Term 1 Disco Thursday 17th March 2016

5.00-6.30PM Years K-2 only
6.45-8.15PM Years 3-6 only

The theme this term is

HEROES AND VILLAINS

Come dressed up, most creative will win a prize!

Glowsticks will be available for $2 and chocolates 50c

Teachers will be providing the supervision for both discos, parents will not be permitted in the hall.

Parents, please do not drop your senior children at the junior disco or leave your junior children for the senior disco!

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.

This week we have been looking at the comprehension strategy Visualising. When one of my boys shared an amazingly detailed description of his visualisation with our class, a boy sitting next to him turned and give him a high five as a congratulations. It gave me goosebumps!!

Quality education and care with meaningful community and parental involvement!
Bus Behaviour
The school has received a couple of notifications from Port Stephens Coaches regarding the behaviour of some of our students as they travel to and from school. The bus company must report the breaches in the behaviour code to Transport for NSW, who will suspend the students free travel pass for repeated misconduct. This will of course mean that parents will be responsible for transporting their children to and from school during that suspension. I have attached the Code of Conduct to the newsletter so all parents can discuss this with their children.

Up-date on Swimming
Thank you to everyone for their patience while we get this important program organised. We have had some dedicated parents answer the call to assist with the program, which means we are within the Department of Education Policy Guidelines for supervision around and in water. We are just waiting for the Working With Children Checks (WWCC) to be completed before it is finalised. It is important that the school works within the policy guidelines to ensure the safety of our students.

Staff Development Days
Each year schools are required to complete training on Staff Development Days designed to improve the educational outcomes for our students. Besides the one at the beginning of each term (except for term 4, where teachers and students all start at on the same day) the teachers have two days at the very end of the year after the students have finished. As we have a number of exciting Professional Learning sessions planned, we are going to be spending time after school in 3 hour blocks so we can implement this throughout the year, thereby replacing the two days at the end of the year. Our first afternoon Staff Development Day will be on Thursday 31st March from 3.45 – 6.45pm and will concentrate on the Inquiry Learning processes within the new History and Science syllabus documents. I just wanted to thank the staff for giving up their valuable family time to attend this valuable session and to acknowledge the hard work of Mrs Steph Bunny for her organisation.

P&C Disco and Easter Raffle
The P&C Disco is coming up on Thursday 17th March. ES1 and S1 will be able to dance the night away from 5 – 6.30pm, whilst the S2 and S3 students will be showing their moves on the dance floor from 6.45 – 8.15pm.
The Easter Raffle is also underway and will be drawn on Wednesday 23rd March. Thank you to the P&C for their organisation and continued support for the school and students. You make such a valuable contribution to our school and your efforts are truly appreciated.

Have a fantastic week
Christene King

Newsletter requests. Please choose either 1 or 2 and return to the office please.
1. Yes I want a hard copy of the newsletter.
   My child’s name is .................................................................and Class .................................

2. I would like the newsletter sent to me via email.
   My email address is ..........................................................eg. m.keat7@gmail.com
   My name ..................................................................................eg. Michelle Keating
Code of conduct for school students on buses

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

Holding School travel passes

• If you have been issued with a travel pass, show it to the driver on boarding and when requested
• Use the School travel pass only for its intended purpose
• Keep your School pass for your own use - you should not lend your School pass to other students or borrow one from them.

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of bus travel passes and/or prosecution.

Behaving appropriately

• Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers, such as no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus, eating or drinking - except water - unless the bus operator gives written permission
• Give up seats to all adults and disabled passengers
• Adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses
• Obey reasonable directions from the driver, such as where to sit or to remain in the bus
• Keep arms, legs and heads inside the bus
• Refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency.

Respecting property

• Protect bus property
• Ensure that buses are not vandalised
• Report any vandalism, such as graffiti and window etching.

If issued with a School Opal card, students must always tap on when boarding the bus and tap off when leaving the bus.

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of School Passes and/or prosecution.

In the case of students travelling under the School Student Transport Scheme, this code of conduct is also included in the terms and conditions of the application form. You are reminded that when signing the application form the parent/guardian explicitly declares that they support the code and that it has been explained to their child.

This is the link to the Code of Conduct page.

The first Student Parliament of 2016 was held today. All of Stage 3 and the Class Representatives of Stage 2, attended.

The first item that was discussed was which charity we would be supporting this term. It was decided that we would support Epilepsy Action Australia on Tuesday 29th March. We would like the whole school to wear purple on this day.

Next we were asked to support Autism Awareness Day as our term 2 charity. This will be discussed at the next parliament.

Some discussion was had about installing whirly birds in the computer lab roof due to the extreme heat.

The students then came up with fair rules for the dodge ball and cricket games in the playground.

The next Parliament will be held on Friday week 10, Term 1.

Caitlin McEvilly and Hugh Doherty
School Captains and Ministers for Public Relations

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**Purple Day**

We are celebrating Purple Day on Tuesday 29th March, 2016 to support our term 1 charity - Epilepsy Action Australia.

All students are asked to **dress in purple and donate a gold coin to** as an offer of support. Epilepsy Action Australia aim to provide support for optimal living for all people with epilepsy.

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**Tomaree Public School P&C Easter Raffle**

The P&C are running an Easter raffle again this year, and are asking for donations of Easter eggs/prizes please. All proceeds will be going towards providing Technology resources to all classes. Donations can be brought to the canteen every day. Raffle tickets will be coming home next week. The raffle will be drawn after Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

Thank you for your support.
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

Please return THIS section to school by Monday, 23/3/16
New Book Club Catalogues out now

Due Monday 20 March 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, please return or complete your online order by Monday 20 March. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Happy reading.

DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?
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UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER

**Uniform Shop Manager position Date:** 24 Feb, 2016  
**Time:** 11:00am

We are seeking a new manager for the Tomaree Education Centre Uniform Shop which is a joint enterprise between Tomaree HS & Tomaree PS.

The shop manager responsibilities will include sales, stock control, stocktakes and reporting on store performance.

The successful applicant will need to have proven success in retail management, superior customer service and be computer literate (Microsoft Office Suite, Excel).

Current operating hours for the Uniform Shop are: Mon 8-11am & Thurs 2-4.30pm. Award rates apply.

Applications should be forwarded to Tomaree High School in writing and be addressed to Mrs Vianney Bills and marked "CONFIDENTIAL".

Applications close: March 16, 2016
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..........................