Term 1 Week 4
15th February 2016

Tomaree Tales

Swimming Carnival
2016

Quality education and care with meaningful community and parental involvement!
Parent Information Afternoons
Thank you to all of our wonderful parents and carers who came along to the information afternoons last week. It was a great opportunity for me to pop into the classrooms and say hello to you, as well as listen to the exciting programs that are being conducted in classrooms and across stages. I know teachers will send home a note that details the items spoken about in the meeting for those of you who were unable to attend. I also just want to say thank you to the teaching and support staff at the school who gave up their personal family time to stay behind, whether that be for the actual meetings or to look after students in the crèche.

Swimming Carnival
Such a lot of work goes into these exciting events at school. It was a pleasure to see the excitement on the faces of the students as they made their way to the pool. Congratulations to Mrs Holloway and all of the teachers and our SLSO staff, for their organisation and assistance during the carnival and of course, the students themselves for their enthusiasm and participation.

School Contributions
This week we are sending home family statements of account which show voluntary school contributions which remain at $20 if only one child in the family is at our school, or $30 per family if you have more than one child here. We are again asking that if you have not yet paid for your Resource Pack that you contact the office if you are wanting them to put one aside for you. A new invoice will be distributed to those families who are not paying for a book pack. This will contain just the Mathletics fee and printing costs for the year. Your children will not be able to access this online program until this fee has been received. Also included in the statement is the fee for those children in the school band who are hiring a school instrument. This fee is payable per semester in advance.

Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs) and Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
Ms Walmsley has been very busy getting notes out to the parents of the children involved in the ATSI Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs). You would have received a note last week about these meetings. Please let the school know if you are unable to attend. The Support Unit teachers are also very busy at the moment talking to parents with regard to the setting up of IEPs. Thank you to all staff and parents for attending these meetings to ensure that we can best cater for your children.

Leadership Assembly
What a beautifully presented assembly. It was such an honour to be there to help present the badges to our School Captains and School Executive, the House Captains and Vice Captains, the representatives from classes and the flag monitors. Congratulations to all those who were presented with a badge. Wear it with pride and undertake your responsibilities with diligence. Thank you to those who attended the assembly.

Christene King
Principal
Canteen Volunteers Needed!

Have you ever noticed that the kids get SUPER excited when their parents or carers are in the canteen? Imagine if you could give that joy to your child at school on a regular basis? It only takes a few hours a month to elevate them to the level of “kid with canteen connections” status, and they will thank you forever! (and so will their friends!). I ask you – can you put in a few hours, spend a couple of dollars treating your child and their friends to a snack and handle all that glory?? Drop in and see Amanda or call the office and leave a message on 4981 1595

Next P&C Meeting–17 February 2016 – ALL WELCOME

On the Agenda:

- Special needs playground installation committee
- YR 6 Shirt
- Teacher requests for equipment/fundraising
- Welcome BBQ for all parents at the pool
- Electrical upgrade committee update
- Any other business you may wish to discuss!

Check out the agenda and minutes on our website for more details. The meeting commences at 6pm in the staff room. Children welcome under your supervision.

Join the parent facebook group by searching for Tomaree Public School Community and encourage others to join.

Our AGM will be held in March and all positions will be open. If you are interested in being on the committee please come and join us at the next meeting to check it out – it is a great experience and an awesome way to make new friends whilst making a difference at school! New members welcome! tomareepandc@outlook.com http://tomareepandc.weebly.com

Update by Roxanne Gwyn-Kabayama President Tomaree PS P&C
### Merit Cards

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**At Tomaree PS Great things happen!**

Each week we will share some of the moments that bring us joy so you can share in them too.

Last week I was lucky enough to have what I would consider as two magic moments. The first occurred when a parent went out of their way to introduce themselves and let me know how highly she regarded the school and all of the staff and how they had assisted her children within the school.

The second happened on Friday when I saw the beaming smiles on the faces of the students who were recognised at the Leadership Assembly. It was such a wonderful sight to see these students proudly accepting their badges in front of their mums, dads, grandparents, carers and friends. It is a memory they will carry with them for a long time.

Christene King
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
- Wriggly 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.
**HELEN O’GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY SALAMANDER BAY 2016**

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

*Improvisation, Scriptwork and Performance*

**DRAMA CLASSES – 2016**

**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
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 293 769 or visit website www.nelsonbayjuniormarlins afl@sportingpulse.net

NELSON BAY HOCKEY REGISTRATIONS

Hockey Building
Salamander Sporting Complex

Saturday 20th February 9 am - 12 noon

Nelson Bay Hockey Club has an excellent introductory & learning development program starting from 5 years up with Minkeys, U11's, U13's & U15's progressing through to mixed social comp for all ages.

All training and competitions held at the Salamander Sports Complex on a Saturday morning so there's no travelling to games.

Registration covers insurance with Hockey NSW & competition / training fees:

U7 - $69 / U11 - $87 / U18 - $116 / O18 - $175

For further information please visit www.nelsonbayhockey.org.au contact us at info@nelsonbayhockey.org.au or phone 4919 1692
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.....................