Dear Parents / Carers

Another fortnight flies by as we hurtle towards the end of another school year. Time certainly flies by when you are having fun. Our wonderful student behaviour and respect was on show yesterday, when we were visited by the Wahroonga Public School Concert Band. The teachers who were with the group made a point of saying how impressed they were with the beautiful behaviour and manners of our students during the performance. They travel to many different schools and said that our school is one of the best they visit. A big thankyou to Jackie Medlock in the canteen, for organising a yummy, healthy lunch for the group. Both the Wahroonga and Hallidays Point schools are looking forward to their visit next year.

We are currently dealing with the issue of mobile phones at school. I wish to remind families that the students have no need for a mobile phone at school and they do present a high value, small in size, piece of equipment which can be easily stolen, lost or broken. If you believe that it is absolutely vital that your child have access to a mobile phone when they leave school in the afternoon, we are expecting that the student will bring the device to the front office (switched off or on silent) and collect it in the afternoon. As most smartphones these days have access to the internet, which is not protected by the Department of Education filters, any child found with a mobile phone will have it taken from them, left in the office for the day and returned to them in the afternoon. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

As we enter the final weeks of this year, can I ask that you keep an eye on the calendar of events in this newsletter. There are lots of events happening and I want to make sure there are as many parents and family as possible at each event to ensure the success of them. I will be keeping people up to date on the facebook page and the front sign is also a great place to find out what is happening.

Different types of writing

You child may be asked to present an assignment in a particular text type. Text types mean writing according to a purpose or an audience. For example, factual texts inform and literary texts entertain. This fact sheet gives several examples and the purpose of different types of writing.


Choosing a book for your child

What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.


Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?

Lots of parents question the violence in many of today’s cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence?


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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Our Core Beliefs: Learning, Respect, Teamwork & Honesty
The following students received Merit Awards and Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on Monday 17 November 2014, and Merit Awards and Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 24 November 2014.

**Merit Awards:**
- Ned Bush – Year 3
- Marcus Hanna – Year 3
- Ruby Hopkins – Year 3
- Charley Parkinson – Year 3
- Lachlan Small – Year 3
- Riley Giffin – Year 3
- Olivia Dew – Year 4
- Lachlan Hocking – Year 4 (2 Merits)
- Liam Molineaux – Year 4
- Jasmine Nunn – Year 4
- Ethan Wilson – Year 4
- Oliver Wynne – Year 4 (2 Merits)
- Indianna Choma – Year 5
- Fiona Gottstein – Year 5
- Nelson Jackson – Year 5
- Teagan Nicholson – Year 5
- Jade Wratten – Year 5
- Max Wynne – Year 5
- Marcus Worth – Year 6
- Miley Cox – Kindergarten
- Xavier Dixon – Kindergarten (Absent)
- Jessica Edwards – Kindergarten
- Neve Forsaith – Kindergarten
- Lily Gillett – Kindergarten
- Charlie Maxwell – Kindergarten
- Daisy Pickering – Kindergarten
- Bridie Steber – Kindergarten
- Sunny Alderidge – Year 1
- Zac Nicholson – Year 1
- Ziggy Pickering – Year 2
- Brooke Wilson – Year 2
- Kye Wilson – Year 2
- Sebastian Schmitzer – Year 2

**Assembly Awards:**

### 2/3M
- Baden Bell – Consistent reliable work habits
- Emily Cougle – Consistent reliable work habits
- Oni Crowley – Consistent reliable work habits

### 3/4I
- Charlie Johnson – awesome effort with work while on holidays
- Dylan Green – fabulous application in class
- Ethan Baker – wonderful skills in PE/Sport
- Laila Dangel – excellent participation in class discussions

### 4/5V
- Zac Davis – for excellent efforts and results in his patterns and algebra work
- Jack Farnell – for efforts and improvements with his reading and comprehension
- Harry Grant – excellent efforts and results with his oral reading
- Brieanna Ward – high achievements with her poetry and review writing tasks

### 5C
- Chloe Young – creating a fantastic abstract painting
- Zane Franks – completing an informative and creative power point display on the Eureka Stockade
- Jade Wratten – displaying improved confidence in public speaking
- Amber Gardner – sharing exciting stories with the class for news

### 5/6J
- Hunter Burns – application in craft activities
- Harry Edstein – working well on HSIE research
- Lily Johnson – application during craft activities
- Callum Boag – working well during reading activities

### KB
- Isaac Hourn – enthusiastic participation in all activities
- Zack Richardson – enthusiastic participation in all activities
- Milla Giffin – excellent effort and results in all areas
- Jessica Edwards – excellent effort and results in all areas

### K/1J
- Te Ara Pounamu Walker – an improved and more mature attitude towards learning
- Ramona Ljumanovic – an improved and more mature attitude towards learning
- Lakiesha Smith – an improved and more mature attitude towards learning
- Coco Crowley – being a hard working, independent student

### 1H
- Troy Bush – Excellent results in maths
- Charlie Keyte – excellent progress in writing and spelling
- Charli Kizilos – excellent reading and spelling skills
- Boston Black – being a kind and caring class member

### 1/2M
- Maya Ljumanovic – huge progress in all areas
- Lilyanne Small – wonderful oral reading
- Ella Simnett – consistent application to her work
- Angela Wigley – fabulous writing skills

### 2/3M
- Daniel Bush – consistent reliable work habits
- Brooke Wilson – consistent reliable work habits
- Izaac Boag – an outstanding effort in reading and comprehension

**Friendly School & Friendly Families:**
KB – Maliana Steicke – consistently being a kind and thoughtful friend
K/1J – Bridey McDermott – taking the lead in our performances
1H – Brodie Forbes – being a kind and caring class member
1/2M – Cohen Watt – being unbelievably mature and helpful
2/3M – Kye Wilson – a kind and caring classmate
2/3M – Xavier Hanna – a kind and caring classmate
3/4I – Riley Giffin – being a kind and considerate person
4/5V – Jesse Smith – being an active helper with classroom jobs and responsibilities
5C – Zali Petersen – always thinking of others before herself
5/6J – Tiarn Williams – class citizenship

HALLIDAYS GOT TALENT 2014
Don’t forget the Hallidays Point Public School students will be showing off their creative skills at the ‘Hallidays Got Talent’ performance on Tuesday 16 December at 11-30 am. Come and enjoy the talent.

PRESENTATION DAY
Presentation Day is on 10 December 2014. The Infants musical will commence at 10-00 am and the formal Presentation Ceremony at 11-30 am. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to attend.

2014 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
A big congratulations to the following students who represented Hallidays Point Public School in the recent 2014 Public Speaking Competition, held at Tuncurry Public School.

❖ Kaiden Franks – Year 3
❖ Haylee Brabant – Year 4
❖ Kristy Green – Year 5
❖ Ebony Cavanough – Year 6

All students delivered both a prepared speech and impromptu speech. They all agreed the impromptu speech was the most nerve-wracking aspect of the competition, but one that allowed their personality to shine.

Kristy and Haylee received a highly commended award for their efforts. We are looking forward to watching these talented public speakers progress in the years to come.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES
Achievers Swim Skool

DID YOU KNOW that last year 291 people in Australia drowned!!!! That is 5% increase on the year before.

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 Skool is your local friendly professional solution to learn-to-swim classes.

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!
CATHOLIC PARISHES OF TAREE AND WINGHAM
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2015

Parents or carers of school aged children turning 8 next year or older who are wishing to make their Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation next year, be advised that the program will commence early in the First Term 2015. Parents or carers of children wishing to make these Sacraments but are not Baptised please contact the Catholic Parish Office on 6552 1084 during office hours by the 19th of December 2014.

Catholic Christmas Street Carnival

THURSDAY DECEMBER 11th

FUN STARTS AT 5PM

Sponsored by
GREAT TAREE

Organised by
WINGHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CANTEEN MENU NEWS

Our Canteen Red Day last week was a big hit with the students thanks to volunteers Tamie Cox and Fiona Threlfo. These two mums worked tirelessly to ensure this extra busy day ran as smoothly as possible. Thanks ladies!

As of this week in addition to normal canteen days, the canteen will open on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime for over the counter sales only, selling drinks, ice blocks etc. There will be no lunch orders on these days. Please also note that on Wednesday the 17th December, the last day of term, the canteen will also be open for over the counter sales only, NO LUNCH ORDERS.

The canteen roster for TERM 1 2015 will go out in the final newsletter for the year. If you wish to volunteer for just one day a term, please contact Jackie 0447 621340.

TERM 4 ASSEMBLY ROSTER – 2.05 PM

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The Canteen requires extra assistance on the days marked below. Please contact Jackie on 0447 621 340 if you can help out in any way!

If you are unable to make your allocated shift please arrange a replacement and contact Jackie as soon as possible (0447 621 340) or email: hppscanteen@outlook.com

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