From the Principal’s Desk

The weeks are just flying by at the moment and it is only a couple of weeks until our Easter break.

Parent Online Payments
This great new way of being able to pay for excursions, school fees, visiting performances and other resources will be here soon. A special note will be sent home to ensure that parents and carers are given all the details in order to access this time efficient payment system.

Easter Hat Parade
The Easter Hat Parade is going to be held on Wednesday 23rd March. A note regarding the time of the parade will be sent home this week. The drawing of the P&C Easter raffle will occur during the parade, so make sure you get your sold tickets back to school as soon as possible.

P&C Disco
The P&C Disco is this Thursday. The theme is Heroes and Villains. ES1 and S1 can come along from 5 to 6.30pm, with the S2 and S3 disco happening from 6.45 to 8.15pm. Thank you to the P&C for their organisation and for the teaching staff for their supervision.

Changes to Friday Assembly
There are going to be a number of changes to our current Friday assembly that will be implemented next term. Parents and carers will be informed of these changes in the coming weeks. Watch this space for further news.

School Website
The process of updating the Tomaree Public School Website has begun. It is hoped that this will be completed by the end of term and will be an up to date way of getting all those notes that have disappeared, as well all the relevant information regarding events at the school. Thank you to Ms Walmsley for beginning this process.

Absences
The school is getting ready to use an SMS system to inform parents about their children’s absences and it is hoped we will trial this system this week. The system is designed to enable parents to respond immediately to the SMS message so you don’t have to worry about remembering to send a note in once your child returns to school.

Have an amazing week.

Christene King
Principal
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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.*

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!!
Keel Street and Cabin Close—
safety and parking

We have had a number of complaints from residents reporting parents parking in these narrow streets in the afternoon. The safety of children using this entrance is being compromised by parents parking in the narrow streets.

There was an agreement with the residents of these streets that parents could not park there to access the school. Parking is on Bagnall’s Beach Road when using the back entrance to the school. We ask all parents to respect the rights of our neighbours and observe the rules established by the council and the residents.

The council rangers and police will be contacted to conduct patrols around our school and ensure safe driving practice.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in this important matter.

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Library News

The following students have been selected as library monitors and will be presented with their badges at assembly this Friday, 18th March. Congratulations to all these students and I am looking forward to a neat and tidy library for the rest of the year.

- MC2: Harleef Heffron
- MC3: Dale West
- S1Ga: Hamish Clark, Aiden Rosenberg
- S1H: Charlotte Connellan, Lacey Hales
- S1O: Corey Barwood, Ava Coppleman
- S1/2Gi: Emily Kabayama, Breanna Rawlins
- S2B: Bella Hales, Hunter Westwood
- S2CH: Genevieve Royes, Steven Watts
- S2v: Aiden Attard, Charlotte Shaw
- S2W: James Donovan, Abby Orton
- S3B: Chantal Giepmans, Jay Leslie
- S3C: Jayden Carroll-Kerr, Isabella Kelly
- S3F: Patience Bromage, Jeames Aitken
- S3H: Bayley Martin-Pyke, Ayva Mayne

Mrs Waldon
Teacher/Librarian.

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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
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.

**COLOUR YOUR WORLD PURPLE AND TAKE ACTION FOR 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.

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**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.
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

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:_________________________
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 simplest way
...to cook quesadillas.

Beef & Veggie Quesadillas
Serves: 5

Ingredients: 1 tbsp olive oil; 1 med brown onion, chopped; 1 clove garlic, diced; 200g button mushrooms, chopped; 500g beef mince; 1 large zucchini, grated; 1 large carrot, grated; 2 medium tomatoes, diced; ½ tsp ground cumin; ½ tsp ground coriander; ¼ tsp cinnamon; 10 medium tortillas; 250g reduced fat cheese, grated.

Method: Cook onion, mushrooms and garlic in frypan with olive oil until soft. Add mince and spices. Brown the mince, add zucchini, carrot and tomatoes. Cook for about five minutes. Lay a tortilla flat, layer half with cheese, a few spoons of mince and top with more cheese. Fold over. Cook in sandwich press until cheese melts and tortilla is golden crisp. Cut in half. Serve with salad. Refrigerate leftovers and add to lunchboxes.

Variation: add a tin of kidney beans for a more authentic Mexican dish and extra veg.

For more information visit www.eattitobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eattitobeatit

TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7 - 2017 Information Night

Tuesday 22nd March 2016

Location: Tomaree High School MPC
Time: 6pm School tour
      7pm Information session

In 2017 Tomaree High School will offer the following specialist classes

- Talented Sports Program
- Academic Extension
- Creative and Performing Arts

Application Packs available Term 1, 2016
Applications close 2.00pm Thursday June 16, 2016
CAPA Audition Day Tuesday July 19, 2016
Academic Selection Day Wednesday July 20, 2016

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 Dollymites 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.
TOMAREE PUBLIC SCHOOL
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(To be returned to Classroom Teacher first day back after absence)

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