for a Term in the library learning their roles and responsibilities. In Term two they will receive their library monitor badges. I would like to congratulate all successful students and look forward to working with you this year!!

**Lunchtime Fun**
At lunchtimes students can visit the library on their allocated day. In this time there are a variety of activities for them to experience. Reading in the boat, puppet play, threading, sewing, puzzles, free drawing, strategy games such as ‘Connect Four’. Our library monitors assist in this time as a part of their role in the library. Students may visit the library on the following days and times:
- Monday:  Stage 1 (years 1 and 2)
- Tuesday: Stage 2 (years 3 and 4)
- Wednesday: Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)
- Thursday: Stage 3 (years 5 and 6)

Check out Alex with her threading and Caleb with his puzzle!! Well done KB students.
Library Lessons
We have a busy term ahead of us in the library. Kindergarten students are learning how to navigate their way around the library, how to borrow and return and enjoying new picture books such as ‘The Best Cow in Show’ by Andy Cutbill and Russell Ayto. Stage 1 are getting back into borrowing and experiencing more challenging picture books such as ‘The Farmer and the Clown’ by Marla Frazee. A wordless picture book about a farmer who rescues a baby clown that has been tossed from the circus train accidently, and how he reunites him with his family. The students enjoy being able to interpret the story without text.

Stage 2 are reading and learning about ‘The Pie Rats, The Forgotten Map’ by Cameron Stelzer. A tale of rats who love pie, sailing the high seas on a whirlwind adventure to find another rescued rat’s family. Cameron will be visiting our school in Term 3, so keep your eye out for this exciting event.

Stage 3 are studying the beautiful story ‘Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes’ by Eleanor Coerr. A true story based on the life of a Japanese girl who suffers from Leukaemia as a result of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima in World War Two. Tanner and Carly love Sadako!

Ahoy there Kate!!!! What have you got there?

I am very much looking forward to another exciting year in our library. Keep your eye out for the Book Fair in Term 2, Visiting author Cameron Stelzer in Term 3 and The Aunty Peach show, celebrating Roald Dahl in Term 3, all arriving to celebrate Book Week!!!

Happy Reading!
Mrs Carlson Teacher Librarian
P & C
After a very successful year last year, the P&C were able to hand over a $20,000 cheque to Mr Wylie and Tanilba Bay Public School to contribute towards air conditioning the school hall. I would like to say a massive thank you to all the families who have supported all of our Raffles, BBQ’s and stalls.
We are looking forward to a very busy 2016 and would like to invite any parents who are interested in or are considering joining/volunteering for the P&C, to attend our first meeting on February 25th at 3.20pm in the Library. Joining the P&C and volunteering for 1 or 2 hours when we have BBQ’s or stalls is all that is needed. “Many hands make light work” Being a financial member involves a $2 annual membership fee and this entitles you to be able to vote on matters discussed at meetings with the school staff, and also lets you raise your ideas and suggestions with the P&C and school community and also have a say in what the P&C will fundraise for this year.
Congratulations to the following winners of the Outdoor Package 2015 Christmas Raffle:
1st Prize: Nicole Witt
2nd Prize: Roger Bagnall
3rd Prize: Lisa Prior
4th Prize: B. Carmody
5th Prize: Caitlyn Badger

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.

Uniform Prices Update
Due to supplier price rises, the P&C had to increase the prices of the uniforms in Term 4 last year.
Current Prices are below:
Hats $8, Shirts $20, Shorts $21, Skorts $21, Tack Pants $25, Jackets $35

Save The Dates: More Information to follow
Easter Raffle – Tickets will be on sale 1st March & due back by 22nd March
to be drawn Thursday 24th March
Cross Country BBQ - 1st April
Mothers Day Stall – Thursday 5th May (all day) & Friday 6th May (lunchtime only)

Next Meeting
Our AGM will be held on Thursday 25th February at 3.20pm in the Library with the first P&C meeting to follow. All positions will be declared vacant and a new Executive Committee will be elected. Please come and join us and be a part of our wonderful school community.
Gail Badger
President
Welcome back for 2016,

It’s been a busy start to the year, welcoming lots of new families to our service and wonderful to see so many families from last year back again this year.

What’s been happening at OSHC? Many of the children have enjoyed the new coloured domino’s setting them up, showing persistence to complete large constructions then watching them fall! Lots of creative children recycling boxes, cylinders as well as using natural materials and felt pieces. Making new things to play with such as car ramps, a new better buddy play house & even an insect home!

OSHC is located in the school hall. **Before school 7am till 9am** - breakfast provided

**After school 3.05pm till 6pm** – Afternoon tea fruit & vegetable platter and a small snack provided

If you would like to find out more about our service please feel free to call in, meet our team and see first-hand what happens at OSHC.

It’s FREE to register, check out more information online visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or phone 1300 105 343

Karen – Tairilba Bay Coordinator. Service phone no# 0450 276 314