Tomaree Public School P&C Canteen Easter Raffle
The canteen are running an Easter raffle again this year, and are asking for donations of Easter eggs/prizes please. All proceeds will be going towards providing Technology resources to all classes. Donations can be brought to the Canteen on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Raffle tickets will be coming home this week. The raffle will be drawn after Easter Hat Parade, Thursday 10th April 2014. Thank you so much for your support.
Last week was a huge one with storm damage to homes of staff and students and a lot of illness. Our staff rallied to support each other and students so that the school carried on with minimal disruption to routines and learning. I’d like to thank the whole school community for the personal offers of support you extended me during this time – you are definitely a wonderful community!

**Staffing**
Mrs Mel Mather is on leave for the last three weeks of this term and the 1st week of next term. Mrs Mather’s class is being taught by Mrs Kate Brealey during this time and we welcome her to our team.

**Japanese Visit**
Once again we have a group of Japanese students visiting our area this week. They are being hosted by local families and visiting local schools and tourist attractions during the week. The group will arrive on Thursday 27th March and will be visiting our school on Friday 28th March. They will visit our classrooms, participate in sport and assemblies and share some of their culture with us. Families that our hosting our students will receive more information in a separate note.

**Interrelate**
Interrelate run high quality relationship education programs in our school every second year. These sessions are supported by the P&C and provide valuable programs which are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. Many of our families have found these sessions extremely worthwhile. Please see the information in this newsletter and return the completed forms to the school if interested in attending any of the sessions that are being held this week on Wednesday evening. Unfortunately this event is clashing with the High School’s Year 7 Parent information night which begins with a tour of the school at 6:00, followed by an information session for parents at 7:00. **If you wish to attend the interrelate sessions, the high school has offered an extra information session for our parents at a later date. Why not come to the High School tour, go to the appropriate interrelate session, then have an information session with the high school later in the term.**

**Parking Reminder**
Please remember that the area in front of the school is a stop and drop zone until 9:30. You must not leave your car parked there to walk your children in to school. Doing so causes even more congestion and creates dangerous situations. There seems to be a few who completely disregard the signs and this causes difficult situations for all. Rangers do patrol this area on a regular basis and fines are hefty! Please be considerate and follow the signs! If you wish to walk you child in to school, parking is provided at the pool.

**Purple for Epilepsy**
This Wednesday is Purple for Epilepsy Day. Children are encouraged to wear purple and bring a gold coin donation. Epilepsy Association merchandise is also available for students to purchase. All funds raised will go to support the Epilepsy Association.

**School Banking**
There will be a school banking information table at school on the morning of Wednesday 26th for anyone interested in opening accounts for children. School banking is a great way to teach children about saving.

**School Support Learning Officers**
A big thank you to our wonderful SLSO today. They do an amazing job supporting us in our quest to deliver quality learning experiences and care to our special children. Each one of our support teachers are wonderful, caring and dedicated people. Thank you all of you! Your work here is truly appreciated!

*Have a good week*
*Michele Walmsley*
The Health Department of NSW [link]

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

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**MERIT AWARDS**

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**Staff Profile – Brian Egan**

Position at school: Assistant Principal

Years at Tomaree PS: 12 years

Years teaching: Would show how old I am!

Family Details: Married with children

Teaching experience: Taught most of my career in Western Sydney schools until I moved to Port Stephens.

The best thing about Tomaree PS:
We have a great variety of experiences in which our students get to participate. This is due to the wide ranging skills and interests of staff members.

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**TPS TERM ONE ASSEMBLY ROSTER**

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Health Information
The Health Department of NSW [link]

This is a great web site to look up any communicable diseases you may need information on.
If you have any ideas or suggestions, please email tpspandc@hotmail.com

Dates for your calenders:
Interrelate - Wednesday 26th March
Purple Day for Epilepsy - Wednesday 26th March, Students can wear purple, gold coin donation.
Easter Hat Parade—Thursday 10th April
Easter Raffle—Raffle tickets to go out this week.
Anzac Assembly –Friday 11th April

NEW SCHOOL SHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE UNIFORM SHOP!!!! Our stock has arrived, so those of you waiting to get more of our new school shirts, please come into the uniform shop and purchase.

STAGE 2 SYDNEY EXCURSION - REMINDER!
(A copy of the full note is on the school website.)
The permission note for your child and a deposit of at least $50 need to be returned to the school by Friday 4th April. We only have 100 places available on a first in basis. If you require financial assistance the note and a request in writing need to be returned by the due date.
We also will have places for a limited number of parent helpers on the excursion.
The parent helpers’ cost will be $125 per person. Those wanting to be parent helper’s should not pay anything at this stage. As soon as all students have accepted their offers we will hold a ballot for the parent positions.

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Tomaree PS - Stage 2 Sydney Excursion

My child __________________________of class _______ will be participating on the Stage 2 Sydney excursion on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th September 2014 and I would like to be considered as a parent helper.

Name: ..........................................................
This week’s roster is

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This week we have an exciting new product to try. Sweet Potatoes Wedges (5 for $2.00). These yummy wedges are oven baked and a great veggie treat. And don’t forget you can now order gluten free bread and wraps for an additional $0.50.

MUSIC ADVERTISEMENT: MUSIC STARS

Dear Parents,

Recently your child may have brought home a flyer from school about a company offering music lessons. It has come to our attention that some of the information in this flyer may have been misleading. We apologise for this.

Please note:

Music Stars is a private company and operates independent of Tomaree Public School. It is not affiliated with the school or our school’s music program in any way and no correspondence in regards to this company can be entered into by school staff.

This company is planning to rent out some of our school premises AFTER SCHOOL HOURS for operation of their business.

Please direct all enquires directly to the organisers of the company as printed on the flyer.

Regards,

Sport news update

Last Monday Mitchell Walls, Mitchell Hall, Ryan Arkless, Lachlan Walter, Aiden Burns and Lachlan Blyth went to Rutherford to try out for the PSSA Hunter AFL team. It was an extremely hot day with around 80 players turning up to be selected into the team of 24.

After a morning session of skills, drills and a match the boys were put into possibles and probables before the final team was announced.

Congratulations to Aiden Burns and Lachlan Blyth for being selected into the Hunter AFL team. They will compete in the State Championships at Nth Ryde in May.

All boys tried very hard, showed great sportsmanship and had an enjoyable day. Well done.
TOMAREE PUBLIC SCHOOL

2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Computer, Science, Spelling, English & Mathematics

Entries Close: Monday 10th April 2014 at 3:30 p.m. (Week 11 - Term 1)

As in past years we are offering students the opportunity to participate in these competitions to gain a measure of their achievement in an external assessment situation. These competitions are quite competitive and are usually undertaken by students with a talent or strong interest in the particular area. If you are unsure whether you would like your son or daughter to take part in any of the competitions you could speak to your child’s present or previous class teacher for advice.

All competitions will be held at school. The entry fee for all competitions is $8.00 with the exception of SPELLING which is $11.00. The dates when each competition will be held are:

- Computer Skills (Yrs 3-6 only) Tuesday 20th May
- Science (Yrs 3 – 6) Wednesday 4th June
- Spelling (Yrs 3 to 6) Tuesday 17th June
- English (Yrs 2 – 6) Tuesday 29th July and Mathematics (Yrs 2 – 6) Tuesday 12th August

For those students who wish to take part the following procedure needs to be followed:

- Send payments and permission note in a single sealed envelope with your child’s name, class, and total amount enclosed clearly written on the outside of the envelope. Students may enter any or all of the competitions.

Mr Egan will collect envelopes each morning.

All entries must be received no later than Monday 10th April 2014 3:30 p.m. (Week 11 - Term 1.) No late entries will be accepted. Payments can be made to the school using credit card.

Brian Egan
Assistant Principal

Please return THIS section to school by Monday, 10/4/14

2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child............................................................... of class............ to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

- Computer Skills (Yrs 3-6 only) Tuesday 20th May - Cost $8.00
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TOTAL: Please find enclosed entry fee/s. ..................

Amount

Signature of Parent/Guardian      Date
When kids ask “the” questions ..

Interrelate’s high quality sexuality and relationship education program is coming to your school! With more than 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today over 35,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate school and family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality education . . . We know how to ‘help break the ice’. Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. Our fully trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics, conduct the program.

Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”
1 hour – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
In this session children are eager to learn more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females. This session extends their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”
1 hour – Years 5 & 6
This session helps to prepare children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty. Changing emotions and relationships with families and peers are addressed. Information is also presented on menstruation and wet dreams.

You and your child will benefit from the information presented in this program. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive. What parents have said about us:
“The educator has a great way of putting things simply”
“Provided me with a solid foundation”
“Covered areas I hadn’t thought of talking about”
“Entertaining and informative”

Interrelate SCHOOL SERVICES presents
A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM
FAMILY ADMISSION COST: 1 session $25 per family ● 2 sessions $30 per family

Where: TOMAREE PUBLIC SCHOOL
When: Wednesday, 26th March 2014
Time: 6:00 pm SHARP (“Where Did I Come From?”) 7:15 pm (“Preparing for Puberty”)

Please Note: Speciality books are available for purchase on the night.

A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM
Name of Family: ...........................................................................................................................................

No. attending: Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?” Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”

Amount enclosed: $ ...................... o Cash o Cheque (please make cheques payable to school)

Tel: (02) 8882 7875 ● Fax: (02) 8882 7890 ● schoolservices@interrelate.org.au ● www.interrelate.org.au

interrelate family centres Strengthening Family Relationships...since 1926
Get involved in the School Banking program.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Call 13 2221 at any time. As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for transaction and savings accounts are available from any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank’s dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 2221.

School Banking Day Reminder.

Don’t forget Wednesday: School Banking Day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Tomaree Public.
First Term is nearly over and it has been a very busy time. Parents and students have expressed strong support for our Seasons for Growth programme and this is very encouraging.

We will be starting Seasons next term so there is still time to provide a permission note for your son or daughter to participate.

April / May, 2014
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, 2014. We will also offer this programme in Term 3, 2014.

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 focuses on Emotional Learning. 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 over 10 years, with really positive feedback from young people, teachers and parents. It has also been evaluated internationally with very positive outcomes. 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 to Cheryl Mayers at Tomaree Public School, as a p.

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

TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION, THIS SECTION MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROGRAM. PLEASE RETURN TO Greg Smith (School Chaplain) or Class Teacher.

I give consent for …. …… 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: ___________________________ Class ______ Signature: ___________________________

Defence Aide News

Coffee Afternoon – Invitation for all parents - come along for a cuppa, at Salamander Tavern, on Thursday, 27th March, at 2.00pm.

Buddy Email Program – permission notes that I gave out to Year 3 and 4 defence students need to be returned to me by Friday, 28 March, if your child wishes to participate in the voluntary program this year. The program will begin at the start of Term 2. If you have any questions regarding the program please call or email me.

I can be contacted on 4981 1444 or email debbie.hersant@det.nsw.edu.au

Have a great week.
Debbie Hersant
DSTA
Gan Gan Family Centre in partnership with Wiggle and Giggle Music invite you to:

WIGGLE AND GIGGLE & HAVE LOTS OF FUN

WE’RE RAISING MONEY FOR
JOHN HUNTER CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE.

100% of proceeds will be donated to John Hunter Children’s Hospital Paediatric Palliative Care service in recognition of Archie’s Day.

Date: Thursday 3rd April 2014
Times: 9.45 am 1-2 years
       10.20 am 2-4 years
       10.55 am Under 12 months

Where: Gan Gan Family Centre
       Anna Bay Public School, Old Main Road

Cost: $10 per child (100% will be donated)

To book your place call Jacqui or Liane on 4982 1767

Limited places maximum 12 in a class due to allocation of instruments.
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Principal: Shane Skerly
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