Welcome back everyone! We have an exciting new year ahead of us with plenty of opportunities for students and staff to extend their knowledge as life-long learners. There are a few changes to take place with our staff.

Mr Thurgate has taken up his role as Principal at Port Macquarie and we wish him well in his endeavours in this role.

Mr Hobbs is on Long Service Leave pending retirement. At this stage I will be relieving as Principal until the appointment of a new principal. We expect this to take place before the beginning of Term 2. Mr Crozier will take on the Acting Assistant Principal role until I return to class. Mr Mawby will take 3/4I while I am in the Relieving Principal role. I have been impressed with Mr Mawby’s enthusiasm and knowledge. The class is in capable hands!

Mrs Husband has begun a return to work program and has begun her duties three days a week. We trust that she will make a successful return to full time work.

Mrs Sue Holliday has stayed on with us until the vacancy created by Mrs McKenzie’s retirement is filled. This will be filled through advertisement and will take some weeks to complete.

Staff training for this term will have the following focus.

We will begin to use the new curriculum from next year. In order to prepare for this, the staff will participate in a number of online courses. The first, ‘The Learner and the New Curriculum’, has been completed and covered the nature of today’s learner and how this relates to the new curriculum. The second course, ‘Teaching for the New Curriculum’, will be covered during staff meetings. In addition to this, staff will continue their Professional Development in the area of Comprehension. We hope to have the assistance of an English Consultant to support our work in this area.

Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival had an additional component to increase participation. Thank you to the P&C for covering the employment of an extra staff member to allow this to happen. Let me take this opportunity to also thank those parents who came to support their children and staff and help to continue the success of these events.

Staff Training
All staff have completed an update of anaphylaxis training. Staff have also had input on actions to be taken for an epileptic episode. Thank you to Donna Nicholson who gave up her time to address staff on this important information.

Student Safety
Thank you parents who continue to accompany their child/ren across Diamond Beach Road while entering and leaving the school. This makes the process much safer for students.

I visited each class on the first day of school and was so impressed by the eager application of students to the task at hand. What a great start to the year!

Regards,
George Ingram
Congratulations to our 2013 house captains!

Left to right:
Sapphire: Jack Kelly, Emmerson Fleming
Emerald: Fletcher Pearce, Molly Aiken
Ruby: Claire Turville, Blake Dodd

BOOK VOUCHERS

The school has been advised that the Great Lakes Book Shop at Tuncurry will be closing its doors on 15 February. All gift vouchers will be redeemed up until this date. All stock has been reduced by 50%.

ANAPLYLIXIS REMINDER

Just a timely reminder that we do have a number of students who suffer from severe allergic reactions to peanut, dairy and egg products. For this reason we discourage peanut products at school. If you are unable to avoid the use of these products it is important that you inform your child’s teacher so that safety measures can be taken.

STUDENT BANKING

Holliday Coast Credit Union student banking has resumed for 2013. If your child has an existing account please send your deposit book and money to school each Tuesday.

If your child is not banking at the moment you can collect a banking package from the school office and start a great saving habit.

CHILD PROTECTION

During the year all classes will be involved at some stage in lessons in the area of Child Protection Education. The content of the lessons will vary for each grade but may be based on the following issues:

- recognising and responding to safe and unsafe situations
- developing positive relationships
- developing support networks
- developing assertiveness (No Go Tell)
- appropriate and inappropriate touching

Whilst some of these topics may be contentious, I’m sure that you will agree that they need to be covered. The departmental policy and child protection education information can be accessed through the internet address below:


P&C NEWS

School Jumpers

The uniform shop now has smaller sizes in school jumpers. The sizing now begins from size 3 and 4. The uniform shop is open from 8.30am until 9.15am Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Fundraising

The P&C fundraising committee raised $440.43 on the Christmas stall, $5440.43 from the Surf Club catering event and $2142.79 at the Christmas BBQ’s.

Thank you to parents, students and the local community for your continued support to help raise funds for our school.

Thank you to Barbara and Adrian Shultz for letting us hold the BBQ’s at the Happy Hallidays Holiday Park.

Also a big thank you to all of the families that gave up their holiday time to help raise money for our school: Rachael, Sean, Renee and Riley Coleman, Stuart, Lisa, Lachlan and Lilianne Small, Michelle, Glenn, Dylan, Kade, Cody and Bridie Hooper, Michele, Ryan and Cody Brown, Mel, Chris, Emily and Jack Orchard, Stacy, Mat, Keseah, Baden and Sienna Bell, Natalie, Colin, Brooke and Kye Wilson, Mark and Dominic Forbes, Kellie, Scott, Jasie and Joey Brown, Bee, Otto and Ziggy Pickering.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA

We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to the families who attend your school.

We would be most obliged if you could advise the parents and carers about our free service in your school newsletter and include a link to our website on the links page of your website.

We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au to assess the suitability of including our website on your links page. If you are happy to include a link to our website we would be most grateful if you do so by arranging for your webmaster to post the following code:

<a href="http://familylawmattersaustralia.com.au" title="Family Law Network Australia - Where you find information on separation and divorce, parenting arrangements, property settlement and child support">Family Law Network Australia</a>
NETBALL REGISTRATION

Hallidays Point Netball Club 2013 Season Registration Days:

Thursday 7 February – 4.00 to 7.00pm
Saturday 9 February - 10.00 am to 1.00pm

At the Netball Court in the park at Anniversary Drive Diamond Beach
If the weather is not in favour the registration venue will be at Lisa Clapham’s home 5 Gary Road Diamond Beach.

- If your child has not registered by Saturday 9 February, she cannot be guaranteed a place in her preferred team.
- This year registration forms will not be posted out

For further information please contact Rosemary Hudson 6559 2829 or 0403 179 406, Leanne Armour 6559 3418 or 0427 646 21

1st Forster/Tuncurry Scouts

Welcome to our 2013 Scouting Year. If you have a child, boy or girl, who is looking for fun and adventures, is 6 years of age and over, then call in and see Greg today to give Scouting a go.

Joey's and Cubs meet at 5.30pm on Wednesdays, and Scouts meet at 6pm on Thursdays. We urgently need some interested parents who have a love of children and the outdoors as Leaders with training provided by the Scouts. What better way for you and your child to get out and get active!!

Give Greg a call today on 0432 138702.

Taree Auskick Registration Day is Thursday the 28th of February at Taree City Centre between 4pm & 6pm. Registered Participants in the program receive an Auskick backpack containing a football, pump, drink bottle, cap, pencil case and lots more. For further details contact Taree AFL Auskick on 65533345.

Taree Great Lakes Physie

*Fun Exercises,*
*Terrific Dances,*
*Awesome Music*
*and Lots of New Friends!*

What is it?

TAREE GREAT LAKES PHYSIE!

Come and try our FREE classes for beginners.
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Call Lyn on 6558 1576 or 0428 210800.

Hallidays Point Lions Club Trivia Night

On Saturday 2 March the Hallidays Point Lions Club are hosting a lighthearted challenging evening of Trivia Competition.

Tables of eight contestants are just $30 of individuals at $5 per person.

Beverages will be sold at the ‘bar’ by the Blackhead Surf Lifesaving Club with complementary light ‘nibbles’ provided.

To avoid disappointment please book with your payment early, no late entries will be taken on the night.

Taree Tigers Hockey Club

Are you looking for a great team sport to play? Come to Taree Tigers Hockey Club & give Hockey a go. There is a free starters pack for all new junior players.

It is a great team sport for boys and girls of all ages from 5 years of age and Taree Tigers Hockey Club is looking for players in 2013 for both Junior & Senior competitions. No matter what your age or ability we have the junior Boys or Girls or senior team just for you.

Registration days are Mondays February 11th & 18th from 4.30pm at the Taree Hockey Centre. Please contact Di Cubbin on 65526870 or Tony Lewis on 65510986 for more information. So come on, give hockey a go in 2013.

NSW POLICE FORCE
BLUE LIGHT DISCO
FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2013
TUNCURRY BOWLING CLUB 6.30PM TO 8.30PM
$5.00 ENTRY FEE
CANTEEN FACILITIES TO PURCHASE SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS
NO MOBILE PHONES ALLOWED IN THE DISCO
NO YOUNG PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE VENUE WITHOUT PARENT/GUARDIAN PRESENT
MEMBERSHIP

Why not join the Parents & Citizens Association for only $2 per family.

The P & C of Hallidays Point Public School support your children throughout their education – a life of learning and teaching. Through meetings and sub-committees we operate the school canteen, uniform shop, fundraising events and promote community awareness and help make decisions with the school to support teachers and their programs and school policy.

Your $2 is a fee to help us register as an ‘Incorporated P & C’ which provides all members with the added security of knowing that incorporation gives the school parent body a ‘legal personality’ – insurance. It also gives voting rights at meetings*. (conditions apply)

There are many ways to support your child –

- Attending our P&C Meetings (weeks 2 and 7 each term)
- Offering to do canteen duty one a term
- Answering surveys & questionnaires
- Attending Discos
- Attending Trivia Nights
- Helping at our Fete, manning a stall
- Helping at the family BBQ’s held at Happy Hallidays Caravan Park during school holidays
- Buying items from our canteen
- Attending a sub-committee meeting
- Buying items at our fundraising events
- Sending along requested items
- Donating items
- Buying items from our uniform shop
- Buying offering ideas and suggestions

If you would like to become a financial member of the Hallidays Point Public School P & C Association simply complete the application form below and return it to the school together with your $2 family membership in an envelope marked: P & C Treasurer. This will be an annual fee.

P & C Membership

Name/Names ____________________________________________________________

Address___________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone____________________________________________________________

Email__________________________________________ ______________________

Signature _______________________________ Date __________________________

Thank you for your support of our School Community

Michelle Hooper – President 2013