Dear Parents / Carers
Welcome back to school for 2016. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and are ready for another fantastic year. We have formed our new classes and have 10 classes like last year. I am quietly confident that we will be able to maintain this number, however as I put the numbers into the Department of Education on Wednesday, they calculate the number of teachers we get from the number of students here on Wednesday 10 February. If any changes need to be made I will let you know as soon as possible.

2016 Classes
K/1B – Annette Barber
KJ – Toni Johnson (Assistant Principal)
1H – Kim Husband
1/2J – Rachael Modderno (this may change as we clarify exact student numbers)
2B – Simone Brady
3/4C – Lee Crozier
3M – Colin Minter
4/5V – Robert Voorby
5/6J – Mel Johnson
5/6E – Kiera Eveliegh
Reading Recovery – George Ingram (Assistant Principal)
Library / Learning and Support – Fiona Lewis
Music / Library – Linda Davis (Wed + Fri)
Library / Support – Robyn Channell

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 leave the school. 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.
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 Principal.

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. Please 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 3 pm, 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.

We welcome our new Canteen Supervisor Sue Lithgoe who has some new and innovative ideas for the menu. The Canteen will be open Wednesdays and Fridays as usual so visit the canteen and try the new tastes.

Peter Johnson
Principal

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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.

**HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Introducing our House Captains for 2016, left to right with Mr Voorby (Sports Coordinator), Lachlan Hocking (Sapphire), Jack Farnell (Emerald), Zachary Davis (Emerald), Ethan Brown (Ruby), Jasmine Nunn (Ruby), Olivia Dew (Sapphire).

**SCRIPTURE**

Scripture will commence on 25 February 2016. 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.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

We are really excited to be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge again this year. Our aim is for all students to complete this challenge by August. Every child will be receiving a note next week explaining how the entire process works and how parents can help at home. Specially marked books are found not only in our school library but also in the town libraries. If you have any queries after reading the information sheet, please feel free to ask us in the library.

Library days: children can borrow any day at lunch time. Students just need to bring in a library bag.
- Tuesdays: 5/6E; 5/6J; 1/2J; 3/4C
- Wednesdays: K/1B; KJ; 3M
- Thursdays: 2B; 1H; 4/5V

Scholastic Book club orders are due back by Tuesday 16 February 2016.

**HPPS P & C**

Over the Christmas holidays the P&C ran three BBQ’s at Happy Hallidays Park. This could not be possible without the families that gave up their time to help, so thank you very much.

School banking starts each Tuesday from February 2. If anyone is able to assist with this, could you contact Mel Orchard 0413 309 862.

Also, AGM - Annual General Meeting Wednesday the 9 March, 2016. 7-00 pm in the staffroom.
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

The Clothing Pool will now be open on Monday afternoons at approximately 2.45 pm to 3.15 pm and Wednesday mornings at approximately 8.45 am to 9.15 am.

The Hallidays Point School P and C Association will be hosting the first ever “Hallidays Point BrickFest” on Sunday February 21 at Hallidays Point School. Please see times advertised hereunder and on the Administration Notice Board.
The school P and C will also be holding a barbeque and cake stall. James Arrow from Café 2 U will man the coffee van. This fundraiser will be assisting the school in purchasing a much needed shade shelter
for the school playground. We appreciate your support of Hallidays Point Brickfest. Any further details, contact Sarah Stenning on 0407 286 580.

Rainbow Bricks LUG presents

HALLIDAYS POINT BRICKFEST
21st February 2016

Hallidays Point Public School
300 Diamond Beach Rd
Diamond Beach
TIME: Sunday 9am - 3pm
COST: $4 each or $10 a family
All Welcome
Lego displays for everyone  Lego for Sale
Free build area

WANT TO PLAY SOCCER THIS YEAR
Registrations are open for any person turning 5 this year or older to play with Hallidays Point Sports Club. We are even looking to get our Men’s (over 17s) team back in this year. So if this is you, or your child, head to www.myfootballclub.com.au to register. Payments can be made online by credit card, into the bank account that you’ll be given when registering, or by dropping money to club Treasurer at club meeting on Monday 7 March at Hallidays Point Tavern. Any questions, please email hpsc.soccer@gmail.com or call club registrar on 0413 721 155. Like us on Facebook too to keep up to date with upcoming muster day, meetings, etc.

TAE-KWON DO
Martial Arts, Self Defence Classes for the whole family, 10 years and up!
With Michael, Black Belt Instructor on Tuesdays and Fridays, 6-00 pm to 7-00 pm. $50 per month = ($5.55 per session). Call Michael on 0413 721 155.

NEW HALLIDAYS POINT PHYSIE
Classes beginning on Thursday 11 February for ages 5 – 12 years at the Community Church in Diamond Beach Road. Ladies classes also available. First lesson free. Physie is a mixture of exercise, gymnastics and dance. Phone Marilyn on 0410 789 314 for details. BJP Physie – empowering girls for life.
(See Admin Notice Board)

HAP KI DO
Coming to Hallidays Point. Hap Ki Do is a complete martial art that incorporates aspects of Tae-kwon do, Karate, Judo, Jujitsu, Aikido and Boxing. In a total martial art Hapkido. First lesson is FREE. Lessons are $10 each and we are a non for profit organisation, so all costs go into funding the club. Bonus Family deal pay for 2 and the rest of the family comes for free (limit of 5 please). Focus is on FUN, FITNESS and SELF DEFENCE. Contact Andrew for any further information 0411 363 273. See you there!
Remember first lesson is FREE.
When: Every Monday 6.00 pm to 7.30 p. Starts 1 February 2016.
Where: Hallidays Point Public School
What is it: Self defence martial arts

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015 HALLIDAYS POINT NETBALL
Registrations this year will be ONLINE, please feel free to come to the registration days to find out further information.
Registration Days: At Diamond Beach Park, Anniversary Drive, Diamond Beach, and if wet weather at 5 Gary Road.
Thursday 11 February 2016 from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Saturday 13 February 2016 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
No late registrations will be taken. These are the ONLY registration 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
Who: 5 Year and over, no limit, male and female

Why: After training at Nabiac Hall for 9 years, the hall is closing so we are moving to Hallidays with our experienced and qualified instructors.

**YOUNG CARER CAMP**
Coffs Coast Adventure Centre 2 Night Camp for young carers ages 8 to 16 years, for New England and Manning, Great Lakes and Gloucester Areas. Monday April 11 to Wednesday April 13, 2016. Free event, all meals and activities included. For more information, please contact Mydie Keegan, Carer Assist to hold your place as numbers are limited.
Mydie Keegan: Phone 6551 4333 Email: Mydie@carerassist.org.au
See Admin Notice Board

**MAKE MUSIC PART OF YOUR LIFE IN 2016**
Piano tuition at Hallidays Point and/or Taree. Experienced teacher welcomes NEW students, all ages and any level. Learn for your own pleasure, exams, eisteddfods and concerts, you can choose. Telephone Gwen on 6559 2381 (mornings best during the week)
## TERM 1 2016

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**CANTEEN RESUMES WEEK 2**

To volunteer, please email lunchesondiamond@gmail.com

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As you can see from above, there are lots of spots where we need help in the canteen. Please leave your details at the office or email the above email if you are able to volunteer. The more people that volunteer, the lighter the load, even if it is just once a term and your children will love seeing your face at the canteen.