Principal's Message
The term is moving very fast and we now only have three weeks left until the school holidays with the final day of Term 1 being Friday 8th April. Next term we will be going green and we will no longer be printing large quantities of the school Newsletter. Instead you will be able to access the school Newsletter via our website or through Facebook. For those families who do not have access to the internet, a small quantity of Newsletters will be printed each fortnight and will be available for collection in the front office.

School Contributions - Thank you to all families who have sent in voluntary contributions for 2016. The Annual School Contribution is used to purchase teaching resources, classroom equipment (and equipment maintenance), paper for use in classrooms, photocopying paper, first aid equipment and other school items. 2016 school contribution payments can be made at the school office between the hours of 8.45 – 2.45pm or via the website on POP.

Approaching Students in the Playground – Parents are reminded that you are not permitted to reprimand a child other than your own child while in the school. This includes at Before and After School Care and whilst students are waiting to travel on the school bus. If your child has an issue with another child, either contact the school or contact the parent of the other child. It is unacceptable for an adult to bully and/or confront a child.

Dogs at School – Did you know that Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) prohibits dogs on school grounds except where the principal gives permission. If given permission, dogs must be kept on a leash in school grounds. When selecting dogs to visit schools, particular attention should be given to the suitability of the dog’s temperament. Dogs that have difficult temperaments and are fearful, timid or dominant should not be used in the school situation. Any dog that has been declared dangerous under section 33 of the Companion Animals Act must not be allowed on school grounds. Local councils retain this information.

Reminder – Our school will be closed for the Easter holiday period on both of the Public Holidays Friday 25th March and Monday 28th March.

Stuart Wylie
Principal

Calendar of Events

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K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Our annual K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on **Thursday 24th March at 9.30am** in the Hall. Students are encouraged to make their hats at home. Each year we look forward to seeing all the wonderful and creative designs. The P & C will be drawing the Easter Raffle with the whole school at the completion of the parade.

All parents of Catholic children: This is to advise you that the Sacramental programme to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion in June 2016 will commence with an information evening for parents in St Brigid’s School Hall, William Street, Raymond Terrace on **Wednesday 30th March at 7.00pm**. All parents, who would like their child/children in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion, are required to attend and register their child/children at this meeting. Please contact St Brigid’s parish office on 49871888 if needing further information.

P & C

Newly Elected Executive Committee

I would like to introduce you to the new Executive Committee Members.

President: Gail Badger
Vice President: Leanne Hutchinson
Vice President: Donna Pym
Secretary: Becci Challoner
Treasurer: Anthony Gentle

If at any time you have questions, feedback or are available to help please feel free to contact us: tbpspc@gmail.com

Easter Raffle

There is over $300 worth of prizes this year!! Extra tickets are available from the office if you would like to increase your chances of winning some of our great prizes. Tickets are due back Tuesday 22nd March and will be drawn Thursday 24th March at the completion of the Easter Hat Parade.

Cross Country/Fun Run K-6 Friday 1st April

Students are required to gain sponsorship for the Fun Run. We have some fantastic prizes to be awarded to the highest fundraising student per class.

Some of the prizes include:

- Tilligerry Aquatic Centre 6 month Family Pass (Value $312)
- 3.5hr Marine Discovery Cruise 1A 1C with Imagine Cruises (Value $94)
- Toboggan Hill Park Voucher- 16x Activities includes entry for 4 people(Value $90)
- Dolphin Watch Cruise 2A & 2C with Imagine Cruises (Value $72)
- Dolphin Watch Cruise 2A & 2C with Moonshadow Cruises (Value $70.50)
- 4 x Red Alert Laser Tag Passes - 2 Games for 4 people (Value $70ea)
- 4 x Megamania Charlestown Passes 2A & 2C (Value $44ea)
- 2 x Trampoline Passes @ Revolution Trampoline Sports Park (Value $16.50ea)
- iTunes Gift Cards
- Smiggle Gift Cards
- Coles Group Gift Cards

Sponsorship Forms and money are due back by 30th March to be eligible to be in the draw for the prizes. Good luck !!

P&C Sausage Sizzle

The P&C will also be holding a Sausage Sizzle at the completion of Cross Country.

Sausage Sandwich $2 and Poppers $1

No pre-orders are required just buy on the day. Parents, grandparents, family & friends are encouraged to come and have a Sausage Sizzle lunch with the students.

If any parents are available to help with the BBQ could you please contact Gail via email tbpspc@gmail.com with your available times. Thank you

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 next meeting will be held Thursday 31st March at 3.20pm in the back meeting/planning room.

Please come and join us and be a part of our wonderful school community.
Thank you

The Tcilba Bay Public School P&C would like to say “Thank you” to the following businesses for their donations of some fantastic prizes towards our Cross Country/Fun Run.
Over the past 8 weeks we have welcomed a lot of new Taree Bay PS families into our OSHC, including our Salt Ash PS families who are able to access after school care.

We have been participating in team activities, getting to know each other and have created our very colourful ‘Welcome Better Buddies’ bunting board.

We said goodbye to Educator Lauren who has moved to sunny Queensland wishing her all the very best on her new adventure!

We were all excited to welcome back Educator Courtney who returns to us after maternity leave.

OSH 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

**LEGO creations...**

**Talking about Germs!**

They are everywhere, they are invisible and they can make you really sick!

We did a Science experiment using bread with interesting results............

**NRL season has started for 2016**

What’s your favourite team?

Drawing, painting and collage are always very popular at OSHC.

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campausralia.com.au or call our customer service team on 1300 105 343