We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!

From all the staff at Tomaree Public School!
Dear Parents and Carers

I am sad to be writing my last newsletter as relieving Principal of Tomaree Public School. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in this role over the last two years. It has been wonderful to work with families to ensure that as an educational facility we were meeting community needs. I have loved watching your children grow into motivated and independent learners who strive to achieve their best. The fabulous staff have worked tirelessly this year to deepen their knowledge of the students and ensure they are offering best practice for all learning opportunities.

Next year we welcome Mrs Chris King as the new Principal of our fabulous school and I know that you will enjoy working with her, as will all staff, to continue the learning journey we have embarked upon this year.

2016 will see some more of our staff transition to retirement. Mrs Carol Kandlbinder and Mrs Cheryl Mayers will not be returning next year. A lovely celebration of their time as teachers was held in a special assembly on Friday. They have made many valuable contributions to the education delivered by Tomaree Public school and have made a difference in the lives of many students over the years. I wish them all the very best for the next phase of their lives and hope they find happiness and health in their endeavours.

Mr Matthew Cornally will be having 12 months off in 2016. We also hope the he finds fulfilment in his endeavours.

Mrs Leanne Comber will be returning to full time teaching from her time in the Northern Territory and Mrs Maree Cropley will be returning in a part time capacity for the year and working in a support role.

Due to our falling numbers, we will lose an Assistant Principal position so Brian Egan, who also isn’t returning next year, will not be replaced in that capacity. I will return to the classroom and my Assistant Principal position and look forward to working more closely with the children again.

I’d like to thank the P&C for another productive year and for their never ending support of school endeavours. I hope to continue to work closely with you all again in 2016.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday break. Cherish the time you have with your family and return them to us for another fun filled year of education in 2016. For those of you who aren’t returning next year, I wish you all the best for your new adventures and hope you take fond memories of Tomaree with you.

Merry Christmas!
Michele Walmsley

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I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

For those families moving away I wish you all the best at your new location. I look forward to seeing everyone else back at school next year.

Merry Christmas!

Debbie Hersant
DSTA
Dux 2015
Izabelle Bartlett-Baldwin

Literacy Award 2015
Ebony Walker

Numeracy Award 2015
Zachary Williams

Male Sportsperson 2015
Riley Mather

Female Sportsperson 2015
Alara Burke

Premier’s Sporting Challenge Award 2015
Aiden Burns

Visual Arts Award 2015
Nevis Harmsen

Performing Arts Award 2015
Bethany O’Sullivan

Technology Award 2015
Mason Bromage

Environment Award 2015
Zander Docherty

Student Parliament Award
Gary Price

Tomaree Education Centre Award
Natayla Slacke

Citizenship Award 2015
Kurtis Armstrong
Mikayla Tonks
Traelle Rixon
Benjamin Mills

Public Education Values Award 2015
Rylee Moses-Kinkaid

Reading Improvement Award Year 1
Lani Bishop

Reading Improvement Award Year 2
Tahlia Podsiadlo

Language Improvement
Kynan Clark

The staff and students of Tomaree Public School would like to thank the following businesses and organisations for supporting our annual presentation days.

Kate Washington, MP
Port Stephens Council
Port Stephens Coaches
Soldiers Point Lions Club
Rotary Club of Nelson Bay
W.Morley & Co Pty Ltd Port Stephens
Salamander Centre Amcal Chemist
Tomaree Public School P&C Association

The Larkin Family - Action Trophies
Nelson Bay View Club
Tomaree Board of Christian Education
All Saints Anglican Church
Soldiers Point Bowling Club
Teachers’ Association
Country Women’s Association, Nelson Bay
EARLY STAGE 1 AND STAGE 1 AWARDS

TJ Blackbourn
Luka Patane
Elizabeth Peterson
Lucy-Pearl Blachford
Anneliese Jones
Charlotte Stephenson
William Doherty
Saskia Nelson
Charlize Fines
Adele O’Rourke
Robert Wilks
Ailee Kabayama
Jasmine Gambell
Blake Peterson
Jessica Treharne
Angus Attard

Taylah Rose
Riley Gibson
Aishat Kareem
Jarrod Walls
Ammity Davies
Riley Shaw
Kayla Andrijic
Jackson Beal
Samual Orton
Indiana Shaw
Madison Shaw
Jaydah Kach Waller
Terry Johnstone
Bailey Harding
Eliza Armstrong
Tjarla Morris
Mitchell Paton
Chantal Giepmans
Jack Paton
Kurtis Armstrong

STAGE 2 AND STAGE 3 AWARDS

Alexis Thiele
Marcus McEvilly
Talon O’Neill
Lilian Smith
Ciarn McPherson
Liam Hayward
Bibhusha Rajbhandary
Isabella Rawlins
Taylor Smith
Zac Chenhall
Holly Coppelman
Ella Borg
Bella Hales
Izabelle Sydor
Joshua Kilby
Brayden Reynolds
Zac Rimmer
Tyler Sarmias
Cooper Stone
Jordie Wein
Isabella Harris
Leila Jones
Tarissa Williams
Kalib Pederson

Annie Stephenson
Ava Coppelman
Serena Petrie
Jonty Dunkley
Bianca McEvilly
Charlie Hill
Mikaylee Parsons
Charlotte Shaw
Dallas Burke
Callum Bartlett-Baldwin
Georgia Bailey
Cohen Northwood
Stephanie Prouse
Taylor Rimmer

James Donovan
Will Landa
Lacey Jones
James Thwaites
Kaley Malyszko
Lacey Hales
Emily Kabayama
Amelia Whiteman-Law
Sienna Lauricella
Charles Lewis
James Smith
Damica Mayer
Kaliah Lloyd
Cooper Toscano

CONGRATULATIONS!
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  ___  ___ /  ___  ___  CVC: (last 3 numbers on back of card)  __  __  __

Signature of Cardholder  ……………………………………………………………………………………………

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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: __________________________
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