Term two is off and running. Welcome back to all our students to what will be a short but very busy term. Jumpers are definitely the order of the day at the moment.

With the new term it is a good time to remind everyone about a few different issues at school. Firstly could I ask that when you attend the Monday afternoon assemblies with pre-school aged children, you ensure that they are not a source of distraction for the students sitting on the floor. Our young students, especially our kindergarten students, can be really distracted by their younger siblings and we are trying really hard to have them settled in assemblies. Your cooperation would be really appreciated in this matter.

Secondly, can I ask that if you pick up your child in the afternoon in the bus bay area that you not stop your vehicle next another car and motion for your child to come over to you. The vehicles that are parked in that area in the afternoon are not normally there for a great deal of time so if there isn’t a spot available straightaway, there normally is one available shortly after. The overwhelming majority of people are doing the exact right thing in the afternoon, so it is only a small minority that need this gentle reminder.

I would also like to remind parents that it is important to make an appointment with your child’s teacher if you have any concerns. It is not an ideal time to stop the teacher at the door of the classroom when they have just taken the class in for the day, or after a break, or just before home time and initiate a discussion. Teachers are keen to talk to any parents about their children, so it is important that this discussion takes place where both parties can have their entire focus on what is being said. The Lions Club has approached me with an initiative for our school. They have set up a fund which will provide money at the end of each year for a scholarship of $1500 for two Year 6 students from our school. We have had a number of discussions about this with the Lions Club and they are keen for us to choose a suitable candidate at the end of each year. The criteria for selection will be mainly based around academic achievement but also citizenship. A panel of teachers from our school will choose the recipient each year. The recipients will be of either gender and depending on the fund, there may be an opportunity for there to be more than two recipients in one year. This initiative is expected to go on for the foreseeable future.

Greater Taree City Council has sent out three special vans and two quad bikes to check over 1700km of pavement across the Manning Valley for the next three weeks. But don’t bother smiling, because the cameras on each vehicle are focussed firmly on our roads and footpaths for the intensive survey of our road and footpath surfaces. Knowing exactly where the problems are in our roads and footpaths -- and how severe they are -- really helps Council target areas where repairs are needed most. The vehicles will make way for pedestrians, and have audible warning tones to let people know they are coming, so keep an eye out, as we keep an eye on our pavements!

For more information, please contact the Infrastructure Management Group on 0481 139 518.

Kids, social media and privacy
Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (- it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.
2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

**Printable planners for homework and study**

School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2). Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It’s a great way to teach them how scheduling their time means they’ll fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities. Download May 2014 at [http://bit.ly/UbnoQz8](http://bit.ly/UbnoQz8)

**Is your child’s backpack damaging their spine?**

A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It’s believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers.

The Children’s Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:

- not carry more than 10% of their body weight
- use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap
- load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack
- lift a backpack properly- bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands

More tips at [http://bit.ly/1ib4Ob0](http://bit.ly/1ib4Ob0)

**English refresher from School A to Z on Homonyms**

Homonyms (also known as homographs) are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. They can be nouns, adjectives or verbs. The context gives them their meaning.

Ask your child for an example, like this one:

I prefer a fine *tip* on my pen.
He gave me a *tip* for the Melbourne Cup.
Don’t *tip* the water on the floor.
You gave the waiter a generous *tip*.


A huge thank you to Claire Hanna, a parent who has three children at our school, but still manages to volunteer and run the Clothing Pool. Claire opens up every Wednesdays and Fridays from about 9.00 to 9.30 am and on extra days when needed, such as kindergarten orientation and photo day. Claire is a tireless worker and has quite often put herself out specially coming in to help new students. We appreciate all you do, thank you Claire.

**Lost property**

Now that it is getting colder, students are needing jumpers. Again Claire has very kindly sorted through the lost property. We have an *abundance* of both old and new lost school jumpers in various sizes. Please check that your child does still have their jumper at home. If not, please come and check in lost property. We also have a full box of trendy home jumpers which are probably being missed. Jumpers that are not claimed will be sent to St Vinnies.
The following students received Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 5 May 2014.

**Infants Assembly:**

**KB**
Jessica Huggett – being attentive in class and working consistently
Meika Schmitzer – giving her best effort in all areas
Taia Shedden – a fantastic effort in writing. Clever girl!
Max Savage – applying himself to all areas with greater effort

**K/1J**
Takaihla Billinghurst – being kind and helpful to our new student
Summer Mobbs – an excellent transition to her new school and class
Coco Crowley – being responsible and reliable
Julian Hanna – excellent work in mathematics

**1H**
Zac Nicholson – consistent effort at home and at school
Logan Hopkins – consistent effort at home and at school
Charli Kizilos – consistent effort at home and at school
Brodie Forbes – consistent effort at home and at school

**1/2M**
Katie Rebbeck – an independent worker
Jack Eschbach – fluent, expressive reading
Charli Cain-Ashford – quality bookwork
Reuben Mobbs – settling in well at his new school

**2/3M**
Hannah Atkinson – a great effort with writing task
Blake Richardson – improved effort with reading tasks

**Friendly School & Friendly Families:**

**KB** – Milla Giffin – being a reliable and sensible member of our class

**K/1J** – Jordan Bendeich – always offering to help his teachers and peers

**1H** – Yasmin Smith – being a caring class member

**1/2M** – Georgie Parkinson – being a polite and friendly class member

**2/3M** – Lily Moylan – a kind and caring classmate

The following students received Merit Certificates at the Infants Assembly on Monday 5 May 2014.

**Miley Cox** – Kindergarten
**Julian Hanna** – Kindergarten
**Taia Shedden** – Kindergarten
**Boston Black** – Year 1
**Ashton Dunn** – Year 1
**Jack Eschbach** – Year 1
**Bradley Feehely** – Year 1
**Jackie Nossiter** – Year 1
**Jack Orchard** – Year 1
**Katie Rebbeck** – Year 1
**Lilyanne Small** – Year 1
**Hayley Wilson** – Year 1
**Angela Wigley** – Year 2

The following students received Medallions at the Combined Assembly held on Wednesday 9 April 2014.

**Bronze Medallions:**
Blake Richardson – Year 2
Ella Simnett – Year 2
Daniel Bush – Year 2
Lily Moylan – Year 2
Zachary Davis – Year 4
Lachlan Hocking – Year 4
Luke Williams – Year 4
Te Reremoana Walker – Year 5

**Silver Medallions:**
Giselle Black – Year 5
Jak Wunder – Year 5
Fiona Gottstein – Year 5
Harry Edstein – Year 6

Class Citizenship Awards:

**KB** – Jett Nossiter
**K/1J** – Ashton Dunn
**1H** – Jackie Nossiter
**1/2M** – Bianca Dixon
**2/3M** – Oni Crowley
**3/4I** – Ned Bush
**4/5V** – Maddison Aiken
**5C** – Olivia Knights
**5/6J** – April Cougle

Above are some of our Silver Medallion winners: Jak Wunder, Harry Edstein and Fiona Gottstein. Away today, Giselle Black. Congratulations to all our medallion winners.

Cross Country Champion Trophies were given out to the following recipients at the Combined Assembly:
- 8/9 Year Girl Champion – Emily Cougle
- 8/9 Year Boy Champion – Schafer Aiken
- 10 Year Girl Champion – Jasmine Nunn
- 10 Year Boy Champion – James Davison

April Cougle and Halle Ford were both chosen at the Winter Trials as netball representatives. Well done girls.

The Easter Raffle raised $280-00. Thank you to all who purchased tickets or donated Easter goodies to be raffled.

On Thursday 10 April, 2014 18 girls from Hallidays Point Public School participated in the Netball NSW Schools Cup. Hallidays Point entered two teams, namely Hallidays Heroes and Hallidays Hearts. Hallidays Heroes were new to the game but proved themselves showing an improvement after each game and by drawing to MVAC in the last game. With the guidance of our prac teacher Ms Barber, the Hallidays Hearts team finished on top of the ladder with 7 wins and 1 loss. Their experience and skills were on show and should give the girls confidence leading up to the next phase of the competition. Hallidays Hearts will now play in Macksville on Wednesday 25 June, 2014. Good Luck girls.
**NETBALL KNOCKOUT**

In school netball, Hallidays Point played Nabiac in the first round of the netball knockout and succeeded with a 20-8 victory. Our next game will be against the winners of Taree West vs Chatham. Congratulations team!

Everyone performed beautifully and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. A big thank you to Mrs Davis, our Musical Director, Mr Johnson for organising and driving the mini-bus, and to parents who drove.

Mel Johnson

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**STEWART HOUSE**

Steward House donation envelopes were sent home to all families on Wednesday 30 April, 2014. Please complete all details and return your envelope with your donation inside, to the school office by Friday 9 May, 2014, Stewart House Day to be eligible for the draw. Draw will take place on 23 May, 2014, and the winner will be notified by telephone and mail.

**EISTEDDFOD**

On Thursday 1 May 5/6J and the Advanced Recorder Group competed in the Ensemble Section of the Taree district Eisteddfod. The children performed well and enjoyed the experience. Congratulations 5/6J on winning the section. Mrs Johnson was very proud of you. The Advanced Recorder Group also did Hallidays Point proud with their fabulous performance, receiving an Encouragement Award.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND – DIABETES**

Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?

Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring...
monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

FREE SCREENING
Wallis Lake Fishermen’s Co-Op proudly presents “Drawing the Line”.
This is a documentary film about Australia’s oceans and the men and women who depend upon them for their livelihood. Drawing the Line examines the current situation from an Australia wide industry perspective, revealing the catastrophic impact of the marine reserves legislation on thousands now struggling to survive in a rapidly contracting industry. This is their story.
Screening will be on Thursday 8 May, 2014, at 5.30 pm at the Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club Auditorium, Parkes Street, Tuncurry.

"Term 2 is off to a busy start. Winter is here and a new menu with warm, tasty homemade items will be available soon.
After attending the Healthy Kids Association food seminar and training day in Sydney last term I had the opportunity to meet with nutritionist Nicole Lubans from Hunter New England Health. Her department is responsible for assessing school canteen menus to ensure they meet with the criteria set by the NSW healthy school canteen strategy. The results of our latest canteen assessment indicates we are on the path to becoming a "green" canteen with 54% of our menu items being categorised as "green". The remainder of the menu is categorised as amber (45%) with only 1% red. For more information on the Fresh Tastes at School Strategy you can download the pdf at: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/student_health/canteen_gu/pd02_58V2_school_canteen.pdf

Many thanks to Andrew Nunn and Kim Dunham who donated their time and materials to paint the canteen interior during the holidays. It was the finishing touch our canteen needed after being renovated during the summer! Great job guys!

Please see the roster for Term 2 on the back page, spaces are still available. The canteen is a very important part of the school community and heavily relies on volunteers for its continued operation. Mums, dads, grandparents or members of the community are all welcome to help out...even if its just for a few hours once a term! Contact Jackie 0447621340."
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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| WEEK 9 | W | 25/06/14 | Fiona Threlfo | F | 27/06/14 | VACANT!!

***Monday cooking days to be advised

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