Principal's Report
With only three weeks to go for this term it seems incredible just how time appears to fly by. Classes are well settled into their 2014 routines. I am happy to say that there is some simply amazing work being done in all the classes. It is a real pleasure to see so many smiling faces throughout the school.

Can I remind parents about our system of collecting your child during the day for appointments etc. We electronically mark our rolls and “sign out” students through that system if they leave the grounds with parents. If you intend collecting your children can you please make sure that you attend the office to let us know that the children are being taken. This is extremely important as we must have a record of where the children are. It is also important that a parent attend the office to personally collect the children. We will not allow students to go to the front gate to be collected during the day.

On another matter, I would like to remind parents that the driveway leading down to the school’s admin building is not to be used to come and collect your children. The students are not permitted in this area during the day and any increase in traffic does increase the risk to students and staff. Can I ask that you park your vehicle in the bus bay car park or next to the hall when collecting your children. Co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Just another reminder about our school app. It can be downloaded from either the Google Play Store or iTunes. Simply search for Hallidays Point Public School and you should find it.
Details;
  
  username = community
  
  password = Hallidayspoint → don’t forget the capital “H”

School A to Z app
Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

Find out more:
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia app
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers.

Find out more:

Peter Johnson
A huge thank you to Colin Westle from Foodworks for his generous donation of $500 to our school. The money has been used to purchase a new Metallophone for our Music Department. (See photo above) Mrs Linda Davis, our Music Co-ordinator, is thrilled and is planning to use it in an Eisteddfod performance by our students later this year. In appreciation from the whole school community, thank you Colin.

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

The following students received Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 10 March 2014 and Primary Assembly on Monday 17 March 2014.

**Infants Assembly:**

- **KB**
  - Isaac Hourn – making thoughtful contributions during class discussions
  - Xavier Dixon – working independently to complete set tasks to the best of his ability
  - Lily Gillett – listening attentively and following instructions to produce quality work
  - Bridie Steber – being an engaged and enthusiastic learner who is ready for any challenge

- **K/1J**
  - Mitchell Wolfenden – producing quality work
  - Coco Crowley – clever work with numbers
  - Bridie Hooper – working independently and conscientiously
  - Ramona Ljumanovic – clever work in Literacy

- **1H**
  - Sonny Cougle – consistent effort
  - Charlotte Nunn – consistent effort
  - Elka Petersen – consistent effort
  - Jack Orchard – consistent effort

**Primary Assembly:**

- **5/6J**
  - Loghan Moore-Miller – outstanding artwork
  - Bianca Young – excellent reading results
  - April Cougle – application in all key learning areas
  - Ebony Cavanough – her settled work habits

- **5C**
  - Fiona Gottstein – excellent problem solving skills
  - Rainer Fagerstrom – excellent work creating similes
  - Eliza Drennan – always reading with expression and energy
  - Giselle Black – excellent effort and application in all reading tasks

- **4/5V**
  - Dylan Hooper – efforts in multiplication work
  - Rodin Griffiths-Da Costa – teamwork and text analysis skills
  - Georgia Daley – leadership in helping to coordinate her groups “moves” for our class play
  - Lachlan Hocking – use of technology to produce and share his narrative via email

- **3/4I**
  - Hamish Wilson – excellent spelling results in class dictations
  - Marcus Hanna – excellent spelling results in class dictations
  - Boston Ford – excellent spelling results in class dictations
  - Indeanna Lane-McNally – excellent spelling results in class dictations

**MERIT AWARDS**

The following students received Merit Certificates at the Infants Assembly on Monday 10 March and at the Primary Assembly on Monday 17 March 2014.

**Infants Assembly:**

- Sunny Aldridge – Year 1
- Jordan Bendeich – Year 1
**MERIT AWARDS Cont …**

Troy Bush – Year 1  
Jackie Nossiter – Year 1 (2 Merits)  
Lakiesha Smith – Year 1  
Yasmin Smith – Year 1  
Daniel Bush – Year 2  
Brooke Wilson – Year 2  

**Primary Assembly:**  
Thomas Knights – Year 3  
Charley Parkinson – Year 3  
Lachlan Small – Year 3  
Haylee Brabant – Year 4  
Ryan Brown – Year 4  
Zachary Davis – Year 4  
Olivia Dew – Year 4  
Jack Farnell – Year 4 (2 Merits)  
Dylan Hooper – Year 4  
Connor Lyle – Year 4  
Jasmine Nunn – Year 4  
Olivia Pearce – Year 4  
Maddison Aiken – Year 5  
Keseah Bell – Year 5  
Giselle Black – Year 5  
Hevon Cain-Ashford – Year 5  
Malakai Fraser – Year 5  
Rodin Griffiths-Da Costa – Year 5  
Zali Petersen – Year 5  
Otto Pickering – Year 5  
Te Reremoana Walker – Year 5  
Jacob Cain – Year 6  
Christina Davis – Year 6 (2 Merits)  
Charlie Farnell – Year 6  
Sam Gray – Year 6  
Blayne Smith – Year 6  
Bily Varrica – Year 6  
Amber Whiteley – Year 6

**Friendly School & Friendly Families:**  
**KB** - Scarlett Donnellan – being a fantastic classroom helper  
**K/1J** – Daisy Pickering – being a caring class member  
**1H** - Cody Hooper – being a caring class member  
**1/2M** – Lachlan Castle – being a great class helper  
**2/3M** – Brooke Wilson - a kind and caring classmate  
**2/3M** – Oni Crowley - a kind and caring classmate  
**3/4I** – Amy Miller – being a polite and friendly class member  
**4/5V** – Ethan Wilson – being a positive and cooperative team member in group activities  
**5C** – Will Gibson – always helping out others  
**5/6J** – Harry Edstein – his effort in World’s Greatest Shave

**EASTER RAFFLE**

The Kids Committee are fundraising with an Easter Egg Raffle. All donations will be gratefully accepted. With your support with donations and/or buying/selling tickets, prizes will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 10 April. Hope to see you there.

****SCHOOL PHOTOS****

Remember School Photos are on 31 March 2014. Please note that “sibling envelopes” are now also pre-paid.

**WORLD OF MATHS**

World of Maths Show is on 24 and 25 March 2014. Please ensure you have sent in the completed permission note for each student and the $6-00 fee, so your child does not miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

**MOTHER & DAUGHTER NIGHT**

The week before Mother’s Day, on Wednesday night 7 May 2014, Hallidays Point Public School will play host to an amazingly inspirational speaker, Free Spirit girl – Katie Pitsis.  
Katie is an internationally recognised speaker who has agreed to speak at our Mother/Daughter dinner. An invitation will be extended to all girls from Years 4 – 6 and their mothers to be involved in the night. Katie will discuss concepts such as self, love and self-worth, eliminating negative beliefs and communication. The venue looks as if it will be Ramada at this stage. A sit down dinner will provide time for engaging in conversations between Mums and girls during the night. The cost of a ticket will be advised soon. So save this date for a wonderful occasion. More information to follow.  
Toni Johnson
SCIENCE UNITS

As part of Our Australia science unit, some classes are coming up with ways to help our environment. They have come up with some great ideas and are asking the community to help them make a difference.

Please don’t forget that 4/5V are recycling mobile phones and we would like some help. All you need to do is bring in an old phone, charger or wireless internet USB. We would like to collect as many as we can from anybody, not just the school, so please donate. There is a box in the office till Friday 21 March, so you can drop them off during office hours.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS KLUB 2014
Kid’s Klub is from 3.30 – 6.00 pm. Kid’s Klub is for children in years 3 – 6 and is held on alternate Fridays at Hallidays Point Community Church on Diamond Beach Road. The school bus stops at the church where the children are met by a senior leader. Parents are asked to pick up the children at 6.00 pm. Lots of fun, games, stories and food. Come and join us. We look forward to seeing you.

HUNTER LIFE
Hunter Life Education is funded by the community. It is only through partnership with community organisations and businesses that we can make Life Education’s preventative educational programs available to children in the Hunter. A big “thank you” to Aurizon for supporting our visit with Healthy Harold and the Hunter Life Education team. Life Education supports us in teaching children what they need to know to make smart choices and develop healthy habits that last a lifetime.

GREAT LAKES COUNCIL
Great Lakes Council invites you to join us in exploring Blueys Beach, at Pacific Palms. Guest Speaker, Melanie Ledgett will give a brief overview about the ecological health of the dune and headland vegetation at Blueys; weeds and how to control them; and what you can do to help.
When: Saturday 29th March; 10am
Where: Newman Drive, south end carpark, Blueys Beach
Hope you can join us.

TERM 1 ASSEMBLY ROSTER – 2.05 PM

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CANTEEN MENU NEWS

A Canteen Red Day will be held on Wednesday 26 March 2014. All money and orders to be returned by Monday 24 March 2014. In recognition of Steve Aiken (Electrician) and Peter Hanna (Plumber) for donating their time and effort in our new canteen, there will be two choices of meal deals. Choices will be Peter’s Pasta or Steve’s Teriyaki Chicken plus a popper. A Red Day order form was handed out to students Tuesday 18 March 2014 where meals are detailed. Please note that the regular canteen menu will not be available that day.
Overleaf please find the canteen roster for the rest of Term One and the roster for Term Two.
TERM 1 2014 CANTEEN ROSTER
Contact Jackie on 0447 621 340 to add your name as a volunteer

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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

TERM 2 2014
CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY MORNINGS: The Canteen requires extra volunteers to help out for a few hours on Friday mornings during weeks 5 to 9 (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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Don’t miss the hit of the Darwin Festival, now touring nationally and coming to the Manning Entertainment Centre on Fri 28th and Sat 29th March:

**WULAMANAYUWI and the SEVEN PAMANUI**

“A feast of colour, movement and culture that completely satisfies” Barefoot Review

“Beg, borrow or steal to get into this delightful kids’ play” City News

Using the language and rhyme, culture and stories of the Tiwi Islands, playwright and performer Jason De Santis brings to life this classic tale of good, evil and magical redemption. *Wulamanayuwi and the Seven Pamanui* inhabits a visually stunning world of fantasy using puppets, song, dance and projections to bring to life a modern adventure story, inspired by Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Packed with spirit and humour, it’s been delighting audiences young and old. Playwright Jason de Santis describes it as “mischievous, hilarious and magical...funny, sad, scary and exciting” and audiences around the country describe it as simply fantastic!

Bring the whole mob to the show stealing everyone’s hearts.

**FRIDAY 28TH MARCH** at 11am

& **SATURDAY 29TH MARCH** at 6pm

(But wait! There’s more! Wulamanayuwi Creative Workshops for kids will be held at the Manning Regional Art Gallery on Sat 29th featuring cast members!)

**BOOKINGS:** Ph 6552 5699 or visit [www.gtcc.nsw.gov/mec](http://www.gtcc.nsw.gov/mec)