2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2015 swimming carnival was held last Friday. We had a great day of sunshine, wonderful swimming and cheering and fun in the novelty events.
A big thank you to the wonderful parents who gave up their time to be officials.
An assembly will be held in the coming weeks where the ribbons and trophies will be handed out. The zone swimming carnival is on 20th February. Students who have qualified for zone will be notified soon.
Sue Holloway
Dear parents,

A very warm welcome to everyone for the 2015 school year. We have a number of new families joining us and we extend a special welcome to you. We hope that you have had a positive start as part of our school community.

I am returning to Tomaree after spending the majority of last year working in the corporate sector in a temporary position of Director Every Student Every School. It was a very beneficial experience and I gained greater insight into the reforms our school system is currently undergoing through the Local Schools Local Decisions agenda. I am very pleased to return to Tomaree and value the support of staff, students and parents as we seek to improve the educational opportunities for all students.

I would like to thank Mrs Walmsley for her outstanding leadership of the school during my absence. I know that she was well supported by the executive team and all staff as she led the development of the new school plan which will drive the future direction of the school. I fully endorse the directions planned for the school in the priority areas of performance, participation and partnerships. The Department of Education has a strong commitment to successful planning for senior leadership positions and I am privileged to lead a school where these opportunities are available and staff are recognised for their excellent abilities and skills.

On Friday we held our first whole school event - the swimming carnival. Congratulations to Mrs Holloway for her excellent leadership and organisation of the day and thanks to Mr Gattenhof for providing support in the role. Many hours of preparation go into these events and students are provided with the opportunity to compete at higher levels based on their performance. Thanks to the staff and many parents who assisted with roles during the day. It would not be possible to hold these events without that additional time and support. A full report will be provided by Mrs Holloway. I was able to attend the majority of the day and student behaviour, participation in events and team spirit was excellent.

**Staffing**

Student numbers have reduced this year and we will form 15 mainstream classes and maintain our 3 multicroastic classes in the special education unit. This has meant a restructure of the anticipated class organisation. The classes for 2015 are:

- MC1 – Mrs Liz Jones
- MC2 – Mrs Michele Pearson
- MC3 – Mr Matt Cornally
- KA – Mrs Donna Abraham
- KH – Mrs Sue Holland
- S1FW – Miss Jessica File and Mrs Michele Walmsley
- S1Ga – Mrs Colleen Gattenhof
- S1Gi – Mrs Veronica Gibson
- S1O – Mrs Rebecca O’Sullivan
- S1P – Ms Meredith Posa
- S2C – Mr Ben Cornish
- S2H – Mrs Tash Hill
- S2JK – Mrs Carol Kandlbinder and Mrs Chris Jory
- S2/3B – Mrs Amanda Bennett
- S3C – Mr Jason Crowley
- S3G – Mr Kevin Gattenhof

Mr Egan is on leave for the year and is replaced by Ms Meredith Posa on Stage 1.

Mrs Leanne Comber remains on leave for another year and Mr Jason Crowley is with us on stage 3.

Mrs Karen Montanna is on leave until August and replaced by Mr Peter Hopper.

Mrs Michele Walmsley will be job sharing with Miss Jess File on stage 1 class.

Mrs Carol Kandlbinder and Mrs Christine Jory will job share in stage 2.

Mr Ben Cornish will be on sick leave from Monday 9th February for 3 weeks and the class will be taught by Mrs Jen Klein. Mrs Amanda Bennett will be relieving Assistant Principal during this time. We wish Mr Cornish a speedy recovery.

Mrs Michele Walmsley will be on long service leave from 10th Feb to 24th February and Miss Jess File will teach the class. Mrs Veronica Gibson will be relieving as Assistant Principal during this time.

**Parent Information Evenings**

Our parent information evenings provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet the classroom teachers and gain valuable information about class structures, excursions, teaching and learning programs, and other aspects of the school. We hope that many parents can take advantage of this opportunity to meet the class teacher. A crèche will provided each night for toddlers and students.

Each evening will commence at 5pm and conclude by 6pm:

- Thursday 5th February - stage 2 (students in years 3 and 4)
- Monday 9th February – Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)
- Tuesday 10th February – Stage 1 (years 1 & 2)
- Thursday 12th February – stage 3 (years 5 & 6)

The teachers look forward to meeting as many parents as possible on these evenings. If you are unable to attend, please let the teacher know and information can be provided to you.

2015 will be another productive and exciting year at Tomaree with opportunities provided for all students to participate in meaningful learning, have fun and develop strong social skills. I look forward to working with the school community in a close collaborative partnership for the benefit of each and every student.

Have a wonderful week.

Kindest regards

Annette Thomson
February, 2015

Dear Parent/Caregiver

The Seasons for Growth programme has successfully operated over many years. We are currently planning for the successful continuation of this programme in Term 2. 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.

Tomaree Public School is in the privileged position of being able to offer this program 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.

‘Seasons for Growth’ has been running in schools Australia-wide for well over 10 years, with really 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, and will be facilitated by accredited companions. The companions have received special training to develop 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, a s a p.

We are pleased to be able to offer this important program and are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience.

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:______________________-
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 for Years 1, 2 and 3, waterproof communications bag for Kindergarten. Students in Years 4-6 carry over the A3 display book and USB from previous years. Students in Years 1-2 carry over the communications bag from last year. 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 (previously $16.00) we have built-in paper and printing costs of $10.00. Also included this year is a technology fee of $10.00 which covers new computer software for all student use.

The packs will be given to students who have paid in their classes this week. You can continue to pay for the packs in the coming weeks if you wish and your child will be given the pack on that day or the next day.

Reminder of costs:

- Kindergarten $51.00
- Year 1 $46.00
- Year 2 $46.00
- Year 3 $44.00
- Year 4 $35.00
- Year 5 $35.00
- Year 6 $35.00
- MC1 – Mrs Jones’ class $46.00
- MC2 – Mrs Pearson’s class $52.00
- MC3 – Mr Cornally’s class $53.00

We can offer financial assistance if required. Please contact me directly and all requests are treated confidentially.

Annette Thomson
Principal
Tomaree Public School
TOMAREE PUBLIC SCHOOL
RESOURCE PACK ORDER/PAYMENT

Child 1: Name: ........................................................  Class: ......................
Grade in 2015: ...........................  Amount:  $ .......................

Child 2: Name: ........................................................  Class: ......................
Grade in 2015: ...........................  Amount:  $ .......................

Child 3: Name: ........................................................  Class: ......................
Grade in 2015: ...........................  Amount:  $ .......................

Child 4: Name: ........................................................  Class: ......................
Grade in 2015: ...........................  Amount:  $ .......................

* If paying by cheque, please make it payable to “Tomaree Public School” and return with the above information completed.
* If paying by credit card over the phone please call 4981 1444. Savings or Cheque Account payments can only be made by coming into the school office.
* Credit card payments can also be made by completing the information above as well as your credit card details on the slip below and return this whole completed sheet to the school office.

Credit Card Payment Slip

Our school office is able to take credit card payments (Visa and Mastercard only) over the phone or by mail. Savings or cheque account debit card payments can only be paid over the counter. All Tomaree Education Centre Credit/Debit Card payments incur a 50c administration fee.

Student’s Name:    AS ABOVE
What are you paying for?  RESOURCE PACKS
Credit Card Type (please tick one)  □ VISA    □ Mastercard  Amount:Paying $...............................
Plus Admin fee: $0.50
Contact Phone No:  ..................................................  TOTAL PAID: $...............................
Cardholder Name (as shown on card) Please print in capitals  ..........................................................
Credit Card Number  ___  ___  ___  ___     ___  ___  ___  ___     ___  ___  ___  ___     ___  ___  ___  ___
Expiry Date  ___  ___  /  ___  ___  CCV: ___ ___ ___ (last 3 digits on back of card)
Signature of Cardholder  ......................................................
Would you like to play hockey?

Bring a friend and share the fun!

Come along & learn some new skills in a fun & safe environment.
Nelson Bay Hockey Club has an excellent introductory & learning development program starting from 5 years & up with Minkeys, U11’s & U15’s progressing through to mixed social comps for all ages.

All training & competitions are held at Salamander Sports Complex (behind the Recycle Centre) on a Saturday morning so there’s no travelling to games.

REGO FEES

Under 9s
Juniors and Minkies - $63

Under 18s
Mixed and Juniors - $109

Over 18s
Mixed Competition - $166

Registration covers insurance with Hockey NSW & competition/training fees.
Registration day 14th February 2015 from 9.00am to 12 noon at the hockey fields at Salamander Sports Complex.

For more information go to
www.nelsonbayhockey.org.au
info@nelsonbayhockey.org.au OR Tel: 02 4919 1692
NELSON BAY MARLINS JUNIOR AFL CLUB

Dick Burwell Oval, Tomaree Sporting Complex
2015 Registration Day at Dick Burwell Oval
Sunday 15th February 9.00am - 12.00pm

NAB Auskick - 4 Years to 8 Years
$75 for 1st child (includes 2015 Auskick Pack)
$65 for 2nd child (includes 2015 Auskick Pack)
Free for 3rd child (includes 2015 Auskick Pack)

Juniors – U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s, U17s
$95 for 1st child (includes Club Jacket)
$85 for 2nd child (includes Club Jacket)
Free for 3rd child (includes Club Jacket)

***** NO WEEKLY FEES *****

For further information contact Wayne Anderson on wmtbanderson@gmail.com or visit website www.nelsonbayjuniormarlinsafl@sportingpulse.net

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to
Come and Try Guides!
At your local Girl Guide unit
For girls aged 6-17 years
Leadership opportunities for adults 18 years and over
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings -
Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au
Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides
HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW
TOMAREE PUBLIC SCHOOL
ABSENTEE NOTE
(To be returned to Classroom Teacher first day back after absence)

STUDENT’S NAME…………………………………………………………………..  Roll class………..

Date of Absence/s………………………………………………………………………

Reason for Absence………………………………………………………………………………

Signature of Parent/Caregiver……………………………………………..  Date……………………