MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to a new year at Tuncurry Public School. I sincerely hope all families had an enjoyable holiday and are ready for a rich and exciting year of teaching and learning. We currently have 46 Kindergarten students beginning their educational journey tomorrow after completing their Best Start Assessments.

We have 378 students and have therefore established 15 classes for 2012. Students were placed into their new classes yesterday and are well into the process of learning routines, expectations and boundaries with their teacher and classmates.

Classes are as follows:

KO: Mrs Osborne (K-2 Supervisor and Assistant Principal)
KL: Mrs Leahy
K-1N: Mr Norton
1C: Mr Collins
1-2P: Mrs Peel
2L: Mrs Lyndon
2-3B: Mrs Benham
3J: Mrs Jones
3-4H: Mrs Haddock
4N: Mrs Novosad (Canadian Exchange Teacher)
4-5G: Mrs Griffin
5K: Mr Kernick (M/F) Mrs McPherson (T/W/T)
5-6D: Mr Dunning
6W: Mr Walla
6G: Mr Graham (Yr5-6 Supervisor and Assistant Principal)

Mrs Northey (Yr3-4 Supervisor, Assistant Principal and National Partnership Coordinator).
Mrs Anker continues in her role of Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA).
Mrs Watson has taken over the role of Reading Recovery Teacher and will undertake ongoing training throughout the year.
Mrs Knight will teach music to all classes. This will be a team teaching situation where the class teacher will accompany the class to music.
Mr Kernick has taken over from Mr Lyndon as our Sports Coordinator and will take each class for one hour per week for Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD/H/PE).
Mrs Maureen Seddon will continue her work with students in her Early School Support role.
Our school counsellor is Mr Colditz. This service will continue to be available to students three days each week.

A special welcome goes to Mrs Cathy Novosad who is joining us all the way from Victoria Terrace Public School in Fergus, Ontario, Canada. Mrs Novosad will be here for the 2012 school year. I know you will make her feel most welcome.

In the office Mrs Hubble will be supported by Rosemary Fries, Pat Garner, Tina Whittle, Imps Holden and Jo Cooper. Cara Kinch, Lesley Connor, Ali Bruce, Aleena Gilksin, Karen Went and Margaret Harris will be our School Learning Support Officers in 2012 with Craig Skullen our General Assistant. Ces Taylor and Pam Cunningham continue as our cleaning staff.

During the year teachers will be meeting in stage teams for a full day each month and this will occur on Fridays. Consistency of casual teachers will be maintained by employing the same casual for each class.

Bullying and intimidation are unacceptable behaviours. We conscientiously respond to each incident of intimidation and bullying of which we are aware. There have been several incidents which have come to our attention where students were worried about informing a teacher because of repercussions from other students. Please, if you feel that there is a situation of concern, contact your child’s teacher or myself.

Should your son or daughter be a victim of bullying we would like to make contact with you to support and help. Bullying and intimidation is a serious matter, it is unacceptable and will be dealt with according to the fair discipline code.

Regards
Tim Putland

Bell Times

This year we have modified our daily timetable and as such we have different break times. Listed below are our new times.

Please Note; Our start and finish times HAVE NOT changed.

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Please note Kindergarten students finish school at 2.30pm each day during Term 1.

Book Packs

At the end of last year, a note went home informing parents of the proposed contents of student book packs for all 2012 classes.
This week, each student will be given a note listing contents and cost. The school does not make any profit on these items and runs this system for convenience and low cost to families.

Please forward payment promptly as the book packs are given to students when full payment has been received. EFTPos facilities are available at the school office and credit card payments may be used by completing and signing the slip on the back of the book pack notes. Payment by the latter method will save you valuable time - the school office is a very busy place at this time of the year! 

Annual Swimming Carnival 2012

This Friday, 3rd February 2011. All primary students (Year 3-6) and Year 2 students turning eight this year, who can swim 50 metres competently, are invited to attend the carnival at Forster Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

All Year 3-6 teachers will be at the Aquatic Centre so no primary classes will operate during the day.

Students will travel by bus to and from the pool, leaving at 9.15 am and returning in time for afternoon buses. The cost will be $6.00 per student, which covers entry ($2.60) and bus travel ($3.40).

(The pool entry fee does not apply to gold members of the Aquatic Centre. Membership cards must be sighted by office staff when payment for bus component of carnival costs is made.)

We need parent assistance as time-keepers for our carnival. If you can assist please let us know. All parents are invited to attend the carnival and to be part of the experience. A separate permission note was sent home last Monday and is available on the web site.

Students who qualify to represent Tuncurry Public School at the Manning Zone will be handed a permission note on the day. This event will be held on Wednesday, 22nd February 2012, at Wingham.

Student Absences

When students arrive at school later than 9.00am or leave school earlier than 3.00pm (2.30pm for Kindergarten Term 1) a computer generated note is to be obtained by parents/care providers at the front office. When students are absent from school, a note must be written giving an explanation, otherwise attendance records are marked as an “unexplained” absence.

Emergency Contacts

It is essential and good sense to notify the school office promptly of any change of address, contact phone numbers or additional phone numbers.

Messages

Unless there is an emergency, parents are asked to avoid phoning with requests for messages to be passed onto their children. Please, also ensure that children have all items needed for school before leaving home, thereby avoiding student distress and the necessity of phone calls on their arrival at school. Tuncurry Public School has a student population of 378 and the impact of these requests upon our limited and busy administrative staff is significant. Thank you for your consideration.

First Aid

Please note that the Department of Education and Training ‘First Aid Policy’ allows water only to be used in the treatment of students’ wounds. We cannot apply creams or ointments. However, we do use Calamine lotion on insect bites. It is also usual to treat only those injuries sustained at school. Sick children should be kept home.

Please make sure that the teacher and office is aware of any medical condition your child may suffer. Also, the school should be advised of appropriate treatment in the event of a problem occurring at school.

Medication at School

Please note that only asthma puffers are allowed to be kept in a student’s bag. All other medication must be left at the front office by a parent/care provider after signing the appropriate form. This should only occur if it is absolutely essential.

The school requires an asthma plan supplied by the Doctor for any student who suffers with asthma.

School Uniform

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled and check your child does not take home, by mistake, clothing belonging to other students. Last year students lost items of clothing, including hats, many of which were labelled.

Please note bike pants, leggings, jeans, skirts (including pleated netball skirts) are not part of school uniform and must not be worn. Black sports skirts are for sport only (Friday).

Notes Home

Notes meant for the family, such as the newsletter, are sent home to the youngest in the family. Class notes are sent home with each child. Please check for these, read them and follow instructions to ensure signed permission slips and money are returned to the correct person, at the right time. This avoids wasted time and paper reprinting notes.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Monday, 6th February 2012 at 9.10am in the Library. All welcome. Items to be discussed will be: A Parent Code of Conduct and Fundraising Plans for 2012.

Canteen Roster

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