Principal’s position.  
We are happy to announce the appointment of Peter Johnson as our new principal. His position will be confirmed following a ten working days appeal period. The start date for Peter is scheduled to begin on Monday 29 April 2013.

P&C Officers for 2013  
At the Annual General Meeting of the P&C the following people gained the following positions.  
President: Michelle Hooper  
Vice Presidents: Stuart Small and Mel Orchard  
Secretary: Natalie Wilson  
P&C Treasurer: Jason Nicholson  
Treasurer’s Assistant: Manuaroha Walker  
Fundraising – a committee will be formed.  
Uniform Coordinator: Claire Hanna  
I look forward to a productive year for the P&C and appreciate the desire of the P&C to support the educational needs of students at our school.

Staff training.  
Our present Comprehension focus is the monitoring strategy. Staff planned two – three lessons on this strategy and will present, reflect and evaluate these lessons through a lesson study plan. There is certainly an excitement around staff about the improved engagement of students through the use of these planned sessions.  
Executive and aspiring executive staff members have begun a leadership course – ‘Understanding Educational Change’, which will be done outside of school time. This course recognises the continual change that surrounds us in education and prepares us for the management of the changes that will take place.

Year 6 Parents/Guardians  
Please ensure that you return your child’s Expression Of Interest (EOI) for High School 2014 by March 22nd. These forms will give important planning information to the High School for 2014.

School Cross Country Carnival  
The weather was fantastic and this set the scene for a wonderful event. Thank you to parents and staff for their support on the day. Congratulations to Mr Voorby for organising a great event. Congratulations also to those students that attempted this challenging race. We trust that our selected representatives will do our school proud when they race against other schools at the Zone Cross Country to be held on April 5th at Wingham Sporting Complex.

Harmony Day  
The School is celebrating ‘Harmony Day’ today. It is an opportunity for staff and students to discuss and demonstrate the positive concepts of peace and tolerance. Each class has put together a poster to display their understanding of this important day. Thank you Mrs Pursch for being the organiser of this event.

Brain Teaser  
What “????” is free, but it’s priceless. You can’t own it, but you can use it. You can’t keep it, but you can spend it. Once you’ve lost it, you can never get it back.” Harvey MacKay  
And please, if you find or know the answer make sure you give some to your children.

Regards,  
George Ingram

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The following students received Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on 11 March and the Infants Assembly on Monday 18 March 2013.

**Primary Assembly**

3 of 2/3M

- Zen Walton – Improved effort and application in class
- Ethan Wilson – Improved reading
- Luke Williams – Trying hard
- Jak Wunder – Handwriting
- Haylee Brabant – Excelling in work

4J

- Ashleigh Fernance – Excellent weekly spelling results
- T2 Reremoana Walker – Wonderful handwriting
- Grace Atkinson – Excellent ideas during reading
- Teagan Nicholson – Excellent application in maths

5/6C

- Claire Turville – Working well in all areas
- Angus Hocking – Excellent work in technology
- Christina Davis – Always displaying excellent class behaviour
- Marcus Worth – Making excellent progress in maths lessons

5/6V

- Blake Dodd – Improved effort in maths resulting in improved results
- Amber Whiteley – Welcome to our school and great effort in art.
- Callum Boag – An excellent presentation of his HSIE project. Well spoken.
- Laura Davy – Top efforts in spelling work leading to consistently high results.

**Infants Assembly:**

KJ

- Boston Black – Application in all areas
- Thomas Stenning – Improvement in reading
- Yasmin Smith – Being an enthusiastic learner
- Cody Hooper – Improved writing skills

KB

- Lilyanne Small – Making a great effort in reading
- Cassius Hourn – Making wonderful contributions to class discussions
- Brett Davies – Being an enthusiastic engaged learner
- Ashlee Brabant – Making a great effort in all areas

1M

- Ziggy Pickering – Being an attentive listener
- Thomas Worth – Great art and craft skills
- Hayley Holman – Being quick to complete activities
- Izaac Boag – Excellent reading progress

**Merit Certificates**

The following students received Merit Certificates at the Primary Assembly on Monday 11 March 2013 and the Infants Assembly on Monday 18 March 2013.

**Primary**

Year 3

- Lachlan Turville
- Matthew Dunham x 2
- Georgia Daley

Year 4

- Ruby Daley
- Hunter Burns
- Rainer Fagerstrom
- Emily Orchard
- Amber Gardner

Year 5

- Sam Gray
MERIT AWARDS cont…..

Year 6
Angel Bendeich
Jillian Black
Kyia Madadghar-Smith
Fletcher Pearce
Chala Cevik
Levi Steber
Brooklyn Daniels
Claire Turville

Infants
Year 1
Lily Moylan
Daniel Bush
Charli Cain-Ashford
Thomas Worth
Ella Simmett
Ziggy Pickering

Year 2
Hamish Wilson
Ned Bush

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to the newly elected Kids Committee representatives for 2013.

2013 KIDS COMMITTEE

MATHEMATICS/SCIENCE/ENGLISH/Writing and Computer Studies Competitions for Students in Years 3,4,5,6

As previously advised, students from Years 3 - 6 are invited to enter the 2013 University of New South Wales Competitions. The entry fee for Science, Mathematics, English and Computer skills is $8.00 per student per competition. The writing competition will cost $17.00 per student because hand marking is required. School entries close Friday 22 March 2013. Late entries cannot be accepted. All monies need to be paid, together with the accompanying permission note by the above date. If you have any queries regarding the competitions please contact me. Thank you.

Fiona Lewis, Competition Co-ordinator

WORLD OF MATHS

Our first visiting performance, The World of Maths, will be presented next Monday and Tuesday. These performances are part of the school curriculum and it is therefore important that all students attend. If you have not already paid for this event, could you please return your permission note with the $6.00 (per student) by next Monday 25 March 2013. Thank you!

Important Dates for 2013

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Front Row from Left to Right: Lucy Pearce – KB, Boston Black – KJ, Brooke Wilson – 1M
Absent: Chala Cevik 5/6V
H.P.P.S. FAMILY PORTRAIT
P&C FUNDRAISER
For just $20 you can create a quick, easy and affordable gift for Mother’s Day, a birthday or an update for your own home. Book your 15 min, professional photography sitting for a framed 10” x 13”, colour or b&w portrait for priceless family value. 100% of your investment goes to our school, the more families who participate means more benefits for our kids. Portraits can be just kids or the whole family. Community members, relatives and non-school families are welcome to participate.

For your convenience photos are taken on site at the school on Saturday April 13th
Full details have already been sent home. For bookings or enquiries please contact Lisa Small squiggle@wildit.net.au 0413187257 or Mel Orchard 0413309862

Thank You

Last week we received the resources that we bought with the Woolworths and Coles shopping stickers and vouchers.

To everyone who supported the school, we thank you for the effort you made in collecting and submitting your stickers and vouchers.

At the morning assembly last Friday the resources were displayed for the students to see what their efforts bought. There are some exciting new resources for use by all students in the school. Some of the resources include:
Music and reading CDs; Peg Boards; Sets of reading books; magnetic colour tiles; puppet theatre; foam frisbees; gator balls; hoola hoops; ball rack; large classroom books; large parachute; answer buzzers along with retell the story and comprehension dice.

So for our first year, Congratulations on collecting heaps of vouchers and stickers!

Recipe Books

Don’t forget to purchase your Recipe Book for only $15 from either the School office, Hallidays Point Newsagency, The Point Bakery or Kiddies Hut.

The books are a great memento for the students and their families with each child having their own page dedicated to their recipe. The back cover of the recipe book features a photo of all the school students and staff for 2012!

If you would like a closer look before purchasing your book, please drop into the school office where they have one on display.

Thank you for your support!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Holiday Netball Development Clinic
Are you a passionate Junior Netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills? Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

For children turning 9-12 in 2013. For further information contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au www.pivotnetball.co.au

Taree Auskick AFL Centre, FREE "Come and Try Day”,

Being held on Sunday 24th March, at Johnny Martin Oval, Taree, where activities will begin at 10am and conclude at 12pm.

A BBQ will be available and we encourage all boys and girls aged between 5 and 12 years old to come along to experience what AFL Auskick is all about, learning the fundamental skills of Australian Football and taking part in a modified game while having a lot of fun!

Registrations will be taken on the day for the 2013 Taree Auskick Season which begins on Sunday 7th April 2013.
For more information please contact Taree AFL Auskick Centre on 6553 3345.
Cinema under the stars
Saturday 23 March 2013

The Newcastle Permanent Building Society will be hosting the Cinema under the stars at John Wright Park, Tuncurry on Saturday 23 March 2013. This is a free family event.

The night starts at 5.30pm with entertainment and at sunset “Brave” the movie will be screened. The community is encouraged to bring along their own picnic rug and picnic or purchase food from one of the food stalls.

Blue Light Disco

The discos will be held on the first Friday of every month. There is a $5.00 entry fee and a canteen will be provided to purchase snacks and refreshments.

Taree Cartooning Weekend Program

Children can come & learn how to draw and gain skills the techniques of cartooning & manga in a fun and unique way. No previous drawing skills are required.

All our staff have ‘Working with Children Checks’.

For local children to attend our special weekend cartooning workshop. – A brochure will be sent out to all families

The dates & location:

TAREE
Sat May 18th - Sun May 19th
Chatham High School
St Vincent & Davis Streets
Taree

Short Day: $30.00 per child per day (9.30am - 3.30pm)
Most of the activities listed in the brochure take place within the Short Day.

Long Day: $35.00 per child per day (8.00am - 6.00pm or part thereof)
Long Day is a service we provide for those families that are working or for children that want to do more activities. All the activities listed in the brochure will take place within the Long Day.

Night Camp: $20.00 (6.00pm - 9.00pm) Saturday night

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TERM 2 ASSEMBLY ROSTER - 2.05 PM

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| 1    |           | No Assembly                   |
| 2    | 6/5/13    | Primary 4J                    |
| 3    | 13/5/13   | Infants – KB                  |
| 4    | 20/5/13   | Primary – 3/4I                |
| 5    | 29/5/13   | Wednesday - Combined          |
| 6    | 3/6/13    | Infants – KJ                  |
| 7    |           | June Long Weekend             |
| 8    | 17/6/13   | Primary – 5/6V                |
| 9    | 26/6/13   | Wednesday - Combined          |

Reading with your child at home

Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever. Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday use.

Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas at school.

Children see you reading and writing in everyday life-reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading a street sign. This teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today’s world.

Often parents are asked by the school to listen to their child read at home. It’s a good way of supporting your child’s reading. Books may be borrowed from your school library or your local library.

Be confident that your child will learn to read.

What can I do at home to help?

• Be yourself, involve children in everyday conversations.
• Read aloud to children. It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
• Talk about books, read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity.
• Make sure there is a wide range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction
• Listen to your child read everyday, even for a short time
• Give books as treats and presents
• Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruptions.