Dear Parents / Carers

As the weather starts to cool slightly we are already rapidly approaching the end of the first term of 2015. We have really been fortunate to have such a settled beginning to what is shaping to be a great year. Our planning process is well and truly underway and we will be looking forward to having our school plan ready for publication by the end of the term.

Students began this week participating in the “Tell Them From Me” survey. I will be working with classes over the next week or so to allow our students in years 4, 5 and 6 to complete the survey using our tablet computers.

Last week I reminded people about our parent portal and gave out my email address if any parents wanted me to set up an account for them. There was an error in my email address – I somehow forgot how to spell my own name correctly. The correct email address is peter.w.johnson@det.nsw.edu.au. I am sorry if that error caused any inconvenience.

The P&C AGM was held last week and I would like to congratulate Jason Nicholson for being voted in as the P&C President. I look forward to working with him and his team throughout the year and beyond. Can I also thank the outgoing president Michelle Hooper for her hard work and dedication. It is greatly appreciated by the school just how much work is done by this small, dedicated group.

As with any group of people gathered together for any length of time, the issue of head lice has come up again at school. We ask parents to be vigilant with the detection of these little critters. They cannot survive off human hair and can cause irritation to the scalp if left untreated. If we see head lice on any of the students we contact parents to allow treatment to begin immediately. Treatments are available from any chemist and are the most effective way of dealing with this persistent problem. It is normal practice to treat all people in the household if anyone gets infested with head lice.

Lastly I wanted to congratulate all the students for their effort in the cross country carnival held last Friday. The weather was very kind to us and we got back to school just in time before the rain started. It is always fantastic to see so many parents supporting their children and encouraging them to have a go. If you participated then you are a winner in my book. A big thankyou to Mr Voorby for organising the carnival and Mr Crozier for helping to setup and pack away on the day.

Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016
Completed Expression of Interest form should be returned to your primary school no later than Friday 20 March 2015.

Sounding out aloud
Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

Peter Johnson
PRINCIPAL
The following students received Merit Awards and Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 9 March 2015, and Citizenship Awards at the Combined Assembly on Wednesday 4 March 2015.

**Infants Merit Awards:**
- Oliver Castle – Year 1
- Ashlyn Johnson – Year 1
- Clay Williams – Year 1
- Jack Eschbach – Year 2
- Bradley Feehely – Year 2
- Bridey McDermott – Year 2
- Jack Orchard – Year 2
- Lilyanne Small – Year 2 (Absent)
- Holly Vaughan – Year 2
- Charli Kizilos – Year 2

**Infants Assembly Awards:**
- KB As
- Ashleigh Pegrum – a wonderful effort in all Key Learning Areas
- Ella Pegrum – a wonderful effort in all Key Learning Areas
- Georgie Reynolds – working quietly to produce quality work
- Christiano Kleynhans – listening attentively and making thoughtful contributions to class discussions

**KJ**
- Benjamin Cain – consistent effort in all areas
- Mitchell Cougle – excellent work in reading groups
- Polly Holmes – outstanding effort in all areas
- Sienna Bell – outstanding effort in all areas

**1H**
- Neve Forsaith – outstanding effort in all areas
- Ryder Edstein – outstanding effort in all areas
- Jett Nossiter – outstanding effort in all areas
- Scarlett Donnellan – always trying her best

**1/2K**
- Miley Cox – trying her best in all literacy activities
- Stevie Burston – consistent effort to learning
- Cody Hooper – great application in maths
- Boston Black – making great decisions at school

**2B**
- Charlie Keyte – always taking pride in her work
- Coco Crowley – outstanding effort in all learning areas

The following students received Merit Awards and Assembly Awards at the Primary Assembly on Monday 16 March 2015.

**Primary Merit Awards:**
- Lachlan Castle – Year 3
- Jett Johnson – Year 3
- Reuben Mobbs – Year 3
- Cohen Watt – Year 3
- Brook Wilson – Year 3
- Thomas Worth – Year 3
- Hamish Wilson – Year 4
- Selina Apolony – Year 4
- Baden Bell - Year 4
- Ned Bush – Year 4
- Riley Giffin – Year 4
- Indeanna Lane-McNally – Year 4
- Lachlan Small – Year 4
- Ethan Baker – Year 5
- Georgia Daley – Year 5
- Olivia Dew – Year 5

**Combined Assembly: Citizenship Awards**
- KJ – Tahlia Nicholson – being a caring, responsible and friendly student
- KB – Airlie McMahon – being a caring, responsible and friendly student
- 1H – Jessica Huggett – being a caring, responsible and helpful student
- 1/2K – Taia Shedden – being a responsible and helpful student
- 2B – Ava Simnett – being a responsible and respectful student
- 2/3J – Ella Simnett – class citizenship
- 3/4M – Ryan Cusworth – class citizenship
- 4/5V – Jesse Smith – class citizenship
- 5/6C – Laura Wilson – class citizenship
- 5/6J – Fiona Gottstein – class citizenship

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- Riley Giffin – Year 4
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- Lachlan Small – Year 4
- Ethan Baker – Year 5
- Georgia Daley – Year 5
- Olivia Dew – Year 5

Brett Davies – his enthusiasm towards learning tasks
Troy Bush – his participation and commitment to mathematics

**2/3J**
- Lachlan Reynolds – creating impressive artworks and working hard in literacy and maths

**Friendly Schools & Families Awards:**
- KB – Ace Moylan – being a caring and thoughtful class member
- KJ – Kayle Williams – being a thoughtful and caring friend
- IH – Zack Richardson – for being a valued member of our class
- 1/2K – Thomas Stenning – being a kind and caring friend
- 2B – Leilani Williams – being a loyal and caring classroom citizen
- 2/3J – Bridie Steber – being a happy and helpful student

**Coming events Term 1 2014**

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**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
Dylan Hooper – Year 5
Olivia Pearce – Year 5
Jesse Smith – Year 5
Ruby Daley – Year 6
Zane Franks – Year 6
Amber Gardner – Year 6
Fiona Gottstein – Year 6
Laura Wilson – Year 6

Assembly Awards:
2/3J
Sebastian Schmitzer – working hard to complete tasks and for fluent, expressive reading
Riley Coleman – clever calculations with money and when determining change
Hayley Holman - an improved work ethic and focus in class

3/4M
Riley Giffin – effort and application to attempting difficult maths tasks
Ruby Hopkins - effort and application to attempting difficult maths tasks
Jett Johnson – improved effort and time on the job
Hamish Wilson – consistent effort and quality work

4/5V
Jasie Brown – thoughtful descriptive and creative writing
Ciara Tandy – welcome to 4/5V and Hallidays Point Public School
James Davison – working collaboratively and productivity in mathematics
Ethan Brown - working collaboratively and productivity in mathematics

5/6C
Connor Lyle – always making excellent decisions
Maddison Aiken – displaying a consistently strong work ethic in maths groups
Jade Wratten – always offering to help out with classroom tasks
Joey Brown – displaying excellent problem solving skills in maths groups

5/6J
Jak Wunder – improved participation in class discussions
Rainer Fagerstrom – great team member with groups
Brieanna Ward – her creative art work
Teagan Nicholson – excellent effort in all areas

Friendly Schools and Families Awards:
2/3J – Tayla Wait – working positively through friendship concerns and being happier in the playground
3/4M – Lachlan Castle – a kind and caring classmate
4/5V – Emily Cougle – displaying good sportsmanship throughout class sports and games
5/6C – Rodin Griffiths-Da Costa – helping Mr Crozier out with maths assessments
5/6J – Otto Pickering – Class Citizenship

Assembly Roster for Term 1 2015

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Please note that the Manning Valley Book Shop which was located in Taree and is now in Wingham, will unfortunately be closing down at the end of May. Anyone who may still have book vouchers which were awarded last year with medallions, must redeem them before close of business.

HPPS P & C

President – Jason Nicholson
Vice President – Lauren Vaughan
Secretary – Mel Orchard
Treasurer – Lisa Small
Uniform Co-ordinator – Claire Hanna

Save the Date
Saturday 30th May 2015

Hallidays Point Public School Parents & Carers Social Dinner

It's time to plan a night off. Book the babysitter and pull out your party dress. It's time to meet some new parents and carers, enjoy a nice meal & dance the night away.

Wanted: People to help plan a fun, relaxing and inclusive event. Contact Lauren Vaughan 0457278801

Parenting Tips: Being a Mum

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

1. Being a mum is a balancing act – be flexible and adapt to plans changing
2. Take time for yourself – taking care of yourself takes practice!
3. Set reasonable limits and stick to them
4. Encourage your children to share in age-appropriate tasks around the home – children need to feel they are needed. Helping with house chores enhances a sense of belonging and self-confidence

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23.3.15 Infants – 1H
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5. Say sorry when you lose your temper or treat them unfairly.
6. Don’t set unrealistic goals for you or your children.
7. Remember what was positive and important about the way you were cared for when you were growing up.
8. Hug your children – tell them they are loved, take time to know what’s important in their lives.
9. Take your children to work with you occasionally if possible as it is a great experience for them.
10. Read to your kids from a young age; bedtime is a great time for stories.
11. Sort out any relationship problems or disagreements away from the kids, and try to deal with conflict in a calm and respectful manner.
12. All mothers need help at times – accept offers or ask for help.

For more information eg tips for single mums, step mums etc please phone the school anytime.
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.

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
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

| WEEK 8 | W 18/03/14 | Natalie Wilson | F 20/03/15 | Jess AxiSA |
| WEEK 9 | W 25/03/14 | Jo Edwards | F 27/03/15 | Sandy Williams |
| WEEK 10 | W 01/04/14 | Fiona Threlfo Leslie Campbell |

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Many thanks to our two volunteer mums Julie Castle and Linda Cain who prepared 120 cheeseburgers and 30 cottage pies for RED DAY last Wednesday. It was a huge effort which the students really enjoyed and appreciated. The roster for TERM 2 is currently being organised. If you wish to volunteer or need to update details, please contact Jackie at the canteen.