Dear Parents / Carers
Welcome back to school for 2015. We have had a great start to the year so far and I think this is going to be a fantastic year. We have been able to form our 10 classes for this year and everyone has settled in very well to their new surroundings. A big congratulations goes to the kindergarten students who look like they’ve been here for months already. Very settled and doing great things within the classroom. Our Year 6 buddies also need congratulating for their effort in helping settle the kindergarten students and looking after them in the playground.

2015 Classes
KB – Simone Brady
KJ – Toni Johnson (Assistant Principal)
1H – Kim Husband
1/2K – Jenna King
2B – Annette Barber
2/3J – Sarah Jones *
3/4M – Colin Minter
4/5V – Robert Voorby
5/6J – Mel Johnson
5/6C – Lee Crozier
Reading Recovery – George Ingram (Assistant Principal)
Library / Learning and Support – Fiona Lewis
Di Hatch – School Learning Support Officer
Michelle Brown – School Learning Support Officer
Trish McCann – School Learning Support Officer
Donna McGee – School Learning Support Officer
Music / Library – Linda Davis (Wed + Fri)
Library / Support – Robyn Channell
Counsellor – Sue Colditz (Tues only)

Nuts and nut products at school
As a school we are reminding parents about the fact that we do have students at our school who can react quite severely to nuts and other allergens. We are asking that nuts and spreads like peanut butter not be a part of your child’s food brought to school. Whilst the staff at the school are trained to deal with an allergic reaction, we would like to lessen the likelihood of it occurring by not having nuts or nut products come to school at all. We really appreciate your help with this matter.

After school arrangements
The start of the year is a great opportunity to remind parents about the need for teachers (especially teachers of children in kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2) to know what is supposed to happen when school comes to an end at 3pm. Smaller children often forget or become confused as to what they are supposed to do and if we have in writing what is
supposed to happen (catch the bus, wait for mum or after school care etc) we will be in a better position to ensure this happens. We have a bus that meets up with other buses, so any delay to it leaving the school has a flow on effect. If we have parents helping us with this issue it will make the afternoons a lot less chaotic.

Leaving early and getting here late
Regular, on time attendance is vital to ensure the best possible chance for success at school. The start of the school day is 9am and students are supervised in the morning from 8.30am. The school day ends at 3pm (with the early bus leaving at 2.55pm). If your child is late for school (after 9.10am) they will need to go to the office to get a late slip to take to their teacher. If parents need to pick up their child early for any reason, the parent will need to go to the office and get a slip from the ladies to give to their child’s teacher before they go home. No child will be permitted to wait for a parent at the front of the school. This means that the child’s teacher knows that they have gone for the day and our computer system is up to date in case of an emergency. This system is an integral part of our Work, Health and Safety procedures.

It should also be noted that an explanation for absence of any child needs to be forwarded to the school no later than 7 days after the first day of absence. You can also make use of our parent portal (http://web1.hallidays-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login) to explain any absences. All attendance is monitored and checked daily. If you are requiring your child to be taken out of school early or start school later for an extended period (more than a couple of weeks) you will need to apply in writing to the office.

Classrooms
Teachers are available to speak with you about your child each day and are happy to do so. Can I ask that if you need a lengthy discussion about an issue that you make an appointment with the teacher so they are able to give you their undivided attention and you avoid trying to speak with them at 9 o’clock as they are getting the class settled for the day. Those first 30 minutes or so are vital to settle the class and to set it up for a successful day. Also at the end of the day can I ask that parents wait outside the classrooms until the bell goes at 3pm as parents waiting outside classroom windows or entering the classroom can be very disruptive and this is often a time where notes and messages are handed out and teachers want to dismiss students in an orderly and safe manner.

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MERIT AWARD SYSTEM

Merit Awards: (Yellow - 1 point)
- These awards may be given at any time during the week.
- Students are responsible for the collection and safe-keeping of these Awards.

Assembly Awards: (Blue and white - 2 points)
- They are worth two points each towards the Certificate of Merit which is the next step in the system.

Friendly Schools & Families Awards: (Orange and black – 2 points)
- Each teacher may award one of these at each fortnightly assembly. They are worth two points each towards the Certificate of Merit, which is the next step in the system.

Certificate of Merit:
- Students are eligible to receive a Certificate of Merit when they have collected and handed in 10 Merit Award points.
- These can be in any combination of Merit Awards and Assembly Awards provided they total 10 points in value.
- The Certificate of Merit will be presented by the Principal at a fortnightly assembly.

Student’s names are listed in the School newsletter.

Special Award Medallions:
- Students are eligible to receive a Special Award Medallion when they have collected and handed in 5
Certificates of Merit (Bronze Medallion), 10 Certificates of Merit (Silver Medallion), 15 Certificates of Merit (Gold Medallion) and 20 Certificates (Citizenship Medallion)
- The Special Award Medallion will be presented by the Principal at a combined assembly held twice per term. The student's photograph will be displayed in the school newsletter.

For all years, Kindergarten - Year 6
10 award points = 1 Certificate of Merit
5 Certificates of Merit = 1 Bronze Medallion
10 Certificates of Merit = 1 Silver Medallion + $10 Book Voucher.
15 Certificates of Merit = 1 Gold Medallion + $20 Book Voucher.
20 Certificates of Merit = Citizenship Medallion + $30 Book Voucher.
All awards can accumulate from one year to the next. In this manner, the Merit System is designed to be ongoing. A 'win bin' takes place weekly with major draws for prizes at least once a term.

Please ensure that merit awards are handed into the office at the latest on a Wednesday morning for the following Monday assembly. This is to facilitate the preparation of the Certificates of Merit as well as sending out invitations.

Scripture will commence on 26 February 2015. All lessons are ecumenical and teaching highlights the broad Christian faith. If you do not want your child to attend scripture classes, please advise your child’s teacher in writing.

Anker, Manu Walker, Michelle and Glen Hooper, Rachael Coleman, Anita and Mark Forbes, Claire Hanna, Kristy Parkinson, Emma Hopkins.

School banking starts each Tuesday from the February 10. If anyone is able to assist with this, could you contact Mel Orchard 0413 309 862.

Also, AGM - Annual General Meeting Wednesday the 11th of March, 2015. 7-00 pm in the school library. All executive position become vacant so please consider taking a role. Without an executive committee the P&C may fold. This means, no canteen, no uniform shop, no fundraising, no Mother’s Day, Father's Day, Christmas Stalls. If you have any enquires please email to: hallidayspointpandc@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Catholic Parish of Forster Tuncurry would like to invite all young people and their families to ignite their faith. "Ignite" Praise and Worship is intended to inspire a deeper understanding of being in relationship with God. The event will take place on Sunday 22nd March at 5:30pm at the Catholic Church in Forster and will feature a young, local Christian rock band. Under 12’s must be accompanied by an adult. The event will be followed by a BBQ.

See Notice Board outside Administration

Hallidays Point MILO in2CRICKET

5 – 12 Year Olds
Registration and Program Details –
Program begins on the 17th of February (all Tuesday’s) Hallidays Point Public School Oval/Courts (back of the school) 4:15pm to 5:15pm
Contact: Ashley Bryant on 0408 806 552 ashley.bryant@cricketnsw.com.au
At Taree Great Lakes Physie we are passionate about nurturing our student’s total well-being in mind and Body. Physie is an accepting and encouraging team sport where every member is supported and motivated to be the best they can be. There is an aura of confidence around Physie girls of all ages. Taught to stand tall, with strength and pride, they are team players committed to achieving their goals. We would love to see some girls from your school join us and benefit from all that Physie can give them. Physie…..The fusion of dance and sport! Join Taree Great Lakes Physical Culture Club. Where girls and women come together to dance their way to confidence. You can contact us on www.tareegreatlakesphysie.com 0428 210 800

ANDREA ROWSELL ACADEMY OF DANCE is currently taking new enrolments for 2015 and looks forward to finding the best class to suit your child. With a range of classes on offer including Classical Ballet R.A.D , Jazz, Tap and contemporary and venues in both Taree and Old Bar there is a class to suit everybody’s needs. Whether it’s for fun and fitness or a career in dance the staff have the knowledge and experience to bring out the best in every child. Call Andrea on 65533122 or visit the website andrearowsellacademyofdance.com.au

2015 HALLIDAYS POINT NETBALL
Registration Days: At Diamond Beach Park, Anniversary Drive, Diamond Beach, and if wet weather at 5 Gary Road. 
Thursday 5 February 2015 from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Saturday 7 February 2015 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
Age groups are: Senior – 18 years plus
Junior - 11 – 17 years
NetSet Go 5 – 10 years
No late registrations will be taken. These are the ONLY registration days and payment must be made on the above days. If you cannot make these dates you must contact the registrar Tracy Black on batton_t@hotmail.com before the final registration date.
See School Notice Board outside Administration

Are you looking for a great team sport to play?
Come to Taree Tigers Hockey Club & give Hockey a go.
There is a free starters pack for all new junior players.

It is a great team sport for boys and girls of all ages from 5 years of age and Taree Tigers Hockey Club is looking for players in 2015 for both Junior & Senior competitions. No matter what your age or ability we have the junior Boys or Girls or senior team just for you. Registration days are Tuesday’s February 10th & 17th from 4.30pm at the Taree Hockey Centre, or you can simply come and try hockey on one of those afternoons as all equipment will be supplied. For more information contact Karl Williams on 0413333383 or Tony Lewis on 0418510986 for more information. So come on, give hockey a go in 2015.

Become A Volunteer Host Family - It’s Fun!
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Belgium, Finland, France and Italy are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
Getting to know your student well before he or she arrives is rewarding learning experience, fun for everyone involved and helps your student settle quickly. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive an information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au
TERM 1 2015
CANTEEN ROSTER
CANTEEN RESUMES WEEK 2
To volunteer, please call Jackie on 0447 621 340

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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)
Understanding the Rules

No Parking zones are for your child’s safety, your convenience and to minimise congestion and confusion.

The rules:
• ‘No Parking’ zones – may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes
• Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of vehicle
• Zone applies only during hours of operation

Minimum penalty $165 and 2 demerit points

Remember
• Do not leave your vehicle
  To assist with traffic flow, drivers should remain in the car whilst children get in and out. Children should travel with bags in the car (not in the boot).
• Be timely
  If your child does not get in or out of the vehicle within 2 minutes, you must leave and re-enter the No Parking zone.
• Stay in sequence
  Don’t cut in the queue. Drop off or pick up your child close to the top of the zone, allowing vehicles following you to enter the zone in an orderly manner.

• Child safety
  Please ensure children get in or out of the vehicle on the kerb side. The back seat is the safest seat for children to travel in, regardless of the make of vehicle. Ensure children have their restraints securely fastened before driving off.

• No U-turns
  Do not do U-turns in busy school zones. They are dangerous and put children at risk.

Penalties correct as at 1 July 2023

No Parking Zones need cooperation to ensure the safety of all children.
Please drive carefully around school zones. A safety message from: