Principal’s Report

Well, the term is underway and our routines are being established for the year. Our numbers indicate that we will safely maintain our 14 mainstream and 3 support classes. This is a great relief, as it enables us to put into place all the organisational aspects that are needed within the school for 2016.

Information Afternoons

Our Information afternoons were advertised in the newsletter last week and also by a separate note on Friday. In case you missed these dates and times, they have been included again below. The teachers and I would love to see as many people as possible attend these meetings to enable you an opportunity to hear firsthand, the exciting learning experiences in store for your children this year.

Tuesday 9th February – Support Unit classes will meet at 4.30pm in MC3
Wednesday 10th February – Stage 2 will be at 3.45 – 4.30pm in each teacher’s classroom
Wednesday 10th February - Stage 3 will be at 4.35 to 5.20pm. The meeting will begin in Mr Cornish’s classroom and then move to each individual teacher.
Thursday 11th February – Early Stage 1 (Kinder) will be at 3.45 – 4.30pm in each teacher’s classroom.
Thursday 11th February - Stage 1 will be at 4.35 to 5.20pm in each teacher’s classroom.

I would ask that if you have a concern about your child that you make an appointment to speak to your class teacher as the first point of reference. Teachers will let you know the easiest way to contact them if you would like to meet with them.

New Systems for Notes and Excursions

All Primary Schools in our local area are about to embark on a new computer system for Student Administration and Finance. The changes that are being implemented will eventually be the operating system for all Public Schools across the state of NSW.

One aspect that will change will be the way we are able to accept money for special events, with closing dates being set and adhered to a few days before each event. Although we will not go onto the new system until next year, we are going to use the time to get everyone used to looking at the closing dates and making sure that money is in prior to the events. By starting this process now, it will enable this to become part of the culture of the school, making sure your child does not miss out once the new system is in place. Please check your notes carefully and ensure that notes and money are returned by the due date.

Opal Cards

The Opal Cards have arrived and were given to students on Friday. It is essential that students produce their Opal Cards when boarding buses. It would be helpful if you could find a spot for the card that both you and your child are aware of to enable the process to flow smoothly. If you have yet to apply for an Opal Card, please speak to the lovely office staff and they will be able to give you a brochure on how to obtain one.

Leadership Assembly

The Leadership Assembly will take place this Friday. Note were sent out last week notifying parents and carers if your child has been selected as a leader in one of the various roles. We would love you to come and join us at 9.45am in the hall as we present these leaders to the school.

Resource Packs

Thank you to all those parents who have paid for their children’s Resource Pack for 2016. This is enabling teachers and students to get to work quickly. If you have yet to pay, please see the ladies in the office as soon as possible so we can get it delivered to your child.

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Quality education and care with meaningful community and parental involvement!
Invoices and Voluntary Contributions

Term 1 invoices will be sent out next week which will show all of the payments due for term 1. Our Voluntary Contributions are set at $20 if there is only one child at our school child or $30 per family if there is more than one. These contributions, whilst voluntary, enable the school to pay for vital aspects such as paper, art supplies, photocopying etc.

P & C Meeting

We have a P&C Meeting set down for Wednesday 17th February at 6pm if you can join us. Please consider getting involved with this vital group. I look forward to meeting with everyone on that evening.

Have a great week.

Christene King
Principal

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Tomaree Education Centre School Community
Welcome Family BBQ

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

When: Sunday, 28th February, 2016
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.
Defence Aide News

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. 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 4 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 all new families to both Tomaree Public School and Tomaree High School. The BBQ will be held on Sunday, 28th February, in the primary 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.

Buddies in the Bay – Welcome Morning Tea – Thursday, 11 February, at Spectrum Cafe, Anna Bay, at 10.30am. The Buddies is a social group for defence spouses in the Nelson Bay area, and generally have one or two social events each term. The Buddies Coordinator is Debra Mould, contact details: phone 49811444 and email debra.mould@det.nsw.edu.au

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
DSTA

Welcome back to Book Club for 2016.

Scholastic Book Club is a great way of purchasing reasonable books for your children and the school gains great rewards, which are used for resources within the library and classrooms.

There are three easy ways to pay:

1. Credit Card on the Scholastic website with your order
2. Cash paid through the school
3. Cheque or Credit Voucher—please make cheque payable to Scholastic Australia.

When paying by cash, cheque or credit voucher please return with order form to school.

The catalogues have been sent home with the students Scholastic Book Club due Monday 15 February. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Happy reading.
Get involved in the School Banking program

Tomaree Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:
- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggily Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Wednesday. Each week you need to hand in your bank book to your class teacher. These are then taken to the office.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
NELSON BAY MARLINS
JUNIOR AFL CLUB

Dick Burwell Oval, Tomaree Sporting Complex

2016 Registration Day at Dick Burwell Oval

Sunday 14th February 9.00am - 12.00pm

NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 8 Years
$75 for 1st child (includes 2016 Auskick Pack)
$65 for 2nd child (includes 2016 Auskick Pack)
Free for 3rd child (includes 2016 Auskick Pack)

Juniors - U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s, U17s
$110 for 1st child (includes Club Bag)
$100 for 2nd child (includes Club Bag)
Free for 3rd child (includes Club Bag)

Youth Girls (13-16yrs)
$90 (includes Club Bag)
New registrations receive shorts and socks

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

For further information please contact Wayne Anderson on 0423 293 789
or visit website www.nelsonbaymarlins afl@sportingpulse.net

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TRY SCOUTING

Joey Scouts
Taking registrations of interest for children aged between 6 and 8 years.

Cub Scouts
Meet Wednesday night 6.00-8.00pm for ages 8-11

Scouts
Meet Wednesday night 6.30-8.30pm for ages 12-15

Venturers
An opportunity to gain your Certificate II in Business & Queen Scout Award a great way to set yourself apart in looking for work. For ages 15-18 years, meeting times and locations vary so please contact us before attending.

Come and try out scouting. We meet every Wednesday night at the Scout Hall in Norburn Ave, Nelson Bay (behind the RSL). First 3 weeks are free to come and try. If you want to come along please text or email 0433 129 005 NBSscouts@gmail.com
TOMAREE PUBLIC SCHOOL
ABSENTEE NOTE
(To be returned to Classroom Teacher first day back after absence)

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