Principal's Message

I begin this newsletter by congratulating the students of Tuncurry Public School for their excellent conduct at our swimming carnival held recently at the aquatic centre. Although numbers of competitive swimmers was down on previous years, those students who were not involved in competitive events waited very patiently for the novelties in the afternoon. Our newly elected House Captains and Vice Captains showed the way for their respective houses through their involvement and enthusiasm. A very big thank you goes to the parents and care providers who supported the children and helped out in a number of roles. This was very much appreciated by us all. Congratulations also to Ms McPherson and her support crew for their excellent organisation on the day.

I wish to compliment parents for their responsible, supportive behaviour whilst on school grounds during student drop off in the morning and pickup during the afternoon. We look forward to the continuation of this friendly and safe interchange.

May I request that during afternoon pick up that you might avoid waiting outside classrooms? This can be distracting for both students and teachers. There is a shaded covered area adjacent to the canteen and the shaded walkways, as well as the shade adjacent to the administration area. Kindergarten parents have greater flexibility for the first ten weeks, using the covered area near the Kindergarten rooms when waiting for kindies and older children.

Volunteers

Thanks very much to all our wonderful volunteers who devote their time to school for our deserving students.

All volunteers must sign in on arrival and out on departure. The Canteen has a register and one is located in the front office foyer for all other volunteers.

Each year volunteers must complete a new ‘Working with Children Check’. These are available from the front office or the Canteen.

Visitors

All visitors to school, including parents and care providers, need to report to the front office first.

Attendance

Please have a thorough read of the attached document about attendance. It highlights the real importance of regular and prompt attendance and also some changes to the DEC Attendance Policy for 2015.

Online Payments

We are in the process of online launching a new online payment portal linked to our school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?
- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

When?
This payment method will go live on:
Monday, 23 March 2015

How?
Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

Regards
Tim Putland

Dates and Events to Remember

Week 4

Wed 18 Feb Kindergarten Parent Information 3:30pm
Thurs 19 Feb SRC Investiture

Week 5

Wed 25 Feb Zone Swimming Carnival, Taree Aquatic Centre
Fri 27 Feb P&C Colour Day Fundraiser

Week 6

Wed 4 Mar Term 1 School Disco
Thurs 5 Mar Hunter PSSA Swimming Carnival

Week 8

Wed 18 Mar School Photos
Fri 20 Mar Cross Country

Week 9

Parent Teacher Interviews

Week 10

Parent Teacher Interviews
Thurs 2 Apr K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Term 1 - Week 4

Last day of term

2015 Term Dates

Term 2 - Tuesday, 21 April to Friday, 26 June
Term 3 - Tuesday, 14 July to Friday, 18 September
Term 4 - Tuesday, 6 October to Wednesday, 16 December

Fortnightly Assemblies - Please note changes below:

K-2 Assembly: Every second Thursday (odd weeks as per school term), 2:15pm in hall, commencing Week 5, Thursday, 26 February 2015.

Primary Assembly: Every second Thursday (even weeks as per school term), 2:15pm in hall, commencing Week 6, Thursday, 5 March 2015.

Mozzies

While the school boasts a wonderful environment, the mozzies love it too. Please ensure you apply mozzie repellent to your child’s skin prior to them coming to school as it does last for six hours. If students bring repellent to school, it must be a roll-on or cream and they must not share with other students. (Sprays can cause injuries to other students’ eyes.) Teachers remind students to reapply repellent at break times.

Library

The library is open for borrowing from 8:30 to 8:55am and 1:45 to 2:10pm Monday to Wednesday.

A waterproof library bag will help to keep a borrowed book in good condition. Parents, please encourage your child to be responsible for their borrowed book by keeping it protected from younger siblings, pets and leaking drink bottles (in school bags). Lost or damaged books must be paid for or replaced.

Overdue library book reminders will be sent home with the student during the school term. Please ensure your child searches under beds, on book shelves, etc.

Book Packs

Please notify the school if you did not receive the Book Pack and Fees schedule in the mail. Thank you to all families who have already paid. Please forward payment promptly as the 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.

Statements

Statements for outstanding invoices will be sent home with students this week. Please contact the Administration office if you would like to discuss anything listed on your invoice.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Class teachers give rewards of encouragement, stickers or prizes for a variety of school experiences. As well, teachers present achievement award cards to worthy children each week.

Once a child collects the required number of awards to qualify for a silver or gold badge in Kindergarten to Year 2, or a card if Years 3-6 or an honour award and has a satisfactory record of behaviour, the classroom teacher should be advised.

Achievement awards must be sighted by the teacher. Badges, cards and honour awards will be presented at assemblies. These awards should be claimed during the year so that each child only receives one award per assembly.

Awards are:

FOUR: Achievement Awards in one year SILVER BADGE or SILVER CARD
EIGHT: Achievement Awards in one year GOLD BADGE or GOLD CARD
TEN: Achievement Awards in any period BLUE HONOUR AWARD
TWENTY: Achievement Awards in any period PINK HONOUR AWARD
THIRTY: Achievement Awards in any period YELLOW HONOUR AWARD
FORTY: Achievement Awards in any period CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR
FIFTY: Achievement Awards in any period CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR
SIXTY: Achievement Awards in any period CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR
SEVENTY: Achievement Awards in any period CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR
EIGHTY: Achievement Awards in any period PHOTO CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR

Scripture Awards:

Three scripture awards may be traded for one Citizenship Award.

Annual Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 13 February 2015 we held our school swimming carnival at the Great Lakes Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Congratulations to the following Swimming Age Champions for 2015:

Junior Girl Champion Olivia Keen
Junior Boy Champion Joel Fleming
11 Year Girl Champion Abby Mulligan
11 Year Boy Champion Will Elliott
Senior Girl Champion Bella Sweeney
Senior Boy Champion Angus Edwards
Winning House Wallamba

Congratulations and good luck to the above and the following swimmers who will represent Tuncurry Public School at the PSSA Zone Championships in Taree on Wednesday, 25 February 2015: Tyson Andrews, Sky Caseres, Kristen Olsold, Mella Crew, Cody Critchley, Laila Dimarco, Joel Fleming, Holly Gibson, Josie Hoare, Ayla Ingram, Jessika Jordan, Baxter Lean, Gemma McEnallay, Ender Murray, Mace Murray, Noah Richardson, Oscar Rudman and James Williams.

Manning PSSA Zone Tennis

Congratulations to Holly Gibson, Kain Hope, Nikolai Nash and Zoe Manning who tried out for the Zone team on Thursday, 12 February 2015.

Nikolai Nash was selected to travel to Broadmeadow for the Hunter PSSA trials on Friday, 27 February 2015. Good luck Nikolai!
Welcome New Parents Morning Tea

Thank you to the Parents/Care Providers who attended this ‘Welcome’ morning tea. It was lovely to meet you in this informal environment.

SRC and House Captain Investiture

The investiture of the 2015 Student Leaders, Student Representative Council and House Captains will be held at Tuncurry Public School tomorrow Thursday, 19 February 2015, at 9:15am.

The induction will be followed by a morning tea. Individual invitations were sent home last week. Congratulations to all the representatives as listed below.

School Leaders

Captains: Laila Dimarco    Warren Cristallo
Vice Captains: Holly Gibson    Memphis McBride
Counsellors: Keeley Best    Baxter Lean
                Evie Dalton    Mason Robertson
                Bella Sweeney    Jordan Wenzel

House Captains

Narani
Captains: Janaya Drinkwater    Harry Agnew
Vice Captains: Abby Mulligan    Ashton Drinkwater

Glenreagh
Captains: Makayla Huckel    James Brady
Vice Captains: Olivia Williams    Blake Roberts

Uralba
Captains: Sami Peters    Dylan Payne
Vice Captains: Gemma McEnallay    Ender Murray

Wallamba
Captains: Charlotte Antidormi    Tait Critchley
Vice Captains: Josie Hoare    Jed Cranfield

SRC Class Leaders

2A    Rose Hann    Alivia Montomerie
2M    Rhani Buttlitude    Jake Mendham
3-2B    Michelle Smidt    Vitaley Ingram
4-3H    Carmen Cranfield    Corey Cooper
4-3ND    Jorja Harris    Kyler Johnston
4-3T    Darby Mulligan    Alessandro Cannalire
6-5F    Zali McKey    Jay Malilla
6-5G    Liam Critchley    Drew Townsend
6-5J    Nikolai Nash    Harry Wright

Library Monitors

Savannah Duffy    Eliza James
Rebecca Little    Zoe Manning
Gemma McEnallay    Olivia Williams

Hats

Students need to wear school hats, gold or black, during breaks. Caps are not part of the school uniform as the peaks can cause injury to other students plus caps do not protect necks and ears from the sun.

Please ensure that your child has not taken somebody else’s hat home by mistake. A number of parents have already replaced lost hats and it is only Week 4.

Year 6 Shirt

An aqua coloured note was sent home this week offering Year 6 students the opportunity to purchase a shirt which has the school logo on the front and the names of all 2015 Year 6 students on the back. This shirt can be worn anytime during the year as an alternative to the normal school shirt. The cost is $20.00 including GST. Payment with the permission note must be to the Administration Office no later than Friday, 6 March 2015.

Year 6 Canberra/Snow Excursion

Light green ‘Expression of Interest’ notes were sent home this week giving Year 6 students the opportunity to attend an organised, week-long excursion to Canberra and the snowfield. The excursion will take place in Term 3, Week 9, from Monday, 7 to Friday, 11 September 2015.

To secure your child’s place a $50.00 deposit with the permission note must be paid to the Administration Office by Friday, 27 February 2015.

Please note the $50.00 deposit is required to secure your child’s place. This excursion is limited to the first 55 students.

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)

This year the school continues to follow this wonderful program. Staff hand out Win Bins to students for positive behaviour. Each week two class Win Bins are randomly drawn out for students to win Canteen Vouchers. At the end of each term major prizes are distributed.

Change of Details

Please ensure that the office is notified of any changes to addresses and contact phone numbers.

Wanted

Our Boys Shed is looking for donations of small engine items such as whipper snippers, edgers and mowers, etc. The boys will be taking these items apart so it is fine if they are not working.

World’s Greatest Shave

The World’s Greatest Shave, 12 to 15 March 2015, raises money to support people with blood cancer and to fund research into blood cancers such as leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. This year on Friday 13 March I am shaving my head to help raise money and I need your support! Please sponsor me at http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/WillElliott
Thank you.

Will Elliott 6-5 F
P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting and AGM will be held on Monday, 2 March 2015, at 2:00pm. All welcome.

Opening Hours for Uniform Shop 2015
Monday – 8:30am to 9:30am
Wednesday – 2:15pm to 3:15pm
Friday – 8:30am to 9:30am

Canteen Roster

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Canteen Volunteers

Thank you very much to all the wonderful parents/care providers who are volunteering in the canteen. Unfortunately, we do not have enough to keep the canteen operating every day. Please consider giving a few hours, even once a month would be helpful.

Community

Buzi Kidz Oosh

- After School Care for 5 to 12 year-old children from 3:00pm to 6:00 pm during the school term. Kindergarten pick up at 2:30pm in Term 1.
- Vacation Care from 7:00am to 6:00pm for 5 to 12 year old children at Tuncurry Public School Library.

Phone 0421 785 545, email: buzikidzoosh@gmail.com or facebook: Buzi Kidz OOSH

Life Skills 4 Kids

Does your child struggle with: behaviour, concentration, learning, handwriting or relaxing? Find out if your child can benefit from Occupational Therapy. To book an appointment, call Cheryl on 6555 9877. Drop in and check out our Educational Supplies and Sensory Shop at 1/4 Enterprise Court, Forster.

YMCA Kids Disco

Friday, 27 February 2015, from 6:00 to 8:00pm at YMCA Sports Hall for 5 to 12 year olds. Entry $5.00. Phone 6591 7199 or visit ymcansw.org.au/greatlakes

Blue Light Disco

Friday, 7 March 2015 from 6:30 to 8:00pm, Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club for Primary (Years 3 to 6) students. Cost $5.00 each. Visit: www.pcycnsw.org.au

Comboyne Show and Goat Races

Saturday, 28 February 2015 from 9:00am. Entry $5.00 per adult, 16 and under free. Contact Marion Rickets on 6550 4099 or marion.ricketts@det.nsw.edu.au

Shakti Dance Studios

At 2/10 Douglas Avenue, Tuncurry. All kids’ classes are $5.00 (no registration fees). Classes available are Bollywood, Bellydance, Zumba , Jazz and tap. Call Angella on 0437 694 279.

School Security Number: 1300 880 021
Call this number to report unauthorised visitors to the school after hours or on weekends.

Classroom visit – Year 1

Where caring is nurtured and achievement cherished