Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

December has arrived and it is hard to believe that there is only three weeks to go until the end of the school year. There are still so many things happening around the school and still much to look forward to. This week some of the important events include:

1. Tuesday 2nd December – 6.30pm P & C Meeting
2. Wednesday 3rd December – Year 6 Orientation Day at Tomaree High School
3. Staff will also be meeting to plan for 2015 and an assembly for all children who attend scripture lessons will be held from 2.30pm
4. Thursday 4th December – our school band (under the direction of Mrs Forester and Mrs Bianca Wilson) will play at the annual Band Concert at Anna Bay Public School from 5.30pm
5. Friday 5th December – Year 5 girls will participate in Science activities with the guest presenters for Robogals. There is no cost for this activity.

2014 Presentation Day

This special event is a celebration of our students learning and achievements in 2014. We are looking forward to welcoming many special guests, parents and friends to these special assemblies. The venue is our school hall with Kindergarten – Year 2 Presentation Day beginning at 9.30am and Years 3 – 6 Presentation Day being celebrated from 11.15am. Morning Tea will be provided in the library for our special guests and our 2014 volunteers. This will give us the opportunity to say thank you to all those who have continued to support our school and help our students during the year.

“Oliver”

Ms Riley has been spending many hours with our team of talented actors, dancers and singers as they prepare for the musical performance of “Oliver”. Tickets are available for $5 each from the office for the shows that will be on next Thursday 11 December at 12.30pm and 6.00pm. You would not want to miss this amazing show.

School Choirs

K – 2, junior and senior choirs have also been practising hard for performances on Presentation Day. A combined school choir will also be performing at Nelson Bay Christmas Carols on Sunday, 14 December from 5.30pm. They have also been invited to perform for the residents of Harbourside Retirement Village tomorrow. It is wonderful for our children be contributing to community events and being able brighten someone’s day with a smile and a song.

2015 Classes

Thank you to those parents/carers who have informed me of your requests regarding class placement for your child in 2015. These requests will be taken into consideration but no promises can be made.

ATTENTION!!

Movie day note said 15 November. I hope everyone realises this is 15 December :) Apologies from the office.
Kindergarten Enrolments 2015
To assist us with planning for 2015 we are now accepting expressions of interest if your child is eligible to enrol in Kindergarten in 2015.
Please complete the form attached and return it to school and/or pass this information on to family and friends who have children who are eligible to start school in 2015.
You could also call in at school or contact us on ph. 49811007.

Canteen Helpers
Our school canteen operates with the assistance of parent helpers. Parents can assist on a rostered basis weekly, fortnightly or monthly or just help whenever they are available. New volunteers are always needed, particularly on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. If you are interested in helping in the canteen please contact the canteen on 49811007.

School Banking
The last day for school banking is Wednesday 10 December. Any prize orders will need to be in by then or you will not get your prize till next year. Cheers Mrs Bonser, School Banking Coordinator.

Year 6 Farewell HELP Needed
If there are any parents who would like to assist in helping Mr Hamshaw and Mr Bayliss please let them know. The jobs on offer are helping to purchase decorations, set up the club on the day (15 Dec) and preparing a slide show for the night. You can either see the teachers directly or leave a message in the office. Thanks.

From the Library
There will be no more borrowing from the end of week 9, which is Friday, 5 December 2014. Please make sure you return all your library books for the end of year stocktake. Mrs Swartz is good friends with Santa and said you will be on his good list if you return all your books on time … TEACHERS included! :)

Photos from the Science Fair

Merit Awards

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Around the School

NUF NUF .... Fun

Y2 Gardening

Visiting Band Performance from De La Saille Caringbah
We will be holding an adidas School Fun Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Tuesday, 29 July within the school grounds. The adidas School Fun Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students will receive a Sponsorship Form today, to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase new play equipment for the Early Stage 1 playground. We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for their effort. In the Sponsorship form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland! Students wanting to track their progress and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfun-run.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page. Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the adidas School Fun Run event day at the school on Tuesday, 29 July to help cheer on our students. If you would like to volunteer to help out on the day please contact the school on 4981 1007. Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Cara Hudson, on behalf of the P&C.