



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear all,

This Friday is the final day of school for our students and I'd like to thank everyone for a fantastic year at Tomorong Public School. It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know the school community so well over the past 12 months and I thank you for the support you have shown the students and staff. We are all very blessed to be working in such a positive, supportive environment.

### Staffing 2017

At the end of each year I like to inform parents which teachers will be on each class the following year. However, we are currently participating in a merit selection process to fill a vacant teacher position and unfortunately interviews have been delayed until this Friday. Until this is finalised we are not in a position to announce next year's classes. I hope to provide further clarity by sending a note home on Friday, outlining what the majority of teachers will be teaching in 2017. If you have unique needs that you would like to discuss with me regarding class placements, please see me over the coming days.

### Farewell Year 6

Our Year 6 students have had a fantastic week with a range of activities as they prepare to enter the next chapter of their educational journey. Importantly, they have maintained the high standard of behaviour expected from school leaders over the past few weeks and it has been lovely watching them enjoying spending time together. I wish them all the very best for high school and beyond and I know they will be missed by staff and students alike. They will always be a part of the Tomorong School family and I'm sure they will all go on to achieve great things!

### Happy Holidays

We wish all our students and their families a safe and happy holiday break surrounded by loved ones. School returns for students on Monday 30 January. Kindergarten's first full day is Wednesday 1 February, although kindergarten parents are reminded that their child will have a 'Best Start' appointment in the days before their first full day.

Stay safe and Merry Christmas.

Rod White  
Principal



COMING EVENTS - 2016 & 2017	
WEEK 10	
Thu 15 Dec	-Student Banking
Fri 16 Dec	-K-5 - End of Year Picnic <b>-Last Day for Students</b>
TERM 1 - WEEK 1 - 2017	
Fri 27 Jan	-Staff Development Day <b>-Uniform Pool Open 9am - 12pm</b>
WEEK 2	
Mon 30 Jan	-Years 1 - 6 Resume School -Kindergarten Best Start <b>-Uniform Pool Open 9am - 12pm</b>
Tue 31 Jan	-Kindergarten Best Start
Wed 1 Feb	-Kindergarten Commences
Thu 2 Feb	-School Swim Carnival

### ACHIEVEMENT RECIPIENTS END OF YEAR PICNIC

The end of year Picnic for Kindergarten to Year 5 is on this **Friday, 16 December**. Please return your permission note with payment as soon as possible. **Please note that there is no parent online payment option for this excursion.** Students will be travelling by bus (\$2 per student) which will depart at 9.15am and return to school at 2pm. Please ensure students wear appropriate clothing (mufti) and school hat. Sunscreen will be available.

**Mrs Dilley & Mrs Raymer**

### SCHOOL TERM DATES - 2017

Term 1 - Monday 30 January - Friday 7 April  
Term 2 - Wednesday 26 April - Friday 30 June  
Term 3 - Tuesday 18 July - Friday 22 September  
Term 4 - Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December



## Achievement Awards

*Congratulations to the following students who received an Achievement Award last week:*

### Maroon Achievement Awards (Eight Tall Trees)

Annabelle.

### Green Achievement Awards (Twelve Tall Trees)

Harper, Jack, Addison, Ethan P, Zara, Alyssa, Scott, Callum R, Olivia V, Nathan W, Jacob, Rhys, Tarlia and Daniel.

### Blue Achievement Awards (Sixteen Tall Trees)

Michael, Teddy, Taylah, Harry, Micah, Beau, Iluka, Scarlette, Isabella, William, Benji, Serena, Nate K, Henry, Ethan W, Oisin and Aaron.

## SPORTS SHORTS

As we draw closer to the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the students for their participation and achievements in sport. I would also like to thank the many parents who have helped with the running of our school carnivals.

This year, the Sporting Schools Program allowed our students to participate in a variety of programs. It was wonderful to see all of our students promoting a healthy lifestyle and trying new things. We look forward to continuing the Sporting Schools Program and the Premier's Sporting Challenge next year.

The Hip Hop dance program was a great success this term and it was wonderful to see so many parents attending our end of year dance performance. The children loved having a live audience and it was a fantastic way to conclude the program.

Last week's Jump Rope For Heart 'Jump Off' was a huge success and the students got to showcase their amazing skipping skills in rather warm conditions. Congratulations to all of the students who helped raise \$1994 for the Heart Foundation. Mrs Raymer tells me the prizes are on their way!

Finally, our school swimming carnival will be held at Bomaderry Aquatic Centre on Thursday 2 February, 2017 (Term 1, Week 1). A permission note will be sent home with students on the first day back at school, which is Monday 30 January, 2017.

**Mr Munn**



## SRC NEWS

### Thank You SRC and Library Monitors, 2016



On Monday, the SRC and Library Monitors had a special afternoon tea to thank them for all their hard work this year. Each and every student has worked hard and brought something special to our school through their positive attitude, dedication and giving up their time to help make Tomerong Public School the special place that it is.

Once again, a BIG THANK YOU to you all!



### SRC Talent Quest

Today the SRC held their final event for 2016, The 'Tomerong's Got Talent', Talent Quest.

The students look forward to this each year and we had a wonderful afternoon! There was a great variety of acts; singing, dancing, musical instruments and even handball. Everyone really enjoyed both performing their acts and being part of the audience.

Thank you to the SRC for all their organisation and to all the students who performed their special talent.

**Rose Darby**

### LIBRARY NEWS

A big thank you to all the students who have already returned their library books. A reminder that **ALL books must be returned this week**, as it is the end of term.

**Rose Darby**

### P&C NEWS

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the disco last Friday. A special thanks to RixMix for providing the jukebox and V&C foods for the lolly bags.

We have many wonderful ideas for providing our kids with some awesome activities and equipment next year, so any help from parents and community members would be most welcome. Even just attending a meeting is valued. Remember we are fundraising for all of our children. Have a safe and happy holiday, see you all in 2017!

**Penny Langman**

### Canteen

Thank you to all the volunteers who have given their time to help out in the canteen this year. A new roster is now on the canteen door for Term 1, 2017. If you are able to put your name down for next year, that would be greatly appreciated. Our hope is to get as many volunteers as possible to keep this great healthy canteen running for our kids in 2017.

**The Canteen Crew**

See someone at school during the holidays that you don't think should be there?

Contact School Security on 1300 880 021

# Tomerong Public School Garden Club

A special thank you to Lara and Bill Donohue who led a major revamp of our vegetable garden this year. Due to the depressing problem of lawn weeds continually spreading into the garden beds and spoiling the efforts of our little diggers, Bill came in and constructed a brand-new raised garden bed and capped it with timber to protect against the metal sides. Other parents who don't normally volunteer in the garden also pitched in to help. Many, many hours were spent on the revamp - which is greatly appreciated. Bill also helped spruce up the area with a nifty collection of garden art made by senior students using a metal laser cutter at Vincentia High School, where he works. The P&C paid for a new load of soil and the great results are obvious to anyone who pops their head around the back of the work shed for a look at how things have blossomed.

We are always needing new volunteers to keep the garden going (and growing) and we will be especially light on numbers next year and will be running only every second Friday, unless more helpers come forward.

Thanks again for all the help given throughout 2016 - especially the students who also volunteer their own lunch playtime to learn and help improve our vege patch.



Graeme Webber  
Tomerong Public School Garden Club Co-ordinator

# PRESENTATION DAY 2016



*Our Kindergarten Graduates*



*1-2R Class Awards*



*Young Leader Award*



*VHS Year 7  
All Rounder  
Award*



*1-2M Class Awards*



*Public Speaking Award*



*Principal's Award*



*3M Class Awards*



*Premier Sporting Challenge Award*



*4-5CD Class Awards*



*Year 6 gift to our school*



*Shoalhaven  
Eisteddfod*

# Presentation Day 2016



5-6N Class Awards



Bill McKinnon Memorial Literary Award



Library Awards



Sport Champions



Families Leaving Our School



New Captain's Pledge



2016 & 2017 School Captains  
Vice Captain 2017—Jemma (Absent)



School Choir



Year 6

*Farewell Year 6  
We wish you all the very best in the years to come!*

# GOLD DAY CELEBRATIONS!



2016



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