Dear Parents / Carers
More than half way through Term 1 already. Welcome to Week 6. Firstly I must apologise for not being at our combined assembly yesterday. I was at a meeting helping to finalise our 3 year school plan. It was a very productive meeting with principals from around the area. It is hoped that the document will be finalised before the end of this term.

I have been sent some information about our NAPLAN testing program for this year. The tests will be held again in May, with three days of testing and one catch up day. The dates are Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions and Writing, Wednesday 13 May – Reading, Thursday 14 May – Numeracy. Friday 15 May will be a day where any student who missed any of the tests earlier on in the week can catch up to ensure as many students as possible participate in this program.

It is really great to see families returning notes for absences as soon as possible after their child returns to school from any illness. We also have available a parent portal where you can explain any absences and they are transferred straight into our roll marking system. If you haven’t already set up an account simply send me an email (peter.w.johnson@det.nsw.edu.au) and I will set it up for you. There is no cost to the parents for this service and it does make life a lot easier when explaining absences. The parent portal can be found at http://web1.hallidays-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login.

We will begin our survey of students very soon using the Tell Them From Me surveys made available by the Department of Education and Communities. We sent a note home last week outlining what we hope to achieve through these surveys and a form to sign if you did not want your child to participate. If you are happy for your child to participate in this anonymous survey then there was nothing for you to do.

Also a reminder about P&C. The meeting will be held next Wednesday (11 March) in the school library starting at 7pm. Hope to see as many parents there as possible.

Good number sense
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/RId5/141/mental%20strategy

Reading with your child at home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home

Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.
The following students received Merit Awards and Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on Monday 23 February 2015, and Medallions and Citizenship Awards at the Combined Assembly on Wednesday 4 March 2015.

**Primary Merit Awards:**
- Lily Moylan – Year 3
- Cohen Watt – Year 3 (2 Merits)
- Angela Wigley – Year 3
- Renee Coleman – Year 4
- Jack Edwards – Year 4
- Liam Molineaux – Year 5
- Awatea Quinn – Year 5 (2 Merits)
- Ashleigh Fernance – Year 6
- Zali Petersen – Year 6

**Primary Assembly Awards:**

**2/3J**
- Brooke Wilson – taking care to produce work of high quality
- Daniel Bush – striving for excellence in all that he does
- Thomas Worth – working hard to achieve by seeking knowledge and sharing ideas

**3/4M**
- Ryan Cusworth – clever thinking during maths activities and welcome to our school
- Cohen Watt – great work with graphs and data
- Jack Edwards – effort and application in class
- Indeanna Lane McNally – consistent high quality work

**4/5V**
- Jackson Burns – his ability to use feedback to improve his writing work
- Oni Crowley – efforts and application in reading groups
- Charley Parkinson – efforts and creativity in writing tasks
- Monique Davis-Marr – Welcome to 4/5V and Hallidays Point Public

**5/6C**
- Ruby Daley – excellent work in times tables activities
- Bronte Ward – being a valuable and productive member of class 5/6C
- Hunter Burns – enthusiasm shown towards Assembly item
- Zane Franks – stepping up today and helping to run the assembly

**5/6J**
- Te Reremoana Walker – excellent recall of her multiplication tables
- Charlie Johnson – working steadily in all areas
- Dylan Hooper – excellent effort in home reading
- Ashleigh Fernance – her application to creative art

---

**Achievement Awards**

The following students received Merit Awards and Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on Monday 23 February 2015, and Medallions and Citizenship Awards at the Combined Assembly on Wednesday 4 March 2015.

**Primary Merit Awards:**
- Lily Moylan – Year 3
- Cohen Watt – Year 3 (2 Merits)
- Angela Wigley – Year 3
- Renee Coleman – Year 4
- Jack Edwards – Year 4
- Liam Molineaux – Year 5
- Awatea Quinn – Year 5 (2 Merits)
- Ashleigh Fernance – Year 6
- Zali Petersen – Year 6

**Primary Assembly Awards:**

**2/3J**
- Brooke Wilson – taking care to produce work of high quality
- Daniel Bush – striving for excellence in all that he does
- Thomas Worth – working hard to achieve by seeking knowledge and sharing ideas

**3/4M**
- Ryan Cusworth – clever thinking during maths activities and welcome to our school
- Cohen Watt – great work with graphs and data
- Jack Edwards – effort and application in class
- Indeanna Lane McNally – consistent high quality work

**4/5V**
- Jackson Burns – his ability to use feedback to improve his writing work
- Oni Crowley – efforts and application in reading groups
- Charley Parkinson – efforts and creativity in writing tasks
- Monique Davis-Marr – Welcome to 4/5V and Hallidays Point Public

**5/6C**
- Ruby Daley – excellent work in times tables activities
- Bronte Ward – being a valuable and productive member of class 5/6C
- Hunter Burns – enthusiasm shown towards Assembly item
- Zane Franks – stepping up today and helping to run the assembly

**5/6J**
- Te Reremoana Walker – excellent recall of her multiplication tables
- Charlie Johnson – working steadily in all areas
- Dylan Hooper – excellent effort in home reading
- Ashleigh Fernance – her application to creative art
**Friendly Schools & Families Awards:**

2/3J – Angela Wigley – for being a kind and caring class member
3/4M – Georgie Parkinson – a kind and caring classmate
4/5V – Jasmine Nunn – being a kind and welcoming person – helping out new students in 4/5V
5/6C – Jack Farnell – being elected the Kids committee representative for 5/6C
5/6J – being a kind, caring classmate

**Combined Assembly:**

**Bronze Medallions** –
Charli Kizilos 2B
Zac Nicholson 1/2K
Lilyanne Small – 2B
Jordan Bendeich – 2B
Marcus Hanna – 3/4M
Xavier Hanna – 4/5V
Maya Ljumanovic – 2B (Absent)
Awatea Quinn – 4/5V

**Silver Medallions** –
Nelson Jackson – 5/6C
Riley Giffin – 3/4M
Dominic Forbes – 5/6J

**Gold Medallions** –
Teagan Nicholson – 5/6J
Keseah Bell – 5/6C
Zali Petersen – 5/6C

**Regional Zone Representatives** –
Laura Wilson – Regional Tennis Representative
Olivia Dew – Regional Swimming Representative
Emily Cougle – Regional Swimming Representative

**Swimming Champions** –
Olivia Dew – Junior Girl Champion
Izaac Boag – Junior Boy Champion
Haylee Brabant – 11 Yr Girl Champion
Nelson Crisp – 11 Yr Boy Champion (tied with Dylan Hooper – 11 Yr Boy Champion)
Maddison Aiken – Senior Girl Champion
Nelson Jackson – Senior Boy Champion

Above: Our Swimming Champions for 2015, Maddison Aiken, Nelson Crisp, Nelson Jackson, Olivia Dew, Isaac Boag, Dylan Hooper. (Absent Haylee Brabant)

Above: Congratulations go to our Gold Medallion recipients, Teagan Nicholson, Keseah Bell and Zali Petersen.

Above: Congratulations to our Silver Medallion recipients, Nelson Jackson, Dominic Forbes and Riley Giffin.
Above: Congratulations to our Bronze Medallion recipients, Marcus Hanna, Xavier Hanna, Lilyanne Small, Awatea Quinn, Charli Kizilos, Jordan Bendeich and Zac Nicholson.

Well done Emily for being a Regional Swimming Representative.

Well done Laura for being a Regional Tennis Representative.

Well done Olivia for being a Regional Swimming Representative.
The Annual General Meeting will be on 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. Nomination forms will be sent home today. Please complete and sent to the administration office before 11 March 2015.

If you have any enquires please email to:
halldayspointpandc@gmail.com

PARENTING TIPS: BEING A DAD

There are lots of different kinds of ‘dads’. Some ideas that may help:

1. Talk about feelings so kids learn it is ok for men to talk about feelings
2. Spend time with daughters so they know what respectful relationships look like – you will be helping them learn how to expect men to treat them when they grow up
3. Show your sons how you would like them to be when they are men – they will learn much more from what you do than from what you say; eg how to deal with problems, conflict, anger, etc
4. Show that you enjoy your children’s company; get involved - play, have fun, help with their sport or hobbies, go for a walk with them, go fishing, help them with homework, cheer at a game, do things together
5. Encourage your kids to stick at a problem even if it is hard
6. Expect your children to do their best and be proud of their efforts whether they succeed or not
7. Take your children to work with you occasionally if possible as it is a great experience for them, getting to know how you spend your days when they are not with you (being out of work and having money worries can make problems but it may mean you have more time to give to your children)
8. Read to your kids from a young age; bedtime is a great time for stories
9. Sort out any relationship problems or disagreements away from the kids
10. Treat your children’s mother, and all women, with respect and care

For more information eg tips for single dads, step dads etc please phone the school anytime
School Counsellor: Sue Colditz
Source: Dep Health SA Gov

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>ASSEMBLY / CLASS PRESENTING</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9.3.15</td>
<td>Infants – 1/2K</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16.3.15</td>
<td>Primary – 4/5V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23.3.15</td>
<td>Infants – 1H</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.4.15</td>
<td>Combined Assembly</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.
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

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

To volunteer and assist Jackie (canteen manager) please see office or Jackie in canteen on Weds/Fridays

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WEEK 6</th>
<th>W 04/03/15</th>
<th>Harmony Moylan</th>
<th>F 06/03/15</th>
<th>Leslie Campbell</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WEEK 7</td>
<td>W 11/03/15</td>
<td>RED DAY Julie Castle + Linda Cain</td>
<td>F 13/03/15</td>
<td>Lauren Vaughan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WEEK 8</td>
<td>W 18/03/14</td>
<td>Natalie Wilson</td>
<td>F 20/03/15</td>
<td>Jess Axisa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WEEK 9</td>
<td>W 25/03/14</td>
<td>Jo Edwards</td>
<td>F 27/03/15</td>
<td>Sandy Williams</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WEEK 10</td>
<td>W 01/04/14</td>
<td>Fiona Threlfo</td>
<td>Leslie Campbell</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If you are unable to make your allocated shift please arrange a replacement and contact Jackie as soon as possible (0447621340)

CANTEEN NEWS

Just a reminder that RED DAY is next Wednesday the 11th March. RED DAY order forms were sent home early this week and are now due back if your child wishes to order. Please be aware that late orders may not receive first menu preference.

Last week was the first week we saw our senior volunteer students serving in the canteen at recess and lunch. It’s a great opportunity for them to help out while learning about canteen operations and customer service. The students so far have been very enthusiastic and have shown great initiative when serving over the counter. Well done all!!