Dear Parents,

With the end of the school year now only a matter of weeks away, I’ve included dates of some of our school events to assist with your organisation. The following activities will take place over the next fortnight:

- **Year 6 will be attending an Orientation Day at Tomaree High on Thursday, December 3;**
- **Our band will be performing at the Twilight Bandstand on Thursday, December 3;**
- **Student Recognition Assembly will be held on Friday, December 4;**
- **On Friday, December 11, we’ll be holding our 2015 Celebration Day.**

Celebration Day is definitely the most significant of our yearly school events. It is a reflection on the school year and an opportunity to share the impressive talents of our students. Our Celebration Day assembly will be held in the school hall from 9:50-10:50 AM. (See program items later in this newsletter).

### Student Reports

On Friday, December 11, all students will be given their Semester 2 Student Report. The reports will be given to the children in a sealed envelope and it is expected that it will be delivered home to parents unopened. We encourage parents to read the report together with their child discussing the positives and possible goals for future improvement.

### Book Packs

To assist with your organisation for next year I have included the anticipated cost of Book Packs.

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### What’s in a Book Pack?

Book Packs include resources your child will require throughout the year including: text books, exercise books and additional equipment such as: pens, pencils, glue, ruler etc. In 2016, all Book Packs will include a subscription to an on-line mathematics program, Mathletics. Mathletics will replace maths text books and can be accessed at school and from home.

As has been the case for several years, each Book Pack includes a voluntary technology contribution. The voluntary technology contribution for 2016 will be $15.00.

Since introducing the voluntary technology contribution, we have been able to install wireless access points (Wi-Fi) across the school, purchase additional iPads, as well as replace many computers & data projectors. In 2016, we aim to replace 9 laptops and 8 computer workstations along with a further 4 data projectors.

As always, any family finding it difficult to meet these initial expenses are encouraged to apply for Student Assistance.
**Term 4 Dates**

**Term 4 – Week 9**

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**Upcoming Events & Reminders**

**Twilight Bandstand** – Band & Rock Band members

Thursday 3rd December – 5.30pm – 7.30pm. A musical showcase of all our local schools.

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**Bus Passes for 2016** – please apply on-line transportnsw.info/school-students

**Year 6 Information Update**

**Year 6 Farewell** – Monday 14th December – 6.00pm – 8.30pm, Soldiers Point School Hall. Parents & friends welcome to attend the Presentation Ceremony beginning at approx. 6.15pm. **Dress Code: Smart/Casual**

**Tomaree High School Orientation Day**

Thursday 3rd December. Students will travel by bus departing at 9.00am.

**Orientation Forms** for Tomaree High School to be completed and returned to school by Thursday 3rd December, otherwise forms will need to be returned to the high school.

**Cinema Day** – Tuesday 15th December see note sent home.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**Week 9 – Recognition Assembly**

**K-6 at 1.30pm**

**SRC hosting**

**K-6 Celebration Day Assembly**

**Friday 11th December**

**9.50am**
Thinkfest 2015

Last Tuesday, 5/6SB travelled to Cessnock West Public School to participate in the annual Thinkfest challenge. The students competed against 10 other Opportunity Classes from across the Hunter and Central Coast and achieved some outstanding results.

Thinkfest involves each OC being split into four teams, each tackling a different problem and presenting the solution in the form of a five minute skit. Each group is required to design and make their own backdrop, prop, movie trailer, write a script, rehearse and make sure that they have a detailed video diary, documenting their learning journey.

Congratulations to all the students in 5/6SB for their wonderful results, but most importantly for their dedication, hard work and effort they placed into Thinkfest!

This year 5/6SB received awards in the following categories:

- **Maths** – Category Winner, Best Script, & Best Skit Solution
- **English** – Category Winner
- **Science & Engineering** – Category Runner Up & Best Performance Skills.

Celebration Day – Friday 11th December from 9.50am

The following items will be included in our Celebration Day to showcase our students’ talent and achievements.

- **Welcome by Captains**
- **National Anthem**
- **Concert Band**
- **Principal’s Address**
- **Slideshow**
- **Senior Choir**
- **P&C Report**
- **Rock Band**
- **Induction of SRC**
- **Senior Girls Dance Group**
- **Early Stage 1 Performance**

All families and friends are welcome to attend.

Please note that the order and items may vary due to changing circumstances.
P&C news

Meetings (final meetings of 2016!)
Next SIFC meeting: Wednesday 2nd December at 7pm.
Next P&C meeting: Tuesday 8th December at 7pm.
All welcome in the Admin Building.

Kindy 2016 orientation
Tea and Tissues is being held on Kindy’s first day – Wednesday 3rd February from 8.30-10.30am. This is a great opportunity to welcome the new families to SPPS.
If you are currently a Year 1 or 2 parent and would like to help out with time and/or food donations, please let us know. A note will be coming home this week with more details.

Twilight Bandstand
Some terrific prizes have been organised by Trish Bray for the upcoming Twilight Bandstand at SPPS. The raffle prizes include:
- Jack’s Music have donated a ukulele with soft case
- Muso’s Corner have donated an acoustic guitar with hard case, and
- Lizotte’s have donated a voucher for a Dinner & Show.
Tickets will be on sale at the Twilight Bandstand event held at SPPS on Thursday 3rd December. Prices are 1 ticket for $2 or 3 tickets for $5.
If you’re not coming to the Bandstand Event but would like to buy some raffle tickets, please let us know. (Anna 0414 672 252 or Trish 0425 336 934.) Or let us know via our Facebook page!

School canteen
For anyone who has helped out in the canteen:
The canteen committee would like to invite you to a morning tea to thank you for your support.
Tuesday 8 December at 9.30am at the school COLA.
Thank you to Leanne Benbow, Michelle Campbell, Deanne Cosgrove, Cassandra Butterworth, Rebekah Newell and Karen Jones for all their help over the last two weeks.
Roster:
Mon 30/11 Karen Jones, Leanne Benbow
Wed 2/12 Michelle Campbell, Deanne Cosgrove
Thu 3/12 Yr. 6: Halle N, Cheyenne U
Fri 4/12 Deanne Cosgrove, Rebekah N, Danielle Whitmore
Mon 7/12 Cassandra Butterworth

Uniform shop
The Uniform Shop is open:
- Tuesday from 8.30–9.30am and
- Friday from 2.15–3.15pm.

Creative Play Spaces update
Works for the new play equipment are starting early in January, with the playground installation happening in early 2016.
Come to our next School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC) meeting on Wednesday 14th December to get the latest update.

Our school community is committed to providing a supportive learning environment fostering respect, creativity and resilience.