



## Principal's Report

### More of our Amazing Students

Our students are continuing to excel in their Mathematics goals. I was lucky enough to see some great examples of these from Bess, Sienna, Ebony and Ruby from S2HS, who proudly showed the goals they had achieved and the new ones they were working towards. Well done everyone...amazing work. We are all very proud of you!



I was also lucky enough to see some fantastic work from Riley, Isabelle, Emily, Zac and Annabelle from S1D, who combined Maths and art together in a very visual display. The pride with which these students explained and displayed their work was so special to see. Congratulations on your achievements and for the huge effort you put into it.



## Student Attendance

This is going to be one of our big focus areas for next year. Last week the Director, Educational Leadership rang to congratulate the school on having the best attendance on that day in the Port Stephens area.

It makes such a huge difference when students are at school every day they are well.



## Staff Development Afternoon

Yesterday afternoon, the staff participated in the last of 4 afternoon sessions from 3.45 – 6.34 pm, with this one concentrating on CPR/Anaphylaxis training. These afternoons allow staff to finish with children on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This vital training was conducted by Surf Life Saving NSW, and I would like to thank Terry and Flo, who were our two trainers for the afternoon.

Staff have now been updated in these important life saving techniques, essential requirements for the safety of students. I would like to thank the staff for their dedication in these sessions.

## Tomaree's Totally Terrific, Absolutely Awesome Day – Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

It is almost here! In fact it is tomorrow! The craft materials have been purchased, costumes have been made, books are being advertised and the parade ground is being readied.

The day starts with fun literacy activities in classes, with the parade of each Stage being beamed into classrooms. After lunch there is a wonderful STEM activity, before we head into the Reading Rampage after recess.

Whilst it won't be the same as other years, I want to thank the magnificent TTAAAD committee who worked so hard to put this together under our current restrictions. Photos will be coming out next week!

## End of Year Dates and Return Dates for 2021

Our last day for students and staff will be Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The school office will be open on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> but closed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Next year the Department of Education has placed 2 Staff Development Days at the beginning of the year on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January meaning that students in **Years 1 – 6 will not start until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. The office will be open on the 27<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> if you have any paperwork that needs to be finalised.

**Kindergarten students will begin on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

## Best Start for Kindergarten Students

In the past we have completed the Best Start Assessments prior to the Kindergarten students starting school. This will now be completed in Week 3 of Term 1, with teachers being relieved off class to complete the assessments. This means our newest and youngest students will be in school as soon as possible.

## Platinum Award Winners

The Platinum Award winners will be having their reward with the Principal on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. Due to restrictions on sharing food, we are going to be providing ice blocks for the winners. This will be divided into two sessions, with K-2 from 2.30 – 2.55pm and students from years 3-6 at 3 – 3.20 pm. I look forward to all of our Platinum Award winners attending that reward time.

## Class Parties

If you haven't already received your note about the end of year class party for your child, it will be coming out soon from your class teacher. The P&C will be donating a juice popper for every child to help with the celebrations (Thank you).

## Year 6 Farewell – Black and Silver

Notes have now been sent home regarding this event. Thank you to all of parents for understanding the reasons why it can only be a 'Kiss and Drop' on the night.

At the end of the night students will be collected from the front gate only and we ask that you leave as soon as you have collected your child. **Keel Street will not be open.** Parents should be at the school ready for the 8.45 pm pick up at the end of the night and observe physical distancing rules.

## Head Lice

As what often happens as soon as it gets warmer, there have been a number of cases of children with head lice. We ask that you check your children's hair and treat them before they come back to school. This way we can help control the spread of head lice before the holidays.

Have a wonderful week. A modified newsletter will be coming out on Tuesday, Week 10.

*Christene Gray*

Proud Principal of Tomaree Public School

TPS PBL Focus for this week is:

# Caring For Others



- \* We can show kindness
- \* We can give to others at Christmas
- \* We can donate a food item to The Yacaaba Centre which will be used to make Christmas food hampers for families in need.
- \* We can throw kindness around like confetti

## Year 2 Intensive Swimming Scheme

This year we have been unable to hold our normal Year 2 Intensive Swimming Scheme due to COVID-19 regulations and restrictions. We have however recently received some funding to help support this scheme in some way and plan to use these funds in Term 1 next year. We are currently working on developing a plan to enable the 2021 Year 3 students to access the local pool and undertake a 10-day program in 2021 if restrictions remain as is or are eased. More information will be forwarded to families next year.

Ms Donna Abraham

Assistant Principal ES1 & Stage 1

## Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition

Earlier in the year, Stage 3 students participated in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition. This is an annual event, and this year Tomaree has done particularly well. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the gruelling test. The following students achieved a Merit Award for their entry (a Merit Award means they placed in the top 45% of entries):

Jack Shephard, Hayden Bott, Charlize Fines, Olivia Cameron, Jayden Harris, Manas Amith Raj, Ebonie Wallace, McKenzie Ryan, William Doherty, Angus Attard, Nick O'Donnell, Rori Doherty, Brody Grace, Will Hoffman, Lani Bishop, Tim Heap, Maxine Aksan, Cody Hall, Nate Chugg, Amelia Whiteman-Law.

These students achieved a Distinction Award (they placed in the top 15%)!

Lauren Wark, Jonty Bunny, Isabella Stone, Bianca McEvilly.

Amazing results! Well done everybody.

Mr Cornish

CLASS MERIT AWARDS				
KH	Jaycob Davies-Adam For being an enthusiastic participant in class activities.	Luna Kneipp For being an absolute pleasure to teach.	Bailey Oates For having a positive, enthusiastic approach to all her learning.	
KO	Jessica Fenton For approaching every day with enthusiasm and a willingness to do her best.	Hunter McCallum For improved persistence to achieve learning goals.	Shelby Swan For improved persistence and enthusiasm with writing activities.	
S1A	Ava Caslick Giving 100% to everything she does.	Aaliyah Grover A wonderful class and school citizen.	Indigo Gruppetta For some amazing reading this week.	
S1D	Charlie Garvey For being a respectful and cooperative class member.	Jessica Keerie For outstanding work in writing and always doing her personal best.	Will Profitt For outstanding work in Maths and always doing his personal best.	
S1M	Teeps Atutahi Completing excellent research on reindeers using computers.	Grace Lobley Making great progress in reading by using fluency & phrasing.	Anthony West Using the PBL values of Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best.	
S1T	Mya Bishop For outstanding improvement in her writing.	Holly Hampshire For continuously trying her personal best in all learning tasks.	Lillah Stanton For her increased confidence to do challenging learning tasks.	

<b>S2B</b>	Chelsea Fetherston For her attention to detail in art activities and always taking her time to create wonderful artwork.	Noah Garth Application to difficult Maths concepts. Great work converting fractions to decimals.	Ava Lobley Giving her Personal Best to all tasks, all of the time, and always going above and beyond!	Lisa Mackney Consistently showing Respect, Responsibility and doing her Personal Best!
<b>S2G</b>	Tina Benson Outstanding bookwork.	Xavier Pounder Outstanding effort in all KLAs.	Shylah Stanton Wonderful reading in daily literacy groups.	Harry Stone Amazing PE skills in indoor soccer.
<b>S2HS</b>	Indy Doherty Working hard towards achieving her Maths goals.	Sophie Fenton Hard work in her Science test.	Riley Irvin Personal Best in Geography research task.	Zac Martin For being a role model for others by showing respect, responsibility and personal best.
<b>S3C</b>	Abdul Kareem For outstanding effort in Mathematics.	Jack Lewis For displaying respect and working responsibly	Delta Mayer For a great effort to do her Personal Best in Literacy.	Ebonie Wallace For outstanding effort an enthusiasm in Geography Inquiry work.
<b>S3H</b>	Jonty Dunkley For showing maturity in most situations.	Bianca McEvelly For consistency and effort in all of her extra responsibilities.	Lauren Wark For always providing humour in the classroom.	Amelia Whiteman-Law For continued effort and application in class activities.
<b>S3LS</b>	Max Caslick Challenging himself to attempt all tasks – even those he finds difficult!	Sky Conrades Positive approach to learning.	Jasmine Gambell Excellent effort during Daily 5 tasks!	Sam Weedon Improved focus in the classroom.
<b>S3R</b>	Gilby Burgess For his positive approach to all learning tasks.	Charlize Fines An outstanding performance during Readers Theatre.	Cohen Northwood Consistently displaying and modelling our school PBL values.	Holly O’Leary Demonstrating personal best when converting between 12hr and 24hr time.
<b>1C</b>	Logan Karavelatzis Keeping focussed on your learning			
<b>2/3N</b>	Jayden Peterson For making an effort to be responsible in the classroom starting tasks promptly and being in the right place.	London Rundle For his excellent participation in Geography lessons and sharing of his knowledge.		

<b>2/3P</b>	Jayden Hannah For demonstrating kindness and care for students and staff.			
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**PBL GOLD AWARD – You have achieved 150 points on Dojo for Personal Best, Responsibility and Respect.**

<b>2/3P</b>	Larissa Page			
<b>KO</b>	Lincoln Gibb	Mackenzie Holbert	Sienna Russell-Tarant	
<b>S1A</b>	Noah Beaumont	Scarlett Lui	Aaliyah Grover	Ava Caslick
	Anthony Grace	Indigo Gruppetta	Sacarlett Lui	Jake Mackay
	Mimi McGrath	Spencer McLeod	Johny Swan	
<b>S1D</b>	Riley Hobbs			
<b>S1M</b>	Molly Feenan			
<b>S1T</b>	Angus Attard			
<b>S3C</b>	Georgia Bailey	Delta Mayer	Breanna Rawlins	Ebonie Wallace
<b>S3L</b>	Molly Feenan			
<b>S3R</b>	Angus Attard			

**PBL PLATINUM AWARD – you have achieved 200 points on Dojo for Personal Best, Responsibility and Person Best**

<b>2/3P</b>	Harlee Heffron	Crystal Peterson		
<b>KH</b>	Eva Wilson	Seren Thwaites	Annabelle Logan	Evie Bragg
<b>KO</b>	Breanna Price	Shelby Swan		
<b>S1D</b>	Tilly Diana	Miley Clark	Yaroslav Ilyash	Tara Weingott
<b>S1M</b>	Mia Gahan			