Sydney Stage 2 Excursion Last Week

We were blessed with the weather for our excursion last week on Wednesday and Thursday. The students’ behaviour was exceptional with many compliments from tour guides, coach captains and members of the public on what a great group they were.

Thanks to the parents who attended to assist: Mr Cropley, Mr Shaw, Mrs Paton, Mrs Kilby, Mrs Perry, Mrs Mayne and Mrs Hicks.

Also, many thanks to our staff members Ms Posa, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Kandlbinder and Mrs Kidziak for their great work with the students.

Brian Egan
Dear Parents and Carers

Term three has certainly been a busy one again. I don’t think there is any quiet times in schools anymore as we strive to provide many activities and opportunities for our students.

The Week Ahead

There are plenty of things happening around school this week. Sport in schools was on for K-2 students on Monday. Peer Support for all students is on this Tuesday. Our Year 6 students will participate in taster lessons at the high school on Wednesday afternoon. This gives them valuable insight into how things will be for them as they continue their schooling journey. The P&C disco is on for all children on Thursday night. K-2 students will be first from 5.30—6.15 and 3-6 from 6.30-7.15. Students must attend their own age group for safety reasons.

Stage 2 Excursion

Our Stage 2 students returned weary but happy after their excursion to Sydney last week. I had many reports that the children were all beautifully behaved and represented our school in a great manner. Thankyou to the staff who accompanied them and organised the wonderful experiences that made the trip so worthwhile and enjoyable.

Parent sessions

I have been a little disappointed to the response I’ve had to the parent sessions I’ve organised to give parents the opportunity to help us set our future directions. I sent out over 60 invites and have only heard back from less than 20. I understand that people are extremely busy, but this is your school and having your say in what it provides to your children is an extremely important and valuable opportunity. For this reason, I am going to run 2 sessions on the night of the disco. If you would be interested in dropping your children at the disco and staying to work with me on giving ideas on how our school can make improvements or changes, please email me on michele.walmsley@det.nsw.edu.au and let me know whether you would like to attend the K-2 or 3-6 session. I would like to limit these groups to 15 so the first 15 in will be accepted.

Happy Holidays

The holidays begin at the end of this week. School resumes for all staff and students on Tuesday 7th October after the long weekend.

I wish you all a safe and happy break from the routines of school.
Year 6 students who are attending Tomaree High School in 2015 have been given information packs which also include a number of forms that need to be completed. **These forms need to be returned to the High School office by the last day of this term.**

The Year 6 students will be attending Taster Lesson on Wednesday of week 10 this term (17th September).

Sue Holloway
High School Transition Coordinator

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RUGBY UNION

On Thursday the 11th of September the Tomaree Public School Rugby Union Team represented the school at Rugby Union Gala Day. We played against Soldiers Point, Shoal Bay and Anna Bay Public School. Unfortunately, we were not victorious but were competitive in all the games against much more experienced opponents. Sean Larkin worked hard in the forwards all day and Jordan James saved countless tries with his desperate defence. Even though the results didn't go our way it was probably the most enjoyable day I've had away with a sporting group, I couldn't be more proud of boys with the way they represented the school.

University of NSW English Competition Results

Recently twenty of our students participated in this national competition to assess their English skills. From our entrants we had a pleasing result with nine awards. Congratulations to the following students for their awards:

*Distinction:* Tarissa Williams
*Credit:* Isobel Hannah, Marcus McEvilly, Benjamin Barwood, Holly Coppleman, Zachary Williams
*Merit:* Sukhvir Saini, Jake Coppleman, Ruby Mason

Students will receive their certificates at Week 10’s assembly on Friday.
P&C News

**Dates for your calendar**

**Wednesday 17th September**

**P&C Meeting**
5pm Tomaree PS Staff Room - everyone welcome!
Time has been moved to 5pm to see if it suits more people - please join us to see what happens at your P&C meetings!
Focus will be on Twilight Carnival preparations and update, report on Fathers’ Day stall, Disco, upcoming events, canteen, YMCA School Holiday Care, Bagnalls Beach Road safety update

**Thursday 18th September**

**School Disco** - spots and stripes dress up theme
Junior disco (K-2) - 5.30 - 6.15pm
Senior disco (3-6) - 6.30 - 7.15pm
Entry $5 per child includes a drink and a packet of chips. Glow sticks and chocolates available to purchase. All funds raised will go to the playground equipment.

**School Holidays**
Monday 22 September – Monday 6 October

**Wednesday 9th October**

**Carnival Committee Meeting**
1pm Salamander Bay Tavern – come for coffee or lunch 😊
Issues to be discussed – Food and Drink Stalls, Promotions, Carnival Layout, Insurance and Risk Assessments, Tickets sales

Please email our P&C President - Emily Perry with any queries - tspandc@hotmail.com

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**P&C Fundraising Update**

**Twilight Carnival**
Surfs Up!! You want to have 4 hours of unlimited rides, bounce houses and awesome fun at our carnival this year?! Then buy your arm bands now! Tickets can be purchased online at [https://www.stickytickets.com.au/19217/tomaree_twilight_carnival.aspx](https://www.stickytickets.com.au/19217/tomaree_twilight_carnival.aspx)
Rides include the sizzler, surf's up, giant slide, chair ride and jumping castle and activity centre. The kids will have 4 hours of unlimited access – you won’t see them until 8pm! Meantime you can enjoy a cuppa and cake while the grandparents check out the class stalls including footy tossing, sponge throwing, ten pin bowling, chocolate toss, crazy hair, face painting, nerf gun targets, plaster painting. The carnival will be fully catered for including BBQ, pizza, slushies, fairy floss and cake stall. Tickets are $27.50 including booking fee online, $25 if paying cash at school, or $30 at the gate on the day.

**Class Stalls**
At the Twilight Carnival each class will be running a class stall to raise funds for the school playground equipment. Class teachers will be in contact with parents over the next few weeks to ask for assistance. There will be a “Best Effort” prize awarded to a class - details closer to the event.

**Market Stalls**
We are seeking people who would like to hold a market stall at the carnival. The cost per stall is yet to be confirmed however we ask for stall holders to donate a prize for the Chocolate wheel or raffle. If you would like to hold a stall or know people who would be interested please contact Kylie by email flip25@hotmail.co

**P&C Twilight Carnival Contact Details**

| Twilight Carnival Co-ordinator | Mel Kilby | melinda.kilby@bigpond.com |
| Twilight Carnival Publicity | Roxanne Gwyn-Kabayama | roxanne.gk01@yahoo.com.au |
| Twilight Carnival Entertainment | Kelli McElwaine | portalsdb@pacific.net.au |
| Twilight Carnival Sponsorship | Gina Kelly | gina_b5@hotmail.com |
| Twilight Carnival Catering | Anne Maree Spears | annespears@bigpond.com |
| Twilight Carnival Stalls | Kylie | flip25@hotmail.com |
| P&C President | Emily Perry | tspandc@hotmail.com |
TRAVELLING BY BUS TO AND FROM SCHOOL

All students travelling to and from school by bus are issued with a bus pass from Port Stephens Coaches if they are eligible for free travel. From the 12th February, under the Code of Conduct issued by Transport for NSW, all students must show their passes to the driver when boarding.

Students failing to show their pass on 3 consecutive days will have their names recorded by the driver. Port Stephens Coaches will then advise the Principal and parents will be advised of their child’s failure to produce their pass. If the student continues to offend, they can be refused travel for a period of up to 2 weeks for the second offence and for a period of up to 10 weeks for subsequent offences. These penalties may also be enforced for poor behaviour when travelling to or from school.

If your child is eligible for a pass, and has not received one yet, please contact Port Stephens Coaches to arrange a pass for your child.

Poetry competition winners
Early Stage 1 — 1st place Amelia Whiteman-Law
Runner up Charlie Lewis Preston
Stage 1 Tarissa Williams
Runner up Matthew Royes
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What’s in it for you?
- Support & Information for Families & Carers in their caring role
- Information for Professionals to support Families & Carers
- Opportunities to Network & Promote Carers Week Activities

Guest Speakers:
10.00am – 11.00am: Keynote Speakers:
Hunter New England Local Health District & Private Aged Care Services
"Aged Care Reform: ACAT Legislation, Home Care Packages & Residential Aged Care"

12.00am – 1.00pm: Dr Lee Sluiter – Consultant Clinical & Developmental Psychologist
"Managing the Mental Health and General Wellbeing of Parents, Carers and Siblings of Children with Developmental Disorders including Autism Spectrum Disorders"

Children’s Entertainment:
“Loopy the Clown”
“Face Painting, Animal Balloons, Magic”

Details:
Date: Thursday 9 October 2014
Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Newcastle Panthers, King Street, Newcastle
Cost: Free

This is a Collaborative Project between HNE Carer Support Program - Hunter and Carer Reference Group.

For information or to Register
Phone: 4921 4896 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Full-day Kids Creative Writing Workshop – get inspired to write!
Thursday 25 September 9.30am - 3.00pm For 10-13 year olds
Join Jess Black, popular author of The Bindi Wildlife Adventure Series, RSPCA Animal Tales series as well as the upcoming The Kaboom Kid series. Jess will take you on a journey to create stories around her favourite subject – animals and nature. With the stunning backdrop of the Wetlands Centre as inspiration you will write about the birds, animals, reptiles and plants you see and use them as characters in your stories. Discover how to inject humour, surprise, tension and loving characters into your own stories.
Cost: $40 per student. Places are limited!
Bookings close 22 September. Ph: 02 4951 6466

Weaving at the Wetlands
Tuesday 23 September 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years
Decorate the wetlands – create a colourful outdoor art gallery among the trees! Gather reeds, flowers and other natural material and using the trees as frames get weaving.
Cost: $20 per child
Bookings: Ph: 02 4951 6466

Bush Skills Adventure
Wednesday 24 September 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.
Cost: $20 per child
Bookings: Ph: 02 4951 6466

Wriggly Wetlanders
Wednesday 24 September & Wednesday 1 October 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years
Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.
Cost: $20 per child
Bookings: Ph: 02 4951 6466

Hunter Wetlands Centre, Off the roundabout, 1 Wetlands Pl, SHORTLAND NSW 2307
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Principal: Shane Skerly
Ph: 02 49 692338 for details - dramacorp@bigpond.com

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All NEW members
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Sunday 7th September
10am to 12pm
or
Sunday 14th September
2pm to 4pm

At Fingal Beach Surf Clubhouse
All renewing members must register
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