Dear Parents / Carers

Another term has flown by and we are finally seeing some warmer weather. We have had a busy term with our Canberra trip, Education Week and Shine On to mention just a few things. It is such a joy to see the students of this great school, get so much enjoyment out of the activities we organise. I want to thank the teachers for all the effort they put into organising these activities. I have said many times that it is these excursions and extra activities that we look back with great fondness of our time in primary school.

Unfortunately over this last weekend we once again had an unwelcome visitor to the school. A person took it upon themselves to break into our staffroom and whilst we don’t believe they took anything, they did cause damage to the fly screen and window which had to be repaired. Can I ask that if you happen to live near the school and you see some activity which looks a little suspicious, can you please contact either Forster Police (6555 1299) or Taree Police (6552 0311). You may remember that we had some substantial damage done to the school at the end of last year and I certainly don’t want to revisit that. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

With the weather warming up again, it is a great time to remind families to clearly mark each article of clothing worn to school with your child’s name. As all the jumpers look basically the same, it is extremely difficult to know who has lost what. It helps with the process of returning clothing to rightful owners a lot easier if their name is on it. Please check lost property as the tubs are full.

Next term will see us start the process of creating the next 3 year plan for the school. We will be seeking the opinions of a wide variety of groups from within the community and would really appreciate your input. Surveys and focus groups will be held and if asked, it would be great if you could spare some time to help us plan the future direction of the school going forward into the next 3 years.

I have been approached by one of our parents who is seeking to employ someone on a casual basis doing some data entry, admin and bookkeeping. If you think you may be that person please contact Tania on 6559 2167. Finally can I wish all of our families a very safe and happy holiday. If you are travelling please take extra care on the roads and we will see students and teachers return to school on Tuesday 7 October 2014. Please note that Monday 6 October is a public holiday and therefore the school will not be open that day.

Peter Johnson
Principal

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**Coming events Term 3 2014**

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**TERM 3 ASSEMBLY ROSTER – 2.05 PM**

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The following students received Merit Certificates and Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 8 September 2014.

Infants Assembly: Merits
Xavier Dixon – Kindergarten
Lily Gillett – Kindergarten
Luke Williams - Kindergarten
Zack Richardson - Kindergarten
Jessica Huggett - Kindergarten
Matilda Dangel – Year 1
Bradley Feehely – Year 1
Charlie Keyte – Year 1
Maya Ljumanovic – Year 1
Lucy Pearce – Year 1
Thomas Stenning – Year 1 (2 Merits)
Cody Hooper – Year 1
Lakiesha Smith – Year 1
Arion Wouterlood – Year 1 (4 Merits)
Charlotte Nunn – Year 1
Bianca Dixon – Year 2
Blake Richardson – Year 2

Infants Assembly Awards:
2/3M
Jack Edwards – improved attitude and settled work habits
Kalan Cavanough – consistent work habits
1/2M
Jack Eschbach – fabulous writing skills
Riley Coleman – always giving his best effort in Maths
Brett Davies – working hard to improve written work
Maya Ljumanovic – top effort in reading groups
1H
Thomas Stenning – outstanding effort in all subject areas
Brodie Forbes – outstanding effort in all subject areas
Sonny Cougle – outstanding effort in all subject areas
Zac Nicholson – outstanding effort in all subject areas
K/1J
Ashton Dunn – outstanding improvement with reading
Summer Mobbs – making interesting contributions to class discussions
Ramona Ljumanovic – producing quality work
Nicholas Gam – improvement with reading
KB
Jessica Edwards – always giving her best effort in all key learning areas
Taia Shedden – always giving her best effort in all key learning areas
Luke Williams – great improvement in reading

Oliver Castle – fabulous contributions to class discussions
Friendly School & Friendly Families
2/3M – Xavier Hanna – a kind and caring classmate
1/2M – Lachlan Small – always being kind and helpful
1H – Jack Orchard – being a kind and caring class member
K/1J – Takaihla Billinghurst – always considering others
KB – Zack Richardson – caring about others

SOFTBALL NEWS
Congratulations to our girls’ softball team for a great season this year!
Their final game was played last week against Caves beach. Although they lost by 19 to 2, the girls tightened up their plays to allow only five runs in the second over and one in the third. Despite a few nervous mistakes all of the girls tried their best and should be very proud.
The girls have played four games in total this year which means their newly learnt skills have been truly tested. I am extremely pleased with their amazing improvements, their dedication to training and their being named Hunter 1 champions.
A few of the girls wanted to add a comment:- “Lilly and Bianca got home.” (scored runs) “Thanks Trevor for giving up your time to come and train us and thanks Mrs Channell for being a great coach.” Thanks Trevor for being funny and for making us happy! Go Hallidays!"
A huge thank you to Trevor Blanning once again for his assistance in coaching and umpiring. We are lucky to have someone so knowledgeable in a non-softball town, plus he has some good one liners. I would also like to thank the Blackhead Bowling Club on behalf of the girls' and boys' teams. Without their generous offer of the use of their mini-bus and fuel, on four occasions, we wouldn't have made it to our games.
Robyn Channell
THANKYOU!!

A huge thankyou to all students, families and staff that helped make our Cupcake & Cookie Day such a massive success. We raised $614 last Wednesday because of the generosity of our school community. We are so appreciative of your support and feel good knowing that our school helped make a child’s life a little bit brighter while they are fighting cancer. Thankyou so much!!
Halle Ford & Jacob Cain

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES

ACHIEVERS SWIM SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW that last year 284 people in Australia drowned!!!! 21 of those deaths were in children aged 0-4, and 13 of those deaths were in children just 5-14 years old.

We are lucky enough to live on the coast, so it’s only responsible that we have our children taught to swim and survive, and therefore safely enjoy the pleasures that our environment gives us.

Give Tracey a call today to secure your child’s spot to learn-to-swim this lifesaving skill - 0401 443 522. Achievers Swim School is your local friendly professional solution to learn-to-swim classes.

CANTEEN NEWS

"Thank you to all our volunteers that have provided much needed help in the canteen this term. Our Red Day held last week was a big success, thank you Julie Castle and Tamie Cox for your help on this extra busy day!

The term 4 volunteer roster is attached to this newsletter, vacancies remain for some dates. Please contact Jackie or the front office if you can help out on any of these dates. The summer canteen menu will be going home with the students that will run from Week 1 in term 4."

See School Notice Board for this and other Community Notices.

GREATER TAREE CITY LIBRARIES

Your local libraries have wonderful holiday programs. Please check the web site www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au or facebook, ring Hallidays Point Library on 6559 3066 or look on the school notice board near the administration office for the local and surrounding programs.
TERM 4 2014
CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY MORNINGS: The Canteen requires extra volunteers to help out for a few hours on Friday mornings during weeks 7 to 10 (the busier weeks of term). Please see below and contact Jackie on 0447 621 340 if you can help out in any way! It’s great to have back-up for those that can’t make their shift!

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If you are unable to make your allocated shift please arrange a replacement and contact Jackie as soon as possible (0447621340) or email: hppscanteen@outlook.com

CANTEEN VOLEUNTEERS

Name: ____________________________

Contact Number: ______________________

Email: _____________________________

Days available to volunteer (please circle)

WEDNESDAYS and/or FRIDAYS