Tomaree Education Centre School Community
Welcome Family BBQ

To welcome all our new families to Tomaree Public School and Tomaree High School.

When: Sunday, 1st March, 2015
Where: Tomaree Public School
What time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm
All food and drinks provided

It’s a great time for our new families to meet some of our school community and make new friends.
Please RSVP to Debbie Hersant or Debra Mould on 4981 1444 and let us know if you intend to come.

Sport – Term 1 2015

Weeks 2 – 4 (Feb. 6th, 13th, 20th): Primary class based activities & cricket trials.
Week 4: Zone AFL trials (Feb. 17th)  Zone swimming & tennis (Feb. 20th)
Week 5: Primary swimming groups commence (Feb. 27th)
Week 6: Hunter swimming carnival (March 5th)
School cross country (K-6) (March 6th) – No swimming groups
Week 7: Primary swimming groups recommence (March 13th)
Week 8: Primary high jump (March 16th & 17th)
Primary swimming continues (March 20th)
Week 9: Zone cross country (March 27th)
Primary swimming continues (March 27th)

*Please note that these dates may change.
*Appropriate notes will be sent home throughout the term with more details.
Kevin Gattenhof – Sports Organiser - TPS
Dear parents,

I hope that everyone has settled into their new class for 2015 and that learning has started smoothly. Our Kindergarten students seem very settled and eager to learn with most students smiling and happy to be here.

Staffing
There are a couple of corrections to the list of classes in last week’s newsletter:

The name of Mrs O’Sullivan’s class is S1/2O. In our restructure to 15 classes, it was necessary to form a cross stage class so students in Mrs O’Sullivan’s class are in stage 1 or stage 2. Mrs Cheryl Mayers is teaching S3M and this class was omitted from the list. Mrs Maree Cropley is on leave for 2015—she will return to our school in 2016. Mrs Michele Walmsley commences her long service leave on Tuesday 10th February and Mrs Tracey Higgins will now teach the class. Mrs Veronica Gibson is relieving as Assistant Principal.

Japanese visit- host families needed
At Tomaree Public School we have an annual visit of a small group of Japanese students who want to experience life in Australia. The students stay for a week with a host family from our school. There is payment to host families to cover accommodation and food costs. The children will join in with your family events on the weekend and through the week they are with the guide each day to participate in sightseeing and visits to schools. It is a well organised visit and a great cultural experience for both the Japanese students and our children. The students will spend one day in our school.

This year the visit will occur from Friday 27th March (they arrive about 5pm) and leave at 8.00am on Friday 3rd April (this is Good Friday).

If you are interested in hosting students (they prefer to stay in pairs, please contact myself or Mrs Keating in the office for details. Students do not require separate bedrooms and they are primary age.

Assemblies- K-6
Our formal assemblies will return to a K-6 format this year due to our reduced student numbers. The school parliament will also meet on some Friday morning so dates for the assemblies will be published soon. All parents, carers, family and friends are invited and always welcome. Presentation of swimming ribbons and induction of our school leaders will be held in the first assemblies so watch for the dates.

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 and gain valuable information about the class.

A crèche will provided each night for toddlers and students. Information about classrooms and locations will provided on the night at the front of the school.

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

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, as 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:______________________-
Welcome to all the new students this year, and welcome back everyone else. My name is Debbie Hersant and I am the Defence School Transition Aide at Tomaree Public School. For those not familiar with the DSTA program—my casual position is funded by Defence, and my role is to provide support for Defence children and their families. One of the important aims of DSTAs is to welcome children and their families into the school community and assist children with settling in.

At the start of Term One I will be working 5 mornings a week so I can be available at lunchtime for the new students. I will then have to adjust my hours to Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Each year we host a Welcome BBQ to welcome new families to both Tomaree Public School and Tomaree High School. The BBQ will be held on Sunday, 1 March, in the school grounds, from 12.30 – 2.30pm. All food and drinks are supplied. Please RSVP to me if you intend to come, so we can adequately cater. The BBQ is open to all new families and not just Defence families.

If you need to contact me please ring the office on 4981 1444 and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Alternatively, you can email me on debbie.hersant@det.nsw.edu.au

Enjoy your week.
Debbie Hersant
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 in to 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 ........................................................................................................................
"YMCA Tomaree News"

We have started the new school year with lots of new and old faces coming to the Y for Before and After School Care. Our coordinator Mallory has been assisting at our Shoal Bay service but will return later this week. The children have enjoyed catching up with our other staff Bec and Ben each morning and afternoon.

We have had requests from parents to provide an on-site Vacation Care at Tomaree Public School. Given the financial strain that this will have on the service we need to ensure that it will be a viable option. We currently operate Vacation Care at Shoal Bay Public School with many Tomaree families utilising this service.

A parent survey has been distributed to all families and copies can be collected from the school office or the OSHC service. We need to ensure long term sustainability of the OSHC service at Tomaree so please be authentic in your response. The survey has also been placed on the school website.

We still have plenty of vacancies for both Before and After School Care so please go to our website ymcansw.org.au to download your 2015 enrolment form or call our YMCA Tomaree team on 0407 511 694."

Primary school

Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA's? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters

Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Wednesday is School Banking day!
TOOGEETE TAEKWONDO

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Port Stephens

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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 Minikays, 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.

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.

REGO FEES
Under 9s, Juniors and Minikays - $63
Under 11s, Mixed and Juniors - $109
Over 11s, Mixed Competition - $166

For more information go to
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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
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ABSENTEE NOTE
(To be returned to Classroom Teacher first day back after absence)

STUDENT’S NAME

Date of Absence/s.

Reason for Absence

Signature of Parent/Caregiver

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