Dear Parents / Carers

Another fortnight down and Easter is almost upon us. The weather is just starting to be a little more pleasant, with the mornings a bit cooler and this unrelenting heat looks as though it may finally be coming to an end.

Last week was the P&C Annual General Meeting where the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are decided for the coming year. Can I welcome back Mr Jason Nicholson as the President for another year. I look forward to working with the whole team again this year and would strongly encourage any parents who wish to be a part of the P&C, to come along and see what it’s all about. We meet every Wednesday of Week 2 and Week 7 each term at 7pm in the staffroom at the school. Hope to see you there.

As many of you would be aware, we have a number of students at our school who are extremely allergic to a number of items, in particular, nuts of all varieties. These students can experience an extreme reaction when exposed in any way to the things that they are allergic to. This reaction is quite severe and requires immediate attention if it occurs. There are a number of things that all families can do to lessen the likelihood of this happening to any of our students. Families are reminded that we request you not provide your child with any spread or product which contains nuts. The most common product is of course peanut butter, but extends also to things like Nutella and muesli bars. Your help with this matter will go a long way towards ensuring we don’t have an incident at school which is both frightening and potentially life threatening.

As a supplement to the recent calendar produced by the P&C I have setup an electronic calendar which can be viewed that will have all the up to date information on it which you can use to fill up your paper calendar hanging on the fridge. To view the calendar go to – http://goo.gl/RywFQw
To subscribe to the calendar go to - http://goo.gl/uIVkwV
This calendar is designed to supplement the calendar that has your child’s drawing on it from the beginning of the year if you purchased one. It will have the most up to date information about times and dates of events on at school. If you experience any difficulties viewing the calendar just let me know and I will guide you through the process.

Have a great fortnight. Don’t forget Good Friday is next Friday 25 March (no school) and Easter Monday is Monday 28 March (no school), School Photos Wednesday 30 March 2016.

Peter Johnson
Principal

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**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club orders need to be back by tomorrow Friday 18 March 2016.

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The following students received Merit Awards and Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 7 March 2016, and at the Primary Assembly on Monday 14 March 2016.

**Merit Awards:**

- Sienna Bell – Year 1
- Benjamin Cain – Year 1
- Matthew Farrawell – Year 1
- Charlie Maligin – Year 1
- Tahlia Nicholson – Year 1
- Ella Pegrum – Year 1
- Jack Vaughan – Year 1
- Elli Wouterlood – Year 1 (2 Merits)
- Xavier Dixon – Year 2
- Milla Giffin – Year 2
- Lucy Pearce – Year 3
- Holly Vaughan – Year 3
- Lakiesha Smith – Year 3
- Jackie Nossiter – Year 3
- Maya Ljumanovic – Year 3
- Charlie Keyte – Year 3
- Ziggy Pickering – Year 4 (2 Merits)
- Tarli Black – Year 4
- Reuben Mobbs – Year 4
- Bianca Dixon – Year 4
- Lachlan Castle – Year 4
- Daniel Bush – Year 4
- Kalan Steber – Year 5
- Amy Miller – Year 5 (2 Merits)
- Dylan Green – Year 5
- Bailey McMahon – Year 5
- Ned Bush – Year 5
- Lachlan Hocking – Year 6
- Zachary Davis – Year 6
- Ethan Baker – Year 6
- Nelson Crisp – Year 6 (2 Merits)

**Assembly Awards:**

**KJ**
- Raine Garton – always being on task
- Jackson Parker – being an active listener
- Kaylee Thomas – clever work in Literacy
- Jahzara Newman – producing quality work

**K/1B**
- Ace Moylan – working well in class
- Will McDermott – working consistently during Maths groups
- Ava Jane Smith – her positive attitude to learning
- Elli Wouterlood – staying on task at all times

**1H**
- Kayle Williams – improved writing strategies
- Ruby Rush – excellent work in writing
- Angel Garton – excellent work in writing
- Estella Forbes – excellent work in writing

**1/2M**
- Oliver Castle – being actively involved in class
- Scarlett Donnellan – excellent spelling in her weekly spelling test
- Charlie Maligin – always being super focused on all classroom tasks
- Isaac Hourn – outstanding effort in fast maths

**2B**
- Clay Williams – consistently applying himself to all key learning areas
- Xavier Dixon – working hard to improve in all writing tasks
- Bridie Steber – working consistently to improve in writing
- Daisy Pickering – using her creative flair to produce quality work

**3M**
- Thomas Stenning – effort in Narrative writing
- Angus Neil – enthusiastic work in History
- Lucy Pearce – improvement in fast Maths
- Ava Simnett – work in reading groups

**3/4C**
- Thomas Worth – working well in Mathematics
- Arion Wouterlood – creative ideas in writing
- Lily Moylan – settling back into Hallidays Point Public with no fuss
- Yasmin Smith – displaying enthusiasm in our assembly item

**4/5V**
- Tommy Knights – for efforts with his creative writing
- Tarli Black – excellent efforts and results in Mathematics diagnostic quiz
- Lachlan Castle – excellent efforts and results in Mathematics diagnostic quiz
- Cohen Watt – excellent efforts and results in Mathematics diagnostic quiz
5/6E
Matthew Dunham – 100% in all spelling quizzes
Emily Cougle – her organisation for her History project
Jordan Bungard – excellent work ethic in all key learning areas
Olivia Pearce – using figurative language in her narrative

5/6J
Zaynab El Mohamad – being a settled worker who tries her best
Ned Bush – excellent application and Maths results
Jesse Smith – excellent project extra (Guitar performance)
Liam Molineaux – his settled work habits and effort in class

Friendly Schools & Families Awards:
KJ - Bianka Quinn – being a caring, helpful class member
K/1B – Buddie Neil – being a model class citizen
1H – Jasmine Davis-Marr – being a kind and caring classmate
1/2M – Sienna Bell – being kind and friendly to all her classroom friends
2B – Maximus Savage – being a friendly and cooperative role model to others
3M – Bridey McDermott – a kind and caring classmate
3/4C – Charlie Keyte – always offering to help out
4/5V – Kaiden Franks – being a supportive classmate in group work and activities
5/6E – Charley Staines – positive classroom behaviour
5/6J – Schafer Aiken – his settled work habits and effort in class

PARENTING TIPS
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

STUDENT/FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION
Please ensure that Administration is notified of any changes to student or family contact information. We need to have accurate information in case of an emergency as well as administration. For example, if your address changes and the student travels on a bus, a new bus pass application needs to be completed. Your attention to the above would be greatly appreciated.

Source: Dep Health SA Gov
The Hallidays Point P & C Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 9 March, 2016, 7-00 pm in the staffroom.

Executive positions are as follows:
- President – Jason Nicholson
- Vice Presidents – Lauren Vaughan/Stuart Small
- Secretary – Mel Orchard
- Treasurer – Lisa Small
- Uniform Coordinator – Claire Hanna

If you have any enquiries please email to: hallidayspointpandc@gmail.com

**BINGO**

Don’t forget the family Bingo on Sunday 20 March at the Hallidays Point School Hall commencing at 2-00 pm. Cash prizes donated by Brown Dog Maintenance.

**BRICKFEST**

Thank you to the local and surrounding communities for your support. We had 2 500 visitors on the day and raised over $6500.

The Clothing Pool is 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.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

Your local PCYC presents a Blue Light Disco on Friday 1 April 6.30 pm at the Tuncurry Beach Bowling club. Primary students years 3 – 6 are invited and the cost is $5-00. All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by Police Officers. Prizes available/fun games/canteen available

**YOUNG CARERS 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) Thanks

**SAVER PLUS**

$500 in matched funding for education costs including school uniforms, stationary, text books, tablets, laptops and PC’s, TAFE and apprenticeship costs, sports fees and equipment, excursions and more. Eligibility criteria requires; over 18yo, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Card, you or your partner have some regular income from work including part time, casual, seasonal, or be self-employed, and have a child at school or attending vocational education yourself. To find out more contact John Edwards from the Smith Family, Dubbo and Taree on 6557 8284 or 0438 648 670. (See Admin Notice Board)

**FREE PARENTING SEMINARS**

Stepping Stones Triple P Seminar Series is coming up in Taree. Seminars are free of charge to parents and caregivers of children with a disability aged 2 to 12 years old. Seminars start 24 March from 1-00 pm to 2-30 pm. (See Administration Notice Board)

**OPERA BY THE LAKE**

A project of the rotary Club of Great Lakes Incorporated presents “Opera by the Lake” at John Wright Park, Tuncurry on 19 March 2016. Music by Sinfonia Mid North Coast. Gates open at 1-00pm. Tickets are on sale now at greatlakes.org.au (See Admin Notice Board)
TERM 1 2016 CANTEEN ROSTER
To volunteer, please email lunchesondiamond@gmail.com

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A huge thank you to Fiona Threlfo and Trent Burston for their very generous donation of delicious pizzas towards our truly successful Red Day. It was a big day and would not have been possible without Tamie and Fiona’s tireless help on the day. Thank you so much, the students at Hallidays Point are very fortunate to have your support.

Sue Lithgoe
Canteen Manager