Dear parents,

We are half way through the term and already the students have been involved in a number of extra activities. There is very little down time in schools these days which is a reflection of the society we are living in – very connected with technology and busy!

This week is our cross country carnival on Friday and information has been sent home. It is much earlier this year as the zone and regional events have been moved forward and we need to make sure we have selected our representatives in time.

Japanese Students visit to Tomaree – we only need 1 more host family…can you help???
Thank you to our families who have expressed interest in hosting 2 students this year but we still need another family…. It is over the Easter break and the tour has organised activities for the whole group on the Friday and Monday of Easter. Host families would be required to make sure students get to the bus on these days and then include the students in their family activities on Saturday and Sunday. The students will spend Thursday 28th March at our school.
If you are interested but would like more details –please contact Michelle K or myself in the office. Families are reimbursed to cover costs of accommodation, food and travel during the stay.

Have a wonderful week
Regards
Annette Thomson

Volunteer Reading Program
Last month Soldiers Point Lions Club generously donated $1,000 to our Volunteer Reading Program. This very successful program runs on Thursday and Friday mornings to assist some students with their literacy. We now have 18 volunteers who participate. This term selected students in Years 3 and 5 are involved in the program, receiving one-on-one support with reading.
Thanks very much Soldiers Point Lions Club!
P&C AGM will be held on **Wednesday 20th March, 6.30pm in the Staff Common Room.** Positions open will include:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

If you would like to be part of a dedicated group of parents who work with the school to provide resources for our children, please join us. It would be wonderful to see some new faces and some old ones too.

If you would like to do something to help within the school please consider volunteering in the **canteen** or **uniform shop.** Just pop in and see Jo (canteen) or Jan (uniform shop) to see how you can help.

Thank you for the wonderful response to **School Banking.** We will have it up and running shortly.

Thank you
Elizabeth elizabeths1969@dodo.com.au

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**OFFICE RECEIPTING HOURS**

Please be advised that money can be accepted at the school office from 8am to 3.30pm each day. This includes all forms of receipting ie cash, cheques, eftpos etc. Payments on credit cards, can be taken over the phone.

**ALL Eftpos transactions being credit, savings or cheque will incur a 50 cent fee**

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**ASSEMBLY ORGANISATION**

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**Health Information**


This is a great web site to look up any communicable diseases you may need information on.

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**Mobile Phone Collection**

Do you have unwanted mobile phones at home???? If you do, please send them in to school as our school can earn $3 for every phone collected. This would enable TPS to earn valuable dollars for our school to purchase resources for students.

Send your old phones to Mrs Mayers’ room for collection.
Certificate of Merit

SACRAMENTAL
PROGRAM FOR
St Michael’s Catholic
Church,
Nelson Bay 2013

Attention to all parents/carers of children wishing to receive the Sacraments this year.

Program evenings for each Sacrament commence on:

CONFIRMATION - 3rd April 2013
FIRST COMMUNION - 10th April 2013
RECONCILIATION - 24th July 2013

If you wish your child to participate in the Sacramental Program this year please contact the church office for further information.

Phone: (02) 4981 1069
Email: stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au

K-6 Cross Country

This year's K-6 Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 15th March at Tomaree Sports Complex.
A full timetable will be sent home this week with every student but the Carnival will commence at 10.00 a.m. with Kindies running first, then will progress through the grades up to Year 6. Students in Years K-2 will run in their grades while students in Years 3-6 will run in their ages.
Finishing time will be approximately 1.30 p.m. or earlier.
Parent helpers are needed to run a safe carnival so please let the school know if you are available to help.

Kevin Gattenhof
Sportsperson

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Zone Netball Trials

Congratulations to the school netball team who played in the Zone Netball Trials round robin last Friday at Raymond Terrace. The girls won three of their five games on the day; one of their losses was by only one goal. They showed great team spirit and determination on court.
Extra congratulations go to Hannah Glew and Alyssa Coggin who were selected in the possible and probable play off.
Thanks to the parents who transported the team and cheered us on throughout the day.

Sue Holloway (coach)
In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it, you'll be the grandest person in the Easter Parade.......

Yes, this year we are holding an

Easter Hat Parade

Students will bring their creations from home and parade under the COLA at 2:45 pm on Thursday 28th March.

Be creative with your child, have fun and come and see the creations of others!
2014 Year 7 Parents
are invited to a
Parent Information Evening
At the Tomaree Public School Hall

Wednesday 27th March 2013

Information Session from 7pm – 8pm
Optional High School tour from 6:00pm
Outline of primary to high school transition activities
Answers to questions raised in parent surveys
CAPA and Academic Extension Class application process

For further information contact
Karen Thurlow: karen.thurlow@det.nsw.edu.au or ph: 4981 1444

Peter Partridge
Principal
Dear Parent/Caregiver

The Seasons for Growth programme has successfully operated over the last two years. We are currently planning for the successful continuation of this programme in Term 2, 2013.

Perhaps your child may benefit from this programme being offered by Tomaree Public School. The program focuses on the issues our kids face - such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision-making and effective communication. It is facilitated in small groups of young people in the same age bracket.

Tomaree Public School is in the privileged position of being able to offer this program at no cost to the participants, as a result of a partnership established with Nelson Bay Baptist Church.

The Seasons for Growth Program runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is 40-50 minutes. The program concludes with a celebration session. Later in the year the group will have the opportunity to meet for two further sessions to build on their earlier learning. Confidentiality is assured, as the participants, including the adult companions, make a clear agreement at the commencement of the programme not to disclose any conversations held within the group.

‘Seasons for Growth’ has been running in schools Australia-wide for the past 10 years, with really positive feedback from young people, teachers and parents. Further details can be found on their very comprehensive website (www.goodgrief.org.au).

‘Seasons for Growth’ will commence during school hours in term 2, and will be facilitated by accredited companions. The companions have received special training in the use of this program. If your son/daughter expresses interest in participating in this program, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Should he/she decide to participate please fill in the tear-off section below and return to Greg Smith, School Chaplain or Cheryl Mayers at Tomaree Public School, asap, before the end of 1st term.

We are pleased to be able to offer this important program and are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience.

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TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION, THIS SECTION MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROGRAM. PLEASE RETURN TO Greg Smith (School Chaplain) or Mrs.Cheryl Mayers.
I give consent for ............................................................... Class……. to attend the Seasons for Growth Program and have discussed this with him/her. I also consent for one of the companions to use their own car for transport to the          Celebration Session if necessary.

Parent/Guardian Name:_______________________ Signature:_______________________
Contact phone number: (hm)___________________ Mobile:__________________________
Participant Name:____________________________ Signature:_______________________-
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Each year at Tomaree Public School we invite students who wish to sit these assessments to participate in the assessment program run by the university. Students and their parents can then gauge their child’s achievements in relation to other children from Australia and Pacific Nations. Students are awarded certificates indicating the level of achievement and a detailed report of their attainments. This competition is separate from NAPLAN run through Australia for Years 3 and 5.

The competition is offered to students in Years 3 to 6 in the following subjects:

English, Mathematics, Science, Computer Skills, Spelling.

IN 2013 YEAR 2 MAY ENTER English and Maths on the dates below

The closing date for entries at Tomaree is Thursday 4th April, 2013

NAME, CLASS and which Competitions entering marked with money in a envelope to the school office. Please check you have marked which subjects are being entered so we order the correct papers for your child.

Students and their families can decide which competitions they wish to enter you do not have to do all competitions.

Please tick below the competitions you wish your child to enter and include the amount in total for all competitions. Competition dates are set by the University and competitions must be conducted on those days. Fees are paid on entering the competition.

PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP BELOW TO MRS. KANDLBINDER

MY CHILD_____________________________ of YEAR_____CLASS_______ wishes to enter the following competitions:

- Computer Skills $8.00 Tuesday 21st May
- Science $8.00 Wednesday 5th June
- Spelling $11.00 Tuesday 18th June
- English $8.00 Wednesday 31st July
- Mathematics $8.00 Tuesday 13th August

I have enclosed the total of $____________________ to cover the costs of my child’s entries.

Please check you have ticked the boxes next to the competition your child wishes to enter.

Thank you.

Mrs C Kandlbinder