Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Principals’ Conference** - Last Thursday and Friday I attended the Regional Principals’ Conference, which was held at the Crowne Plaza in Terrigal. The conference is an important annual event that provides Principals with the latest education related research, an understanding of the many changes occurring within the Department of Education and Communities including new curriculum implementation guidelines and initiatives in school improvement. The conference also provides the opportunity to develop networks with other Principals.

**ANZAC Day Assembly** - We will be holding a commemorative ANZAC Day Assembly on Wednesday 30th April (first week back after the holidays) at 9:30am in the school hall. Guest speakers from the RSL have been confirmed for the day. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Students who would like to represent the school in the ANZAC Day march at Toukley are asked to meet Mrs Ehlers at 9:30 on Friday 25th April in the laneway near the Coles car park just off Main Rd Toukley. Full school uniform must be worn.

**Aboriginal Parent Community Meeting** - A further reminder that Aboriginal parents and carers are invited to attend a school community meeting on Friday 11th April at 10:30am in the Before and After School Care room (next to the SaCC). Items for discussion will include the Hub Homework Centre, proposed NAIDOC Week activities, the Aboriginal garden project and general school and community business.

**School Cross Country Carnival** - The annual school Cross Country Carnival was held last Friday, 4th April at school. Students in Years 3 - 6 (plus Yr 2 students that turn eight this year) competed in the races. Congratulations to all who participated and tried their best. Ribbons were presented to placegetters yesterday. Ex-student Shannon Hill a former Australian Representative, spoke to the children about perseverance and following your dreams and helped with the presentations.

**Fancy Hat Parade reminder** - The annual Fancy Hat Parade is this Friday at 11:30 am. Parents and friends are invited to watch the parade which will be held on the basketball courts if the weather allows or alternatively in the Primary COLA area. Sausage sizzle orders are now being taken at the school canteen.

**Prize winners** - The Easter Raffle was drawn today at the morning assembly. Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you for your fundraising efforts. Raine and Horne colouring competition winners were also announced this morning. Congratulations to Xavier 2V and Charlotte 6B who have won free tickets to the Royal Easter Show.

**Reminder to 3M parents and Carers** - A student in our school is currently receiving treatment which results in a lowered immune system (chemotherapy – for cancer), which means, the student is more prone to getting ill from infections. As cancer is not a contagious disease, it is important that she can actively participate in the day to day school program without any major limitations. A major concern however, is that if this student develops chickenpox, measles or influenza, she can become seriously ill. I seek your co-operation in preventing the situation.
If your child has or may have chickenpox, measles or influenza, I would ask that you please do not send them to school and notify the class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**School Holidays and Term 2 return** - Congratulations to our great students, our hardworking teachers and highly supportive parents on a wonderful first term. The last day of term 1 will be Friday the 11th April. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and I look forward to another highly productive and exciting term ahead when the **students return from holidays on Tuesday 29th April**.

Jesmond Zammit  
Principal

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 1, 2014

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### SCHOOL NEWS

**FUNDRAISER FOR DEZARAE JONES**

When: Saturday 12th April at 6.00pm  
Where: The Showroom at Wyong Rugby Leagues Club, Lake Haven Drive, Kanwal  
Cost: $15 per adult - Kids under 15 gold coin donation

You are invited to a special fundraising night to help support one of our students, Dezarae Jones who is only 8 years old and is battling against cancer. Please show your support to this beautiful girl and her family by attending this fundraising night. This is non profit and all funds raised will go straight to Dezarae’s trust fund account to help alleviate the financial burden and medical costs on her family. Doors close at 7.00pm on the night. From 6.30pm onwards there will be live entertainment, trivia, auctions and raffles, kids entertainment, face painting, crazy hair, activities and games.

For more information or if you would like to get involved, or any local businesses that would be willing to show their support please contact Sheridan Grealy on 0412957859 or Nicole Moore on 0448780001. www.facebook.com/fundraiser4dezaraejones

**KINDERGARTEN NEWS- SUPERVISOR – KIM LANSDOWNE**

**Lost property** - Mrs Lansdowne has several containers in her room that belong to Kindergarten children but unfortunately they do not have names on them. If your child has lost a container this term please come and see Mrs Lansdowne. Please ensure all your children’s belongs are labelled.

**Fancy Hat Parade** - Thank you to the families that have kindly donated materials for the children to create their own fancy hats. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you on Friday to share in the fun on Fancy Hat Day.

**Reading** - During the holidays we strongly encourage you to continue reading with your child and revise sounds and sight words.
Thank you - The Kindergarten team would like to thank you for your ongoing support during this very busy term. We wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday.

Class Awards:
KE/T – Kaden, Riley  
KL-Huntar, Montanna  
KS- Hannah, Isabella

STAGE 1 NEWS - SUPERVISOR - CATHIE BEHRINGER

Fancy Hat Parade - We will be having our annual Fancy hat parade on the last day of school this term which will be the 11th of April. All parents are welcome, it will commence at 11.30am in the hall.

Class Captain Badges - As we are nearing the end of term please bring in your class captain badges ready for the new class captains next term. We would appreciate it if you could bring them in by Monday the 7th April.

Holidays - We hope you have a relaxing safe and happy holiday and that all children come back refreshed and ready for a lovely ‘9 week’ term.

No Award winners this week due to the Fun Run for K-2 on Friday afternoon.

STAGE 2 NEWS - SUPERVISOR - BELYNDRA GRUDEN

Holidays - We wish all families a safe and happy holiday. Thank you for a fantastic term and we are looking forward to another busy term when we return.

Rewards Day - Thank you to all the families who donated supplies for Rewards Day. Well done to all students who will be attending the Rewards Day carnival tomorrow, we hope you have fun.

Hat Parade - We are looking forward to seeing parents, families and community members at our fancy hat parade on Friday from 11.30 to 12.45pm.

Class awards Week 9:
3/4B - Billy, Hezekiah, Cooper  
4H - Hope, Kereama  
3G - Seth, Brooke  
3M - Tallis, Ty  
4C - Cameron, Joel

Class awards Week 10:
3/4B - Cash, Mia  
4C - Ebbony, Jacob P  
3G - Cailan, Zoe  
3M - Eliza, Alex  
4H - Alex, Josh

STAGE 3 NEWS- Year 5 & 6 SUPERVISOR – CHARLIE CORLETT

Aussie bush camp - Just a reminder to keep regular payments coming in for your child’s camp.

Rewards Day - Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed their walk and barbecue lunch today at Peace Park. Thank you to the students for their excellent behaviour and also to the staff for organising lunch.

Thank you for your support this term, we hope you enjoy your holiday and look forward to another busy term.

CANTEEN NEWS

Easter Guessing Competition - Thank you to everyone who made our Easter Guessing Competition a great success either by donating items for our prizes or buying tickets. The money raised went towards buying an ipad for Dezarae Jones in 3M and supplying books for the library. Again thank you to everyone. The draw took place on Wednesday morning at the assembly. Congratulations to all our winners.
Canteen roster 2014 - Week 8 Term 1

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Hat Parade Sausage Sizzle - Orders have now closed for our sausage sizzle to be held on Friday 11th April at our Fancy Hat Parade. You will have the opportunity to buy one on the day after the parade.

Running down stock - The end of term is almost here. We will be running down stock. Please make sure your child has a second choice when ordering their lunch. Pies, sausage rolls and sandwiches will always be available.

Last day term 1 - Pies and sausage rolls will be the only items available to order on Friday 11th April, 2014.

P & C NEWS

Show bags & lucky dips - The P&C will have show bags and lucky dips available on the last day of school, Friday 11th April. Lucky dips will be available at lunch time on Friday 11th April for $1.00 or $2.00. Show bags will be $7.00. Please find below a list of show bags that will be available. You can pre-order a show bag for your child (so the younger children don't miss out) and it will be delivered to them on the last day of school.

Dinosaurs Alien Zone Glow-Light Ups Totally Boys
Best Friends Forever Jolly Joker Pirates Treasure Crazy Lab
Kahuna Boys Action Heroes Girly Shirley Enchanted Princess

P&C Meeting - Next term's P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 19th May, 2014 at 3.10pm in the SAC Centre. All Welcome.

Colouring competition - What a wonderful response we had with the colouring in competition this year, the standard was excellent. Congratulations to all of our winners.

THE P&C AND CANTEEN WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF GOROKAN PUBLIC SCHOOL A VERY HAPPY EASTER AND A SAFE HOLIDAY. SEE YOU IN TERM 2.

Have a safe and happy holiday