Dear Parents / Carers

Education Week for 2015 saw many parents and families visiting our vibrant and active classrooms during open day. The special assembly was also well supported by our community, highlighted by guest speaker Mr David Castle. David gave a fantastic speech which encouraged all of our students to always work hard and do their best. A very important message! Thank you, David.

The musical spectacular was no doubt the highlight of the week. The students involved all need to be congratulated on their positive attitudes, commitment to the process and of course - the product, which came about through hard work. An enormous thank you to Mrs Davis for the countless hours she spent organising music, costumes and props. Thank you also to the teachers involved (Mrs Johnson, Mr Crozier, Mr Voorby & Mrs McCann) for such commitment and flexibility. It was certainly worth it!

Our Stage 2 students returned from their amazing time at The Great Aussie Bush Camp yesterday. There are already many photos on the school Facebook page for your perusal. There will be more on this to look forward to in the next newsletter.

Our sporting agenda continues as always at Hallidays Point with the Netballers battling it out against Edgeworth PS next Monday at 12:00pm here at school. Our touch football and softball teams also have important matches coming up. Please help by coming along to support them whenever you can. The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Tuncurry tomorrow. Many of our students will proudly represent the school in various events. Good Luck everyone!

Kind Regards

Toni Johnson
Assistant Principal

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The following students received Medallions and Sports Trophies at the Education Week Assembly on 29 July 2015.

**Bronze Medallions:**
Harry Grant
Emily Cougle

**Silver Medallion:**
Connor Lyle (Absent)

**Athletics Champion Trophies:**
Te Reremoana – Senior Girl Athletics Champion
Jak Wunder – Senior Boy Athletics Champion
Chloe Young – 11 Year Girl Champion
James Davison – 11 Year Boy Champion
Olivia Dew – Junior Girl Champion
Hamish Wilson – Junior Boy Champion

The following students received Certificates of Merit and Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on 3 August 2015

**Infants Assembly Merit Awards:**
Ella Pegrum - Kindergarten
Ashleigh Pegrum - Kindergarten
Solomon Hiley - Kindergarten
Elli Wouterlood - Kindergarten
Georgie Reynolds - Kindergarten
Airlie McMahon - Kindergarten
Neave McDermott - Kindergarten
Zahra Clarke - Kindergarten
Benjamin Cain - Kindergarten
Corey Brown - Kindergarten
Zedric Gottstein – Year 1
Neve Forsaith – Year 1
Summer Mobbs – Year 1
Xavier Dixon – Year 1
Ryder Edstein – Year 1
Daisy Pickering – Year 1
Taia Shedden – Year 1
Mitchell Wolfenden – Year 1 (2 Merits)
Charlotte Nunn – Year 2
Cody Hooper – Year 2
Holly Vaughan – Year 2
Sonny Cougle – Year 2
Bridey McDermott – Year 2

**Assembly Awards:**

**KJ**
Angel Garton – being a thoughtful and considerate friend
Ruby Rush – improved effort and concentration
Bronte Kippax – working independently and producing quality work at all times
Corey Brown – for careful presentation of his work

**KB**
Connor Wait – a mature and sensible start to Term 3
Charlie Maligin – consistently applying himself to all learning activities
Ashleigh Pegrum – her diligence in completing writing activities to a high standard
Ella Pegrum – presenting her news items to the class with great expression and enthusiasm

**1H**
Baxter Crowley – improved reading strategies
Ryder Edstein – consistent effort in all subject areas
Isaac Hourn – improved attitude to learning

**1/2K**
Malik El Mohamad – making great choices in the classroom
Bridie Steber – great application in all areas of her learning
Clay Williams – always taking pride in his work
Milla Giffin – outstanding effort in all her work

**2B**
Coco Crowley – excellent spelling results
Bridey McDermott – consistent effort in all learning areas
Troy Bush – improved focus in class
Maya Ljumanovic – outstanding effort in mathematics

**2E**
Arion Wouterlood – quick, quiet, accurate work

**Friendly Schools and Families Awards:**

**KJ**
Jasmine Davis-Marr – always showing kindness and respect to her classmates
KB
Emma Eschbach – sharing her knowledge of classroom rules with her peers
1H
Zedric Gottstein – being a kind and caring classmate
1/2K
Cody Hooper – being a helpful, positive and friendly class citizen
2B
Lilyanne Small – being a respectful and friendly student and classmate
2E
Jack Eschbach – willingness to assist his friends

Above our fantastic Bronze Medallion Recipients. Congratulations to Harry Grant and Emily Cougle.

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE

Don’t forget Father’s Day Raffle tickets. Prizes will be drawn 24 August 2015. Good luck to all Dads.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club is due Friday 7 August 2015.
Thank you to all who supported the very successful Book Fair. Through your support the Library receives commission in the form of free books. Look out for the lovely new books.
Book Week is 24 to 28 August and the Book Parade will be on Wednesday 26 August.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Sonya Mobbs for her generous support in the weeding of our school grounds garden. Your voluntary efforts are very much appreciated, thank you.

PARENTING TIPS: BULLYING

Bullying is verbal, emotional or physical abuse which is repetitive and intended to hurt, frighten or threaten someone. It can have long term effects on the child being bullied, the one doing the bullying and those who witness it. It’s not always by other children – adults can be bullies too. Cyber bullying has become a real concern because it can happen anywhere at any time, even in the safety of your home.
Children being bullied need adults to listen, believe and support them. You can help by talking to adults with the power to stop it. You can also help children to develop coping strategies and to take action themselves which can help them gain a sense of control and feel more confident.

What you can do: (Note – the child’s age, maturity and safety need to be considered)
1. Listen to your child and take seriously their feelings and fears
2. Don’t call them names eg ‘sook’ or ‘weak’ and don’t let anyone else do so
3. Make sure they are safe – sometimes this may require taking action they are not happy with
4. Try to give them as much power as possible to find solutions so they feel in control – solving problems themselves can increase self esteem
5. Stop bullying where it’s happening if it persists – meet with the school or organization and ask how they deal with bullying; make a list of things that have happened (try to ensure information is accurate and true as far as is possible); find out what will be done to prevent it happening again; keep in contact until the problem is sorted out.

6. If traumatized they may need counselling/professional support.

7. If cyber bullying occurs – let children know they need to be open with you to make sure they are safe online; be careful who knows phone numbers and email addresses; contact phone/internet providers to work out ways of blocking bullying content; tell the school principal if it involves students from school; report cyber bullying to the police if it doesn’t stop.

To help your children, encourage them to:
- Talk to an adult who can do something to stop it
- Ignore the bully and walk away
- Practise being/looking confident when not in situation to use when bullying occurs
- Try not to get emotional – stay calm so the bully doesn’t win by getting a reaction
- Do not get physical which can end up in being hurt or getting blamed for the bully’s action
- Make new friends who are respectful and friendly

School Counsellor: Sue Colditz
Source: Dep Health SA Gov

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES – TAREE TAFE CAMPUS – PLAYWORKS
Playworks is a simulated child care environment run by North Coast TAFE (Taree Campus) Child and Family Services learners as part of their studies.

**Age:** 0 – School Age

**Where:** Taree TAFE Campus, Montgomery Crescent, Taree

**Cost:** FREE for Semester 2

**When:** Wednesdays 19 August to 16 September 2015

**Time:** 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

**When:** Thursdays 20 August to 17 September 2015

**Time:** 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Please contact Katrina or Linda for more information on 6591 3638 about these Playworks sessions. See Admin Notice Board.
CANTEEN NEWS

Firstly, a big thank you to Fiona Threlfo, Mel Orchard, Sarah Stenning, Mellissa Hammond, Lesley Campbell, Sonya Mobbs and Alice Reisberger who volunteered in the canteen last Wednesday. These ladies provided help with the morning and afternoon tea, as well as assisting with the extra workload in the canteen. Thanks also to the parents who provided cakes and slices for the tea and coffee stall, and those that ordered lunch at the canteen that day. It was great to hear positive feedback. The canteen made "Bliss Balls", available at the tea and coffee stall which were a big hit. It’s one of the many recipes we use that is sourced from the Healthy Kids Association, so I’ve included the recipe so you can make them at home!

BLISS BALLS (Nut Free)
Makes 18 snack size balls

Ingredients:
1 cup pitted dates
1 cup dried apricots
1 cup rolled oats
1 tablespoon tahini or coconut cream
2 teaspoons cocoa
1/4 cup desiccated coconut

Method: Place all ingredients except the desiccated coconut, in a food processor and blend until mixture comes together. Shape into balls. Roll in coconut and refrigerate until firm, then serve. Easy!!

TERM 3 2015 CANTEEN ROSTER
To volunteer, please call Jackie on 0447 621 340

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If you are unable to make your allocated shift please swap with another volunteer or arrange a replacement and contact Jackie as soon as possible.