ZONE SWIMMING REPORT

Congratulations to the 2016 Tomaree Public School team who travelled to Lakeside Aquatic Centre, Raymond Terrace on Friday to swim at the Zone Swimming carnival. The students were wonderful ambassadors for our school, with their behaviour and excellent swimming and sportsmanship. They encouraged and congratulated each other on efforts and results and demonstrated true team spirit.

Tomaree came fifth from over twenty schools in the school point score. There were some great individual efforts:

- **Charli Webb** - 1st 11yrs girls 50m breaststroke
- **Mali Gauta** - 1st Junior boys 50m backstroke
- **Billy Harman** - 2nd Senior boys 50m backstroke
- **Lily Lykouras** - 2nd Senior girls 50m backstroke
- **Hamish Jenkins** - 1st Senior boys 50m butterfly
- **Tarissa Williams** - 2nd Junior girls 50m breaststroke
- **Mindi Morris** - 3rd 9yrs girls 50m freestyle

**Senior girls relay team** (Chantal Giepmans, Lily Lykouras, Tjarla Morris, Jasmyn Roberts) - 2nd

We are now waiting for notification of swimmers who have qualified for the Regional Carnival. Thanks to the parents, friends and grandparents who transported and supported the students on the day. Special mention must go to our records keeper, Mrs Williams for the fantastic job she did in recording all of our team results.

Well done Tomaree!

Sue Holloway

The teachers would like to congratulate all the students for settling into school life so quickly this year.

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.

Quality education and care with meaningful community and parental involvement!
Zone Swimmers
Congratulations and well done to the following students for representing our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday. Thank you also to the parents and Mrs Holloway for supporting the students at this event.

Our Zone Team included the following students:

The ribbons from our own Swimming Carnival will be presented at the Friday Assembly (Friday 26th February)

Hansel and Gretel
The date for our exciting performance of Hansel and Gretel is almost here! I know Mrs Holland has been working hard to get the message out there for all children and parents. We will not be able to accept payments on the day for this performance, so ensure that you have your money and note in by this week. FINAL DAY FOR MONEY is Tuesday 23rd February.

Tomaree Public School P&C
I met with the Tomaree Public School P&C last Wednesday night and was blown away by the hard work and enthusiasm that came from this small group of dedicated parents and carers. They have a number of exciting things planned for this year and it would be lovely to see some new faces at the meetings. Please consider assisting by becoming a member of this group who is dedicated to improving the outcomes for students through their hard work and fund raising efforts. To the new parents on the night, welcome and I hope you enjoy your time as part of this vital organisation.
Contact for the P&C—tomareepandc@outlook.com

Thank you
I just wanted to say thank you to the parents and teachers who have attended meetings recently to discuss their children’s goals and learning needs. These meetings are an essential part of developing programs in order to cater for the specific needs of some of our students and I know many parents went to great lengths to attend.

Parental Concerns
If you have anything that you would like to discuss regarding your child, the first point of contact at the school needs to be the classroom teacher. The teachers are the ones who work closely with your child on a daily basis and have the best understanding of the needs and changes that may be exhibited in behaviour. It is by establishing those relationships that we can ensure that we are always working for the best interests of our students.

I hope you have a wonderful week
Christene King
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Learning and Support Teachers at Tomaree Public School

In 2016 our Learning and Support Teachers (LASTs) are Mrs Marea Harrison and Mrs Maree Cropley. These teachers provide specialist assistance to students with additional learning and support needs and their teachers. They work in collaboration with the class teacher in designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating a variety of programs including literacy, numeracy, language and communication, social integration and behaviour programs.

In 2016 Mrs Harrison and Mrs Cropley will be working predominantly in classrooms with class teachers and small groups of students. They will be working on a variety of programs ranging from remedial programs designed to meet identified learning needs to programs designed to further extend students.

If your child is working with Mrs Harrison or Mrs Cropley you will receive a letter outlining the areas they are working on with your child. If you would like further information about the program your child is working on, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or our Learning and Support teachers.
TOMAREE PUBLIC SCHOOL
2016 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS
Technology, Science, Spelling, Writing, English & Mathematics
Entries Close: Tuesday 23rd March 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

As in past years we are offering students the opportunity to participate in these competitions to gain a measure of their achievement in an external assessment situation. These competitions are quite competitive and are usually undertaken by students with a talent or strong interest in the particular area. If you are unsure whether you would like your son or daughter to take part in any of the competitions you could speak to your child’s present or previous class teacher for advice.

All competitions will be held at school. **The entry fee for all competitions is $8.00 with the exception of SPELLING which is $11.00 and Writing which is $17.00.** The dates when each competition will be held are:
- Digital Technologies (Yrs 3-6 only) Tuesday 17th May
- Science (Yrs 3 – 6) Tuesday 31st May
- Writing (Yrs 3—6) Monday 13th to Friday 17th June
- Spelling (Yrs 3 to 6) Wednesday 15th June
- English (Yrs 2 – 6) Tuesday 2nd August
- Mathematics (Yrs 2 – 6) Tuesday 16th August

For those students who wish to take part the following procedure needs to be followed:
- Send payments and permission note in a single sealed envelope with your child’s name, class, and total amount enclosed clearly written on the outside of the envelope. Students may enter any or all of the competitions.

Mrs Harrison will collect envelopes each morning.

All entries must be received no later than **Tuesday 23rd March 2016 3:30 p.m.** No late entries will be accepted. Payments can be made to the school using credit card.

Marea Harrison

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**Please return THIS section to school by Monday, 23/3/16**

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**2016 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) PERMISSION SLIP**

I give permission for my child.................................................... of class............... to participate in the following 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

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**TOTAL:** Please find enclosed entry fee/s. ........................................

Parent Signature:_________________________ Date:_________________________
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.
Coffee Afternoon – I will be hosting a coffee afternoon for all parents on Thursday, 3rd March from 2.00pm, at Salamander Tavern (there is a playground for toddlers). Please come along for a coffee and a chat.

I am now working on Monday, Thursday and Friday for the rest of the term. If you need to contact me please ring the office on 4981 1444. Alternatively, you can email me on debbie.hersant@det.nsw.edu.au

Enjoy your week.

Debbie Hersant
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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.
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Cynthia Culhane, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 4032 4703 / 0418 699 646
or cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered by the Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

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**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.

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**TRY SCOUTING**

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

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**Saver Plus**

Saver Plus is a program that helps families save money on school-related expenses. It matches your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500, for educational costs. To be eligible, you must have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, earn some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or study.

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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..................................................................................................................

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