Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many of our grandparents attend our special assembly in honour of Grandparents Day last Thursday. The students loved seeing their grandparents at school and writing merit cards for them. We all had tears in our eyes as we watched one little fellow sing the song with all his might while looking into the eyes of his grandmother with a look of pure love on his face and a tear in his eye. Such a special moment to be part of. A couple of FB comments I wanted to share with you:

It was so beautiful to watch the Grandparents get excited by the sight of their Grandkids. I saw heaps of "secret waves" and kisses from kids to grandparents and grandparents to kids. Pure joy to watch - Maryann Royes

Was a great afternoon for our grandparents who love being part of their grandchildren's lives. Thank u - Kellie Paton

Walking around chatting to the Grandparents - some who had travelled from Muswellbrook for the occasion, made it evident how much being invited in to the school meant to them. It meant a lot to us and the children to have them in our school.

Our Poetry competition was held last week and I’m sure those who attended were impressed with the standard. Our students spoke with confidence and flair and certainly looked to be enjoying themselves. Learning the skills of public speaking is something that they will use throughout their lives in many situations so it is great that they can begin so early.

Our Stage 3 children left for Canberra bright and early this morning looking very excited. I think they will return much more subdued after their big week away. Thankyou to the Stage 3 staff who give up their time away from their families to make this trip possible.

The first of our Kinder Orientation sessions is on this Tuesday from 9:45 – 11:15. Parents are invited in to the hall for an information session while children are in the classrooms. These orientation sessions are very important as they make the children familiar with the school environment and allows the teachers to get to know them so informed class placement decisions can be made.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will have a Dog safety Education session on Wednesday. These sessions are very valuable in giving our students the skills needed to stay safe around dogs.

Stage 2 students will participate in Camp Out this Friday night. This program is highly regarded by Principal's in the area and parents who have attended. We hope to extend this program to other students in coming years. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend as I have family business I must see to in Canberra, but I’m sure that all participating will have a great time. Thanks to Mr Cornish for organising this opportunity for our families.

I’d like to thank the families who agreed to complete surveys for me last week. I had about 27 families take up the opportunity to have their say in how we can strengthen our family/community partnerships. Please return them to me as soon as possible so I can collate the information and ensure it forms part of our planning for 2016.

All year 2 students start their special swimming lessons next Monday. Please ensure that they come to school with their swimmers and other necessary items. This is a great opportunity to ensure our children can swim – a very important skill to have in this beautiful place we live in.

Have a lovely week

Michele Walmsley
KA—WHAT WE THINK OF OUR GRANDPARENTS

My Grandpa and Viv live together. They live in Adelaide. It is a very long way to get there. I think they have stayed here for about 3 days. They can’t sleep at my house so they have to sleep in a hotel. They gave all of us a ukulele, me and my sisters. Viv and Grandpa have ukuleles as well. I miss them because they live so far away. I love them, and they love us as well. They have a white car. I remember what my old house looks like because it looks like their old house. I think it looks like my old house. My sisters love them as well. They love them.

Anneliese

My grandparents are called Nonny and Opah. They are special to me because they give me lots of presents. When I hug them they feel squishy. They pick me up from school sometimes. I sometimes go to their house. They let me watch TV whenever I ask. I love my grandparents. They are very fun. Opah is very funny. They have got an old house. Sometimes they go to their old house. There are lots of cookies at their old house. Sometimes it’s very fun at their old house. I have lots of jatz at their old house. They put vegemite on the jatz.

Charlotte

My Grandad has Diabetes. He has to have special medicine. He is 84 years old. He lives in Toowoomba. We sometimes see cows or sheep. He has bees. It takes 9 hours. I like to go to the park. I really love my Grandad.

Adele

My grandad and Grandma give me treats. I love my Grandpa and Grandma. They give me ice-cream when I go to Queensland. When I go to Queensland I will go in their pool.

Ashley

My Grandma and Grandpa they are special to me because they give me new Skylanders. And they give me lots of treats.

Lachlan

My Nanny and Poppy are my favourite of all Nannies and poppies. I love my nanny and poppy because they give me lots of lollies and presents, hugs and kisses. They love me and I love them too. My Nanny and Poppy give me lots of love in my heart. Poppy is very funny. He calls me a boy and he says “Do you want a beer?” And I say “No.” I love my Nanny and Poppy.

Kendall

My nan is special to me because she cuddles and she kisses me and she visits me.

Kynan

My Granny and Poppy love me and I love them too. They have a golf cart and we love playing with them.

Makayla

My Granny gives me treats and she loves me. I love her.

Kai

My Nan is called Nanny Sue. She gives me warm hugs. I saw her one week ago. She kisses me. She gives me treats. I love going to the Food Court. She is squishy. She loves me and I love her.

Alannah

My Nan is special because she helps me whenever I get stuck and she brightens my heart. We go in a cabin. We go to the beach. Sometimes she plays with me in the water. Once my Mum and dad went to America and my Nan looked after me for 12 days.

Jorja

My Grandpa’s name is Poppy Jeff. I love him because he gives me lots of presents and lots of cakes. My Grandma is special to me because she gives me lots of love in my heart. She lets me go to her house and to have a swim in her pool. She takes me lots of places like a museum and to a shop full of wombats. She loves me. I love her and she gives me lipstick. She let me pick a little baby dog and I got to keep it. I love them. Their names are pizza and Buddy.

Saskia

My special nana gives me treats. She takes me to the skate park. She takes me to the zoo. And I have fun.

Tyrese
For all 2016 Kindergarten children and parents.

**Session 1. Tuesday 3rd November 9:45 to 11:15am**

* The children will visit the class rooms for an activity session.
* During this activity time there will be the first information session for parents starting at 10.00am.
* This is followed by an orientation walk of the site and a BBQ lunch

All Kinder enrolments are encouraged to attend all sessions. Children will participate in a variety of activities that give them a taste of school life. Teachers will get to know the children in readiness for 2016 and will be able to plan activities to better cater for their needs. It is highly recommended that parents attend the information session.

*We hope to see you here at school for these exciting events.*
This week the canteen is launching the summer menu for term 4 and term 1 2016, we have introduced some breakfast items on a trial basis. We have grilled cheese on toast and cereal including gluten free Weet-bix.

We also need more volunteers to help out in the canteen as term 4 is our busiest time of year. If you are able to help out please pop in or txt me on 0410 601 336.

This Week Roster is:

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Enjoy,
Amanda
Tomaree Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards items available during Term 4 2015 are:

- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4

School Banking day is Wednesday. Each week you need to send your child’s bank book with them to class, the teacher will collect them and send to be processed.

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding an account opening day at 9.30am on 3rd November in front of the hall. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. No identification is required for your child attending school, as the school will confirm their identity. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch, by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.

This is a great fund raiser for our school. We earn $5 commission on every account opened and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).
Whooping cough alert

Dear Principal,

There has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2014 and 2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children.

NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

I am writing to request that you include the attached text in your next school newsletter or other appropriate communication tool to encourage early diagnosis and treatment of those with the infection, and to help reduce the spread of infection in the community.

This information is also available on the NSW Health website:


You are invited to cut and paste this text into your school’s newsletter or other appropriate communication tool as required.

Please notify your local public health unit on 1300 066 055 if you are aware of new cases of whooping cough in your school. This is a requirement of the NSW Public Health Act 2010.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Vicky Sheppeard
Director Communicable Disease Branch

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age. A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
TERM 4

TENNIS CLASSES
5 Week block; Oct 6—Nov 6

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And his staff

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FINGAL BAY— Fridays

- Discounts for term payment and 2nd & 3rd child in family
- Great fun & exercise, sporting skill for life
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‘Poors Many’ (The Children of Many)
Gathang Language from the Worimi People of Port Stephens

AWABAKAL

ACYFS EARLY YEARS PROJECT: TOMAREE EVENT
Free stuff for big school is back!

Is your child attending kindergarten on the Tomaree Peninsular in 2016?
Please come along and join us for a get together
Lunch including wraps/sandwiches/fruit platters
Register for FREE back packs
Talk with the Awabakal health team including a nurse, nutritionist and hearing worker.

Date: Monday 16th November
Time: 11.00 – 11.30, lunch to follow
Location: Gan Gan Family Centre
Anna Bay Public School

Please RSVP by 11th of November
Contact: Jacqui @ GGFC: 4982 1767, E: jacqueline.ormell@del.nsw.edu.au
Krystal @ Awabakal: 0429 881 163, E: krystll@awabakal.org