



Principal's Report

The weeks are starting to zoom by as we make our way to the end of the year. It has certainly been busy from a school point of view with teachers writing reports, getting handover data ready for the move to different teachers in 2022, organising transition programs for our new Kindergarten and Year 6 students as they move to big school and High School, as well as teaching, assessing and the myriad of other things that are required of staff.

Platinum Awards

One of the big highlights for me over the past two weeks has been the opportunity to announce and present PBL Platinum Awards to students who have earned 200 Class Dojo points for Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. Congratulations go to Mia, Maddison, Dane and Eden for their amazing accomplishment.



Great Work by our Students

The other highlight from the past two weeks has been the opportunity to see the wonderful work that students are completing in class. Thank you to Yaroslav, Anthony, Riley and Caitlyn for coming down and showing me their work, "All about Me" and to Braxx who blew me away with what he is accomplishing in Mathematics.



I have included the beautifully descriptive writing from Laura O'Donnell who allowed me to read this yesterday. I am sure you will agree she has a real talent for writing.

Thank you to all of the teachers and students for sharing their great work with me. I am a very proud Principal.

See over page.....

THE BOTTLE

Strolling along a happy, bright beach that glistened in the sun, I reminisced the memories close to my heart. The hot, fiery sand burnt my feet each step I took. I watched white horses race down the waves into the shore as they slowly disappeared.

Everything was going well, until a huge hand grabbed my shirt and threw me into a glass bottle. I felt like an abandoned pirates' treasure. The weather turned angry as it directed a monstrous storm my way. Clouds turned dark as they explained my emotions. I reached for the top as the wind threw the bottle across the beach 4 metres.

The walls felt as if they were caving in, as claustrophobia took hold of my body. I felt like I wanted to scream but nothing came out. The bottle felt like it was getting tighter and tighter by the second. My heart started to race like a horse at the Melbourne Cup. Suddenly everything went black.

The next thing I know was waking up on shattered glass while I gasped for air. Finally, I was free...

From Laura O'Donnell

Kiss and Drop Zone

This is a VERY busy area in the morning, especially when it is raining. Thank you to the parents who have their children ready to get out of the car when they pull up in this section of the roadway. I have included a photo of the rules of this area but thankfully our parents are usually in and out of the Kiss and Drop well under the two minutes,

I will ask you to get children out of the car on the kerbside, rather than the roadside, as with cars pulling in and out there is a concern that children may go out on the road and



Staff Changes

At the writing of this newsletter I have yet to be informed who the Relieving Principal will be in 2022. This process is being run by a panel selected by the Director, Educational Leadership. As soon as I know, the staff, students and school community will be informed. There will be one more newsletter coming home in week 10, and I will saying my official goodbyes to everyone in that edition.

There are some other changes that I do need to inform you about though, as these have a direct impact on our staffing in 2022.

Congratulations to Ms Sue Holloway who was successful at merit selection for Assistant Principal – Learning Support for Grahamstown Public School. Ms Holloway had been a teacher at Tomaree Public School for a number of years and accepted an expression of interest for Cessnock West for 2021. Her experience in this role has led to a permanent position at Grahamstown Public starting next year. Well done Sue!

Congratulations to Mr Aaron Carter for successfully gaining the Assistant Principal – Curriculum and Instruction at Wiripaang Public School. Mr Carter has worked at Wiripaang PS for the past two years and has now been made a permanent member of their staff. Great work Aaron!

Congratulations to Miss Bec Rowlands who, a few days ago, was offered the permanent position through merit selection, as a classroom teacher (pending the 10-day appeal period) for Anna Bay Public School. Miss Rowlands has done an outstanding job on Stage 3 this year and has been a part of Tomaree Public School for the past 6 years. You will be missed, but I know that everyone wishes you the very best in your permanent role.

This will mean a few changes for Tomaree Public during the course of 2022.

End of Term 4 and Start dates for students in 2022

Term 4 officially ends for students across NSW on Thursday 16th December. This will also be the last day for teaching staff as they will have completed their Staff Development afternoons in lieu of working on Friday 17th December.

The two Staff Development Days at the beginning of 2022 will be held on Friday 28th January and Monday 31st January. These two days are pupil free days.

Students in Years 1 – 6 will return to school on Tuesday 1st February. Kindergarten students will undergo Best Start Testing on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with their first day at school together being Friday 4th February.

I hope the next two weeks are wonderful for you and your family.

Take care

Christene Gray

Proud Principal of Tomaree Public School

Do you need to pick your child up from school early?

On the rare occasion that parents need to pick up their children for an appointment during school hours, the most effective way is to send a letter in with your child on the day of the appointment. Please state the time you will be collecting them and the reason. The class teacher will then send your child up the office with their bag in time for you to collect them. Please remember though, that any time your child is away from the classroom they are missing out on valuable learning time. Wherever possible try to schedule appointments outside of school hours.

P&C News

Congratulations Will Doherty!

The P&C make a donation to any student who represents the school at a state level in a PSSA sport. We are excited to have finally been able to present Will Doherty with his donation towards his representation in AFL. Congratulations on your achievement from earlier in the year!



Canteen News!

Keep your eye out for information coming home soon on the "ice cream sundae" event. The canteen will be holding this special event during a lunch time, to help raise funds for the Year 6 farewell. Ice creams will need to be pre-ordered through flexischools.

Also a reminder that as we approach the end of term, some items may become unavailable in the canteen as we ensure we use up all stock on hand and aren't left with product that can't be stored over the summer holidays. The flexischool app will provide live stock quantities.

Also have a look at the special meal days that are on offer like Mexican Wednesdays to finish off the term!





Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

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+Fun for all ages and abilities
+Learn ball skills and stay active
+All girls groups where possible
+Coached by our trained Cricket NSW staff

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Sydney Sixers Holiday Programs - Greater Hunter



Who: Boys and girls welcome

Ages: Recommended ages 5-11

Inclusions: 6 hrs of fun + blast participant pack

Cost: \$69



CRICKET NSW

Programs running across the Greater Hunter:

Newcastle	Central Coast	Lake Macquarie	Singleton
Date: Monday 20th + Tuesday 21st December	Date: Thursday 13th + Friday 14th January	Date: Wednesday 19th + Thursday 20th January	Date: Monday 24th + Tuesday 25th January
Time: 9am - 12pm each morning	Time: 9am - 12pm each morning	Time: 3pm-6pm each afternoon	Time: 9am - 12pm each morning
Location: Ford Oval, New Lambton	Location: Adcock Park, Gosford	Location: Feignhan Oval, Warners Bay	Location: Cook Park, Singleton
Register: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/b37fa5	Register: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/6f9ec7	Register: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/8cc83c	Register: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/5343b4

PCYC School Holidays Aboriginal Craft Workshop With Tomorrow Dreaming



Aboriginal Craft Workshop on Mon 10th Jan & 21st Jan 2022
 9AM-3PM, \$40 PER DAY, AGES 5-12yrs,
 BRING A HAT, LUNCH, WATER & SNACKS
 Creative Kids Vouchers Accepted

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Creative Kids Summer School Holidays 2021

REDEEM YOUR CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

8AM-3PM | \$40 PER DAY | AGES 5-12YRS | BRING LUNCH, WATER, SNACKS & HAT

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 3-7 Jan 2022	CLOSED	MIXED SPORT & CRAZY CRAFT	MINUTE TO WIN & WATER PLAY	MAKE A MASK & SCOOTER FUN	MIXED GAMES & SHARPIE ART
WEEK 2 10-14 Jan 2022	ABORIGINAL CRAFT WORKSHOP	MAKE A MASK & WATERPLAY *BASKETBALL CLINIC 8-11Y	ORIGAMI & DODGEBALL *BASKETBALL CLINIC 12-16Y	SCOOTER FUN & MINUTE TO WIN IT *GYMNASISTICS CLINIC 5-8Y	MINI OLYMPICS PAPER CRAFT *GYMNASISTICS CLINIC 9-14Y
WEEK 3 17-21 Jan 2022	MIXED GAMES & CREATIVE CRAFT	CRAZY CRAFT MINI OLYMPICS *BASKETBALL CLINIC 8-11Y	MINUTE TO WIN WATER PLAY *BASKETBALL CLINIC 12-16Y	MAKE A MASK SCOOTER FUN *GYMNASISTICS CLINIC 5-8Y	ABORIGINAL CRAFT WORKSHOP *GYMNASISTICS CLINIC 9-14Y
WEEK 4 24-28 Jan 2022	OBSTACLE COURSE & CREATIVE CRAFT	MAKE A MASK & WATERPLAY	CLOSED	SCOOTER FUN & MINUTE TO WIN IT *GYMNASISTICS CLINIC 5-8Y	MINI OLYMPICS PAPER CRAFT *GYMNASISTICS CLINIC 9-14Y
SPECIALTY CLINICS:	*BASKETBALL & *GYMNASISTICS	ALL CLINIC RUN 9AM-12PM \$30 PER CLINIC	CLINIC + A HALF DAY ACTIVITY \$50		
INFO:	WATERPLAY BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES	HELMET ESSENTIAL FOR SCOOTER FUN			

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 PCYCNSW.ORG.AU/PORT-STEPHENS-NELSON-BAY/SCHOOL-HOLIDAYS


