Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to another exciting term. We have a really busy term ahead of us and I am so glad to see the end of the really cold weather. Teachers have been very busy organising end of year activities and all classes are busy finalising results, ready to start writing end of year reports very soon.

Next Friday we will be welcoming our new kindergarten students for 2015. We are expecting about 40 new students and they already look like they are ready to start school. Toni and Simone have done such a wonderful job welcoming them and making sure they feel comfortable and ready to start big school.

A little reminder about student absences. A note is required as soon as a student returns to school from a short term absence. This is a legal requirement set down by the Department of Education and ensures that we meet our mandatory requirements for the government. Our school also operates a system where parents are able to account for student absences via a dedicated website straight into our attendance system. If you haven’t already done so, just send me an email (peter.w.johnson@det.nsw.edu.au) and I will set up an account for you. There is no cost to parents for this facility and it is really easy to use.

Planning is well under way for the next three year plan as well as the class structure for 2015. We will more than likely be forming ten classes with students being placed in spots to best suit their needs. Our new school plan is slowly but surely coming together and we will be calling upon parents for their ideas and opinions very soon.

**Public speaking made easier.** Many people rate speaking in public as one of their worst fears. But it’s an important skill for kids to master, which is part of the reason why we start them off with News in Kindergarten and progress to other presentation skills from an early age. Helping your child prepare their speeches and presentations at home will really boost their confidence. Here are practical tips any parent can use: [http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB](http://bit.ly/Kr3ukB)

**Motivating “laid-back” children** Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical? Find out more: [http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z](http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z)

**Lunch box ideas** Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z’s Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. [http://bit.ly/qsfDOE](http://bit.ly/qsfDOE)

Peter Johnson
Principal

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The following students received Medallions and Assembly Awards at the Combined Assembly on Friday 19 September 2014 and Merit and Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on Monday 13 October 2014.

**Combined Assembly: Citizenship Awards**
Milla Giffin – KB – Class Citizenship
Neve Forsaith – K/1J – Class Citizenship
Logan Hopkins – 1H – Class Citizenship
Georgie Parkinson – 1/2M – Class Citizenship
Daniel Bush – 2/3M – Class Citizenship
Awatea Quinn – 3/4I – Class Citizenship
Jasmine Nunn – 4/5V – Class Citizenship
Kasharna Billinghurst – 5C – Class Citizenship
Keseah Bell – 5/6J – Class Citizenship

**Combined Assembly Awards:**

**Bronze Medallions**
- Jay Kizilos – 4/5V
- Indeanna Lane-McNally – 3/4I
- Ava Simnett – 1H
- Amber Whiteley – 5/6J
- Ethan Williams – 5/6J
- Hunter Burns – 5/6J
- Rodin Griffiths-Da Costa – 4/5V
- Charlie Keyte – 1H (Absent)

**Silver Medallions**
- Grace Atkinson – 5C
- Jasmine Axisa – 5C
- Haylee Brabant – 4/5V
- Nelson Crisp – 4/5V
- Georgia Daley – 4/5V
- Olivia Dew – 4/5V
- Matthew Dunham – 4/5V
- Amber Gardner – 5C
- Dylan Hooper – 4/5V
- Lachlan Turville – 4/5V
- Zali Petersen – 5C
- Jasmine Nunn – 4/5V

**Gold Medallions**
- Kristy Green – 5/6J
- Emily Orchard – 4/5V

**Sport Certificates**
- James Davison – Regional Representative - Athletics
- Tarli Black – Regional Representative - Athletics
- James Davison – State Final Representative - Athletics
- Tarli Black – State Final Representative – Athletics

Jasmine Nunn proudly displaying her Silver Medallion and Book Voucher. Congratulations.

Above – Bronze Medallion Winners - Rodin Griffiths-Da Costa, Ethan Williams, Amber Whiteley, Hunter Burns, Jay Kizilos, Indeanna Lane-McNally, Ava Simnett. Superb effort. Well done to all.

Below – Gold Medallion Winners, Kristy Green and Emily Orchard. Outstanding effort.

Below - Our special Citizenship Medallion recipient Jacob Cain. Congratulations on this achievement Jacob.

**Friendly School & Friendly Families**

**2/3M** – Matthew Grant – a kind and caring classmate  
**3/4I** – Skyla Brown – being a friendly and cooperative new class member  
**4/5V** – Emily Orchard – being a friendly and cooperative class member  
**5C** – Laura Wilson – being a fantastic helper in 5C at all times  
**5/6J** – Amber-Rose Morris – being a helpful class member

**Awards Continued…**

**Merit Awards:**  
Selina Apolony – Year 3  
Laila Dangel – Year 3 (2 Merits)  
Matthew Grant – Year 3 (2 Merits)  
Thomas Knights – Year 3  
Zachary Davis – Year 4  
James Davison – Year 4  
Jesse Smith – Year 4  
Luke Williams – Year 4  
Ruby Daley – Year 5  
Will Gibson – Year 5  
Olivia Knights – Year 5  
Laura Wilson – Year 5  
Ebony Cavanough – Year 6 (2 Merits)  
April Cougle – Year 6  
Halle Ford – Year 6  
Sam Gray – Year 6  
Marcus Worth – Year 6  
Bianca Young – Year 6  

**Primary Assembly Awards:**

**2/3M**  
Baden Bell – an excellent Dinosaur research project  
Jasie Brown – an excellent Dinosaur research project  
Selina Apolony – an excellent Dinosaur research project  

**3/4I**  
Max Hillyer – excellent application to class tasks  
Digby Crowley – being a willing class helper  
Chelsea Doyle – continuing to apply herself to class tasks  
Renee Coleman – excellent work habits in class  

**4/5V**  
Ethan Brown – settling well into our school  
Lilli-Mae Geer – great contributions in class discussions  
Hannah Paterson – positive attitude towards her work  
Jay Kizilos – consistently working hard in all areas  

**5C**  
Will Gibson – demonstrating growth on his HPPS Spelling test  
Edie Gillis – sharing with the class some fantastic stories from her recent trip to Europe  
Giselle Black – great work in recounts  
Dominic Forbes – an improvement in his work ethic  

**5/6J**  
Jacob Cain – great answers/ideas in class discussions  
Amber Whiteley – excellent spelling results  
Christina Davis – application in key learning areas  
Sam Gray – consistent effort in class
Above: Ryan Brown from 4/5V performed Banjo Paterson’s Poem “Mulga Bill’s Bicycle” at Bungwahl School’s Assembly. Well done Ryan.

Did you know that Australia is the second biggest producer of rubbish in the world?
So, 3/4I is initiating another ‘Rubbish Free Lunch Day’ on Tuesday 21 October. Please bring your lunch in containers on this day and any fruit or food scraps can be put into our school compost bin. There will be minimal bins available and if you do have any wrappers, make sure you take them home with you.
By Kalan and Bailey

Eight Year 6 girls participated in the Manning Zone PSSA Gala Day in Forster on Friday 10 October. The girls had not played together before and some were even new to the sport. It was about having fun and the Hallidays Point girls improved as a team throughout the day. They finished on a high with a win and showed excellent sportsmanship and determination. Congratulations girls and thank you for our parent support and help on the day.

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** THANK YOU **

We wish to acknowledge the continued support that Gary Fernance and Jo and Dan Edwards have given the school by once again donating the sheet metal for our Year 6 mural. Each year, our outgoing Year 6 students decorate a mural which is displayed within the school. Your continued support is very much appreciated by the whole school community! Thank you.

KINDERGARTEN 2015

The Hallidays Point Public School is currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten students in 2015. If you know of any 2015 kindergarten students not currently attending a local preschool, could you kindly ask their parents to contact the school as soon as possible to enable them to participate in our transition program.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
There will be a Blue Light Disco on Friday 7 November at Tuncurry Bowling Club from 6.30 to 8.00 pm for primary students year 3 – 6. Cost is $5.00. All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by Police Officers.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!
Let’s get organised early!
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Name:___________________________________

Contact Number:________________________

Email:_________________________________

Days available to volunteer (please circle)

WEDNESDAYS and/or FRIDAYS
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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**LAST DAY OF TERM** NO LUNCH ORDERS, OVER THE COUNTER SALES ONLY Clean & Stocktake.

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