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
It has been lovely to see the smiling faces of our students in recent days. The school is buzzing with laughter and fun. As the school year comes to an end, and the excitement of holidays and Christmas grows, our students have a busy time to look forward to. We have our annual Presentation Day where we recognise the efforts of our students, staff and community members. On Thursday night we congratulate and farewell our year 6 students. This outstanding group of children will be missed by our school, and we wish them every success for high school. Next week we have Carols by Candlelight on Monday, Party Days, and the annual Talent Quest. Wednesday the 16th of December is the last day for students. Reports come home next Monday.

**Congratulations** to our tireless and hard-working P and C team. I was excitedly informed this morning that a request for a **grant of $50000** for an upgrade of the playground behind our multi categorical classrooms has been approved. This money comes from the ‘Community Building Partnerships’ initiative. A fantastic early Christmas present for our students to enjoy. Thanks to our P & C who are always active with fund-raising and thinking about how they can source money to resource our school. You all do an amazing job.

Just a reminder, if your children are not returning to TPS next year, can you please notify the office as soon as possible. We need this information to create our 2016 classes effectively.

Merry Christmas!

Ben Cornish
## Merit Awards

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ORDER/PAYMENT FORM: RESOURCE PACKS FOR 2016 (Please return before end of term)

We are continuing with the book/resource packs for all classes for 2016. Once again, the packs include a technology levy for the Mathletics software program as well as paper and printing costs in lieu of textbooks. This year the packs also include a personal headphone for use with our technology hardware. Our teachers have ordered the packs with resources suitable for each grade level as it is important that the students have items such as exercise books with the correct line width, etc suitable for their grade. It is also beneficial if all students in a class have the same resources to work with.

To ensure that the packs are ordered and ready to give to class teachers early in the new year, we ask that you pay for your child/ren’s resource packs before the end of Term 4, 2015.

If more than one child in a grade please add the extra child’s details to the list below.

Kinder 2016: Child’s Name: .............................................................. $55.00
Year 1 2016: Child’s Name: ........................................................... $57.00
Year 2 2016: Child’s Name: ........................................................... $49.00
Year 3 2016: Child’s Name: ........................................................... $44.00
Year 4 2016: Child’s Name: ........................................................... $40.00
Year 5 2016: Child’s Name: ........................................................... $40.00
Year 6 2016: Child’s Name: ........................................................... $40.00
Special Ed MC1 (Jones in 2016): Child’s Name: ..................................... $47.00
Special Ed MC2 (Pearson in 2016): Child’s Name: .................................. $45.00
Special Ed MC3 (Norris in 2016): Child’s Name: ..................................... $45.00

Additional Children

Year …… 2016: Child’s Name: ................................................. $ ..............

Year …… 2016: Child’s Name: ................................................. $ ..............

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR ALL RESOURCE PACKS: $ .........................

Children in Years 1-6, 2015 should have their USB drive and Years 3-6, 2015 should have their A3 art folder to carry over. If they do not have these then the school office can sell you a separate USB drive for $5.50 and an A3 folder for $4.40 (both GST inclusive).

Please complete this form and forward it to the school office with your payment by Wednesday, 17 December. For your convenience a payment slip is on the back of this order form.
RESOURCE PACKS FOR 2016

Once again, we are selling resource packs to students in all grades. We do this so that all students have the correct items required for their particular class. Because packs are purchased in bulk by the school we are given extensive discounts which are passed on to our families. The quality of books, etc are also superior to many of the cheap items sold through local suppliers.

The packs include items required by each stage, many specific to the grade, eg exercise books vary in line width and book size; pencils vary in size and hardness – all depending on the grade. Various packs also include document wallets, glue sticks, whiteboard markers, push button envelopes, pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, A3 display book for Year 3, USB drives and lanyards and a slimline headphone for each student. Students in Years 3-6, 2015 carry over the A3 display book from previous years and students in Years 1-6, 2015 should have their USB from this year as well. New students to the school who do not have these items in their pack can purchase them separately from the school office.

As we no longer include text books in the pack we have built-in paper and printing costs. Also included in the cost is a technology fee of $12.00 which covers software such as Mathletics for all student use.

The packs will be given to students who have paid in their classes early next year.

Please contact Val Watkins, our School Admin Manager, if requiring financial assistance. All requests are treated confidentially.

A separate order form is attached together with the payment slip below for your convenience.

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PAYMENT SLIP -
(Return this slip with the order form on other side in full - please do not separate)

Payment by (tick one): o Cash: o Cheque : o Credit Card

Student’s Name: ................................................................. Class in 2015: ..............................................

Credit Card Payment
Our school office is able to take credit card payments (Visa and Mastercard only) over the phone or by sending this completed slip. Please note, this form is only for credit card payments. EFTPOS (Savings or Cheque a/c) can only be paid over the counter. All Tomaree Education Centre Credit/Debit Card payments incur a 50c administration fee. Cheques can also be sent to the office made payable to “Tomaree Public School”.

Credit Card Type (please tick one) □ VISA □ Mastercard

Amount: Paying $............................................

Plus admin fee: $0.50

Contact Phone Number: ........................................ TOTAL PAID: $ ................................

Cardholder Name (as shown on card) Please print in capitals ............................................................

Credit Card Number ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Expiry Date ___ ___ / ___ ___

CCV: (last 3 numbers on back of card) __ __ __

Signature of Cardholder ...........................................................................................................
We would like to thank these businesses for their kind donation to the Special Education Unit Playground Project. Also a huge thank you to all the people who personally donated money to this project. Donations can still be made towards this project in 2016.

Anna Bay Sand and Earth moving
All Saints Anglican Church
Covet Couture
Chemmart
Discount Drug Stores
Hunter valley pumping
Soldiers Point Bowling Club
Soldiers Point Bowling Club
Nelson Bay Bowling Club
Village Grind Cafe
Salamander Tavern Bistro
White Sands Bistro
Nelson Bay Fitness
Arteke Hair and Beauty
Fingal Bay Post Office
Nelson Bay Real Estate
Koala Shores Port Stephens
Bayside Family Chiropractic
Port Stephens Security Doors
Salamander Bay Recycling Centre
Nelson Bay Medical Centre
Nelson Plaza Clinic
Amcal Chemist Salamander
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, 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.

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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.
“Increase your child’s communication skills, self-confidence and creative talents.”

DRAMA CLASSES – 2016

Improvisation, Scriptwork and Performance

NB: End of Year Plays. Tomaree Primary School Hall Monday December 7th

@ 5:30 – 6:30pm.

PRIMARY: 7 – 11 YEARS
4pm – 5pm

YOUTH: 12 – 15 YEARS
5pm – 6pm

MONDAYS: Tomaree Primary Hall

Enrolments now being taken.

Principal: Shane Skerly
Phone: 02 49 692338
Email: dramacorp@bigpond.com

Facebook: Helen O’Grady Drama Academy - Newcastle
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: ____________________________