



## TOMAREE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
25 <sup>th</sup> Zone Rugby	12 <sup>th</sup> P&C Disco	9 <sup>th</sup> Anzac Day School Assembly
28 <sup>th</sup> Clean Up Australia Day	31 <sup>st</sup> Cross Country	

## Principal's Report

### Assembly timetable

As we settle into the new term we are gradually getting our normal programs up and running. Our whole school assemblies will continue to take place every second Wednesday afternoon, with our first one being in week 6 (Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March). At this assembly we will be presenting badges to the students who are undertaking leadership roles, as well as giving out the swimming ribbons from the Tomaree Public School swimming carnival. Thank you to the PBL team who are looking after the Leadership aspect this year, and to Mrs Holloway, for her amazing organisation of the swimming carnival.

In week 8 class awards will come back into the assembly.

### Scripture/Non-Scripture/Ethics Classes

We are on track to start these classes in week 5. A huge thank you to Miss Bree Tamsett who has been working tirelessly on the organisation in order for this to happen.

### Safety Issue - No U Turns – 15km Speed limit

If you are parked along the driveway when picking up students in the afternoon (up near the High School), please do not do a U-turn across the double white lines. You need to continue down the driveway to the turnaround, use the turnaround and then drive slowly out of the school. An accident was narrowly avoided the other day by someone performing an illegal turn.

### P&C

The wonderful Tomaree Public School P&C are about to start their regular meetings tonight. The P&C meet in weeks 4 and 8 of each term on a Thursday. If you would like to be a part of a wonderful team, please consider coming along.

Meetings are held in the staff common room, starting at 5pm and ending at 6.45pm.

### Staff Development Afternoon (SDD)

The teaching staff will be undergoing their first SDD afternoon next Tuesday from 3.45 to 6.45pm. This is in lieu of the two SDD days at the end of term after the final date for the students. Staff will be participating in professional learning in Literacy and Numeracy this term.

## Meet the Teacher

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Meet the Teacher times last week. It was wonderful to see so many parents in the school, and I know teachers enjoy being able to put a face and a name together. Each teacher gave out information regarding the Stage and class. If you were unable to attend, please make sure you get one of these information sheets from your child's teacher.

## Class Dojo – Facebook – Tomaree Public School website

This year we will be phasing out the use of Skoolbag as one of our communication methods. The best way to be able to contact your child's teacher is through Class Dojo. Please speak to your child's teacher regarding the details if you have not already done so.

I would ask that you be aware that teachers will have a cut off time which they will set, where they will be spending time with the family and may not be able to respond to you until the next day.

## Congratulations to our little champions



Congratulations to Will Profitt who recently competed at the Regional **Track and Field Championships** and was placed first in the Under 8 years Boys 100m, 70 m and 200m. Great effort.

Congratulations to all the amazing swimmers that went to the **Zone Swimming Carnival** on Wednesday.

The effort and sportsmanship that you all displayed was outstanding. There were so many first, second and third winners yesterday, It was fantastic! A special congratulations to Hamish Clark for taking out the 11 years boy age champion! Brilliant effort from all.



Congratulations to Cohen Northwood for making it through to the Hunter Tennis Trials. Good luck from all of us at Tomaree Public School

TPS PBL Focus for this fortnight is:

**What are our playground expectations?**

- Follow the rules, wear a hat and use the equipment properly



## P&C NEWS

### Laptops for all



The P&C have been successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant through the Local Schools Community Fund grant program for the purchasing of additional classroom laptops. The school currently has limited class laptop sets which are shared between stage 2 and 3 students. The grant will enable students to have access to additional laptop time and reduce the need to share resources between students.

We hope to have these purchased very soon, with the teachers and students having access to them during Term 2.

### Safety School Survey

During the week, Port Stephens MP Kate Washington launched the local Port Stephens School Safety Survey. Kate is calling on parents, locals and educators to provide feedback on ways to make it safer for local kids to walk or ride to school.

We know this is a hot topic. The P&C are often approached by school members regarding concerns around Bagnall Beach Road and this is often discussed in meetings.

If you'd like to have your say, we encourage you to visit [www.nswschoolsafety.com/portstephens](http://www.nswschoolsafety.com/portstephens) and complete the short survey.

### Classroom Funding Bonus



With the amazing support we received from the teachers last year in helping to ensure our fundraising events were so successful, the P&C wanted to give something back! We are pleased to announce that this year we have contributed additional funding to each classroom budget. This will provide teachers with some additional funds which can be used to benefit the students in their class.

We hope this makes a difference to all classes and look forward to hearing what resources are purchased.

### School Disco

The last newsletter was published with conflicting dates for the first disco of the year. Check your diary- the correct date is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Notes and information will be distributed to all students next week!



## Canteen News

Have you seen some of the new items now available in the canteen? The new items are classified as everyday items under the NSW Healthy School canteen guidelines. Hash browns are available for breakfast before school, with Mini Shake flavoured milks available for lunch and before school. Check them out next time you order from the canteen!



And our flexischool promotion has returned for Term 1.



Have you joined flexischools? Flexischools is the easiest and safest way to order canteen lunches. Order anytime, monitor what your child eats and don't stress when you don't have cash on you!

Visit [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) to set up an account or download the app.



Every week the canteen will be drawing a winner who will receive a free slushie or Moosies. Just order your child's lunch via flexischool, have them return their order label to the canteen to enter the draw. Winners will be drawn each week.

## P&C Meetings

A reminder that the first meeting of the year will be held tonight from 5pm in the school staff room. If you'd like to know more about what the P&C does, what projects we are working on, have ideas for the school or would like to get involved in helping, come and join us! We'd love to see some new faces.

Thanks  
P&C Committee

## Tuning in to Kids

**Are you the parent /carer of dependent children?**

**Please come along and join us at our**

**6 session parenting program**

**Starting Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020**

**12.30pm to 2.30pm**

**@Gan Gan Family Centre**

**Old Main Road Anna Bay**

**For bookings ring: 4982 1767**

## What is the Tuning In To Kids program?

**Tuning in to Kids™ is a parenting program that aims to give you helpful ways of teaching your child the skills of emotional intelligence.**

**The program teaches you about how you, as a parent, can help your child develop good emotional skills. It teaches parents:**

- **awareness and regulation of their own emotions**
- **awareness of their children's emotions**
- **to use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions**
- **skills in assisting children in problem solving**
- **to guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits**

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**NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2020**

**AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA CLASSES MONDAYS**  
@ Tomaree Education Centre SALAMANDER BAY

**PRIMARY 7-11yrs 4-5pm**  
**YOUTH 12-17yrs 5-6pm**

Students study improvisation, scriptwork and performance;  
helping them gain greater self-confidence and  
building on their communication skills.

NB. O'Grady Drama is registered as a 'Creative Kids' provider.  
You can use your annual \$100 Creative Kids voucher in 2020.

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**Parent /Carer Change of Contact Information**

Childs Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/es: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother/Carer Contact Details**

Name:	
Address	
Home Phone	
Work PPhone	
Mobile	
Email	

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father/Carer Contact Details**

Name:	
Address	
Home Phone	
Work PPhone	
Mobile	
Email	

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contacts**

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Name:	
Relationship to Student:	
Home Phone	
Mobile	

2

Name:	
Relationship to Student:	
Home Phone	
Mobile	