Tomaree Public School

INVITATION

2015 has been a very successful year for the students of Tomaree Public School. They have been committed to learning and working towards attaining high standards and results. To recognise the achievements of our students, our Annual Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday, 8th December.

Family and friends are invited to join us in recognising the students who have achieved personal recognition.

When: Tuesday, 8th December, 2015.
Time: - Stage 2 & Stage 3 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6) at 9.45 am in the MPC.
      - Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (Kindergarten, Years 1, 2) at 12.30 pm in the Drama Hall.

Parking: Tomaree Pool carpark OR park on Bagnall Beach Road and walk through Keel Street gate entrance

Michele Walmsley
Relieving Principal
Dear Parents and Carers

Well our year is certainly quickly drawing to a close with only 2 and a half weeks of school before we break for the summer holidays.

A huge congratulations to Riley Mather who achieved some great results in the Pan Pacific Games in Adelaide last week. Riley’s relay team came 6th in their competition and Riley came 7th overall beating a personal best in Breaststroke by 4.7 seconds. This is a fantastic effort Riley – we are all very proud of you!

Congratulations to the Year 5 students who nominated themselves for Student Leaders for 2016. You all presented your speeches professionally and the staff were very impressed with what you had to say. I am confident that any of you would make great leaders. Our 2016 Leaders and captains will be presented to the school at Presentation Day next Tuesday.

Our school band will be showcasing their talents in the Twilight Band concert which is being hosted by Soldiers Point PS this year. These students have worked hard during the year and I look forward to hearing them perform on Thursday night.

Our Year 6 students are looking forward to attending Orientation at the High School on Friday. This can be a very anxious, yet exciting time for the students as they prepare for the next phase in their lives. I know they are looking forward to spending the day getting to know the other students and the teachers on Friday.

Thank you to those of you who are parking correctly in the afternoons. I have noticed a big improvement in this which is great and ensures our students leave the school safely. However, I am still getting complaints about people parking in the stop and drop zone in the mornings which means people have to double park to let their children out. This is an extremely unsafe practice. If you need to speak with your child’s teacher in the mornings, please park on Bagnall Beach Road and walk in the back entrance. There is no parking until 9:30 at the front of the school.

Thank you

Michele Walmsley
Bicycle riders MUST WEAR HELMETS!

It has been brought to the attention of the school that some of our students are being seen riding bicycles outside of school, without helmets. Recently, a number of students have also had close calls with motorists. The school is treating this matter very seriously. In future, if a student is seen leaving the school with a bicycle and without a helmet, staff will detain the student, confiscate the bicycle until it can be picked up, and assist the student to arrange an alternative way of getting home. Failure to wear a helmet correctly is against the law and attracts fines from police. This fine can also be given when a rider wears a helmet that is not fastened properly with the attached straps. We have requested police to assist in our monitoring of this situation. The following is directly from the NSW Roads and Maritime Services website.

Helmet law

The New South Wales helmet law came into effect from 1 January 1991 for adults and from 1 July 1991 for children under 16. This law was introduced based on the known safety benefits particularly in relation to preventing brain trauma that may result from a fall or crash.

Under the current Road Rules 2008 a rider of a bicycle on roads and road-related areas must wear an approved bicycle helmet securely fitted and fastened on their head. This applies to all cyclists, regardless of age, including children on bicycles with training wheels and any child being carried as a passenger on a bike or in a bicycle trailer.

Fine Time!
The current fine for a rider not wearing helmet fitted and fastened is $57.

Defence Families Survey – If you are a partner or parent of a permanent ADF member or a permanent ADF member looking after dependants on your own, tell Defence about your experiences in the 2015 ADF Families Survey. This year’s survey will focus on how relocations and absences from home impact on families, and what Defence can do better to support families during these times.

The survey is open from November 16 to December 7. The results are expected to be available in early 2016. The survey should take about 20 minutes to complete and will be online at: http://www.defence.gov.au/dco/

Williamtown Christmas Treat – this year the Treat will run from 2pm to 6pm, on Friday, 4 December. Some new highlights will include performances by The Little Scallywagz, a new laser-tag arena and market stalls, as well as the usual fun and visit from Santa. Tickets are $15 each (2yrs up), which includes unlimited rides, sausage sandwich, drink, showbag and visit with Santa. Tickets are available now from Defence Bank and Australian Defence Credit Union.

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

Have a great week.

Debbie Hersant
DSTA
November, 2015

Dear Parent/Caregiver

The Seasons for Growth programme has successfully operated over the last seven years. We are currently planning for the successful continuation of this programme in Term 2, 2015. We will also offer this programme in Term 3, 2015.

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.

Through successful fund raising, the Seasons Program is offered at no cost to the participants.

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. All groups adhere to Child Protection Mandatory Guidelines.

‘Seasons for Growth’ has been running in schools Australia-wide for over 10 years, with 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, 2015 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, asap.

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 Class Teacher.

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:____________________ Class______ Signature:______________________
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:

- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students. Step
2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.
FAMILY CHRISTMAS DISCO

FREE DISCO FOR ALL THE FAMILY
SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER
6-9PM

**ENTERTAINMENT BY DJ CHRIS MCFADDEN & SANTA

Bring the family and come and have a dance, sing some Christmas songs and dress up in your favourite costume.

FINGAL BAY SPORTS CLUB
100 ROCKY PT RD
FINGAL BAY
(02)4984 1244

NELSON BAY TENNIS CLUB
Tennis Holiday Camp
COACH BLAKE DENISON

December : 21st, 22nd & 23rd
$25/ half day 9 – 12pm
$40/day 9-2pm (lunch)

January: 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th & 14th
$25/half day 9-12 pm (half day)
19th, 20th & 21st $40/day 9-2pm (full day)

For the elite & academy squads there is a 3-6pm session for $25 on these days of Jan.

For Bookings call Blake 0403634667 or blake.deno@gmail.com
CAROLS BY TORCHLIGHT
Wednesday 9th December 2015
live music followed by spectacular fireworks display!
bring the family and picnic
fun starts at 6:00pm

SANTA ON THE OVAL
Wednesday 2nd December 2015
come along to see Santa arrive by helicopter!
an experience not to be missed!
fun starts at 10:30am

All Welcome!

Norfolk Drive, Stockton, use the visitors carpark on your left.
Catch 136 from Stkn Ferry Wharf

StocktonFete
Tomaree Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours 2015-2016

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From Monday 1st February 2015 back to normal shop hours

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Credit Card Authorisation Form

STUDENTS NAME: ___________________________________________________________ YR_________

WHAT ARE YOU PAYING FOR:    High School Uniform/Primary School Uniform

CARD NUMBER: ____________________________  EXPIRY DATE: ____________

NAME ON THE CARD: ____________________________

AMOUNT: $____________  CRV NUMBER: ____________ (last 3 digits on back)

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: ____________________________