Dear Parents / Carers
Welcome to Week 4 already. Time has already been flying by and we are right into our school work with all the classes settled and on task. Most of the classes will have had their class meeting by now and I hope we are well on the way to forming very productive relationships between home and school for the benefit of your children. If you have any questions for your child’s teacher please feel free to make an appointment to speak with them to address any concerns.

Essential Energy has once again informed us that they are planning to cut our electricity supply for the day on Friday, 27th February from 8am to 3pm. As was the case last year, we will not be able to operate the canteen on that day. The Canteen will however be open on Thursday 26th February for over the counter sales only, no lunch orders. The school will be operational as normal and classes will proceed as a normal school day. Essential Energy has given us the phone number 13 20 80 to call if you have any enquiries regarding the outage.

A reminder to parents about medications at school. It is of vital importance that no student have any medications with them at school, in their bag or with them. If your child needs to take any medication at school we will require a form to be completed and the medication to be stored in the Administration area.

Also a big thankyou to all those parents adhering to the new parking regulations at the front of the school. I have been informed that the council will be sending compliance officers to the school at some stage to ensure drivers are sticking to the rules as well as police monitoring the area to ensure compliance. It does make the afternoon pick-up a lot smoother when there is a free flow of vehicles in that area.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Friendships to boost your child’s learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more:

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more:

Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?

Find out more:

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The following students received Merit Awards and Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on Monday 9 February 2015, and Merit Awards and Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 16 February 2015.

Merit Awards:
Izaac Boag – Year 3 (2 Merits)
Daniel Bush – Year 3
Ella Simnett – Year 3 (Absent)
Jasie Brown – Year 4
Emily Cougle – Year 4
Bailey McMahon – Year 4
Connor Lyle – Year 5
Maddison Aiken – Year 6
Keseah Bell – Year 6
Hevon Cain-Ashford – Year 6
Te Reremoana Walker – Year 6

Scarlett Donnellan – Year 1
Milla Giffin – Year 1
Taia Shedden – Year 1
Jordan Bendeich – Year 2
Zac Nicholson – Year 2
Katie Rebbeck – Year 2
Arion Wouterlood – Year 2

Primary Assembly Awards:
2/3J
Tarli Black – outstanding work ethic and for making a positive contribution to class
Blake Richardson – working hard to improve in all areas and being helpful with technology
Kye Wilson – fantastic approach to all tasks and for detailed, descriptive writing

3/4M
Ned Bush – settled work habits “on the job”
Riley Giffin – working well and attempting to complete all tasks
Reuben Mobbs – settled work habits “on the job”
Charli Cain-Ashford – great attitude, working well in class

4/5V
Selina Apolony – excellent efforts and results in term 1 maths quiz
Georgia Daley – excellent efforts and results in term 1 maths quiz
Max Hillyer – excellent efforts and results in his Hallidays Point spelling and S.A. quizzes
Rhonan Hodgins – welcome to Hallidays Point Public School

5/6C
Connah Hodgins – a warm welcome to Hallidays Point Public School
Emily Cusworth – a warm welcome to Hallidays Point Public School
Keseah Bell – an excellent start to 2015 in 5/6C
Nelson Jackson – an excellent start to 2015 in 5/6C

5/6J
Grace Atkinson – narrating our class item
Briana Milliard – welcome to our school
Nickolas Buckeridge – welcome to our school
Harry Grant – his settled work habits

Infants Assembly Awards:

KB
Airlie McMahon – a settled start to Kindergarten and displaying a willingness to learn
Emily Castle - a settled start to Kindergarten and displaying a willingness to learn
Charlie Maligin - a settled start to Kindergarten and displaying a willingness to learn
Buddie Neil - a settled start to Kindergarten and displaying a willingness to learn  
KJ
Wade Williams – a settled start to Kindergarten and displaying a willingness to learn  
Tahlia Nicholson - a settled start to Kindergarten and displaying a willingness to learn  
Zahara Clarke - a settled start to Kindergarten and displaying a willingness to learn  
Bronte Kippax - a settled start to Kindergarten and displaying a willingness to learn  
1/2K
Ashlyn Johnson – excellent worker  
Mitchell Wolfenden – excellent behaviour  
Ella Dunn – trying her best all day  
Charlotte Nunn – working quietly  
1H
Jessica Edwards – consistent effort in all subjects  
Zedric Gottstein – consistent effort in all subject areas  
Charlie Maxwell - consistent effort in all subject areas  
Te Ara Pounamu Walker - consistent effort in all subject areas  
2B
Lilyanne Small – presenting quality homework with maximum effort  
Ashlee Brabant – being a focused and model student at Hallidays Point Public School  
Matilda Dangel – her enthusiasm and commitment to learning  
Jordan Bendeich – an excellent start to 2015 in 2B  
2/3J
Jack Eschbach – being an excellent worker who makes positive contributions to class discussions

Friendly Schools & Families Awards :

2/3J – Lily Moylan – being a friendly, helpful, positive class citizen  
3/4M – Hamish Wilson – a kind and caring classmate  
4/5V – Jesse Smith – being a welcoming and helpful student in our class.  
5/6C – Zachary Davis – being a great class helper  
5/6J – Edie Gillis – Class Citizenship  
KB – Solomon Hiley – being a thoughtful and caring class member  
KJ - Polly Holmes – being a thoughtful and caring student  
1/2K – Lucy Pearce – being a happy helper  
1H – Takaihla Billinghurst - being a kind and caring class member  
2B - Charli Kizilos – being a friendly and caring student – always with a smile on her face  
2/3J – Angus Neil - being an inclusive, friendly class citizen

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.

School banking started 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 positions 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

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**ASSEMBLY ROSTER FOR TERM 1 2015**

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PARENTING TIPS: FAMILIES THAT WORK WELL
A loving, caring family can help create a happy child with good self-esteem. Some ideas that may help:
1. Make time for talking and listening
2. Make family time – eg outings to the beach or park together
3. Be affectionate, caring, and kind – tell your children what you like and love about them
4. Accept the differences in each person – let children feel proud to be who they are
5. Share the chores – age-appropriate jobs for children gives them a sense of belonging and increases confidence
6. Keep in touch with family and friends – important for connecting, and supporting each other when needed

School Counsellor: Sue Colditz
Source: Dep Health SA Gov

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have a look at our Notice Board outside the Administration Office for more notices.

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.

2015 HALLDAYS POINT NETBALL
Registration Days: At Diamond Beach Park, Anniversary Drive, Diamond Beach, and if wet weather at 5 Gary Road, Diamond Beach.
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

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

Want to experience the thrill and excitement of BMX? BMX Come & Try day
When: Saturday 28th February 2015
Time: 10am
Where: Manning Valley BMX Track
Urara Lane, Taree
The sport is fast and exciting and is great exercise for kids and adults. Suitable for total family participation. You need to wear a long Sleeve Top, Long Pants, Shoes and Socks, Gloves and Full face Helmet (available to loan from the club if Necessary. You will also need to bring your bike. Free sausage sizzle! BMX riding demonstration by Manning Valley Senior riders! It’s great fun... see you there!
Further information
E:manningvalleymbxclub@hotmail.com
PLAY SOCCER IN 2015
Hallidays Point Sports Club encourages boys and girls of all ages, and Men from 18+, to register to play soccer for us this year. We don’t mind if you haven’t played the game before, our skilled coaching staff will ensure you fit right in from the first day and have fun!!

Register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or if you have questions or need help registering come and see us THIS SATURDAY 21st February 2015 from 9am-11am.
Alternatively, email hpsc.soccer@gmail.com

FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS
Northcott and Communities for Children,Taree are providing a free workshop for PARENTS AND CARERS on 18 March 2015 with Pat Jewell from the Australian Childhood Foundation. This workshop will be aimed for parents and carers and will cover the following:
· Understanding brain development in the early years
· The four major brain centres
· Emotional state and behaviour
· How powerful messages from our past influence our parenting
· How to stay calm – responding not reacting
· Behaviour = Communication
· Tools and strategies to develop emotional health and wellbeing in children

HURRY Places are limited
RSVP: 9 March 2015 – phone 66512366 OR
Email: Bronwyn.monaghan@northcott.com.au
Our Core Beliefs: Learning, Respect, Teamwork & Honesty

TERM 1 2015 CANTEEN ROSTER
To volunteer and assist Jackie (canteen manager) please see office or Jackie in canteen on Weds/Fridays

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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)

Canteen News

The canteen is back in full swing after re-opening in week 2 and with many new faces and the extra class its turning out to be a busy term already. Many thanks to those that have put their hand up to volunteer. If you don't make this terms roster you may still be required as back-up due to last minute roster changes, so it’s great to have many new names added to our contact list.

Canteen will be closed on Friday the 27th February due to scheduled Essential Energy power outage. Sorry no lunch orders or service that day. Canteen will be open on Thursday 26th February for over the counter sales only. No Lunch orders on Thursday.

Our Summer menu from 2014 will continue to run during term 1. Copies are always available in the office. An Autumn/Winter menu will be introduced in Term 2 and continue to run throughout term 3.

Our next canteen Red Day will be held on Wednesday 11th March. An order form will be handed out to the students the week prior to this offering two Red Day meal deal options for $5. No normal lunch orders will be available that day and we ask that all orders and money be returned to the school no later than Friday the 6th March.

Once again our canteen has benefited from having such a wonderful school garden. We have been using watermelon, rockmelon, cos lettuce, cherry tomatoes, rainbow chard, parsley and basil in our recess and lunch items available across the counter. If you are new to the school or have any questions regarding canteen operations feel free to pop by or contact Jackie (canteen manager) on 0447621340 or email hppscanteen@outlook.com