You Can Do It!

Focus for Week 3 & 4 - Confidence

The ability to believe in yourself. To work independently and have an optimistic outlook and recognise making mistakes as part of authentic learning.

Believe you can and you’re halfway there

Theodore Roosevelt

Principal’s Pen

All classes have settled in well and are working hard already. Thank you to all students and parents for your support.

Our new Kindies are amazing. Miss McCaw has been very busy teaching new routines and supporting the students make a happy transition into big school. We are thrilled at how quickly they have settled into school life.

We welcome all our new families to the school. Please ask as many questions as needed to help you settle in. This year to help support families to return notes promptly, we will be trying a colour system, any note that needs to be re-turned to school will be sent home on blue paper.

Yesterday we held our Leaders Induction Assembly. Our Leaders and Sport House Leaders read their pledges and received their badges.

Our new Leaders are: School Captain Beau Gerrard and Vice-Captain Trinity Condran. Sport House Leaders: Macquarie Captain Alex Petersen and Vic-Captain Letyon Tangitau, Munibung Captain Tristan Branch and Vice-Captain Jaxon Cotton. I am looking forward to beginning their leadership journey with them.

Our Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow, Friday 12th February. Please remember this event requires private transport and it is up to each family to get their children to the pool. Students need to meet Mrs Jones at Toronto pool by 9.30 and be signed out and collected by 2pm.

Whole School Assemblies will be held in even weeks, our next assembly will be in Week 4 on Thursday afternoon from 2.30 to 3.00 in the hall. All parents are invited to join us, please note the changed date.

To ensure all parents receive information in a timely manner, our newsletters will be sent home on Wednesday afternoons from now on, on odd weeks. The next newsletter to go out on a Wednesday will be the 24th February.

Don’t forget the next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 23rd February at 3:15 in the Art room.

Louise Wrightson
Principal
PROCEDURES FOR LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

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DATES TO REMEMBER:
- Friday 12th Feb: Small Schools Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 16th Feb: Zone Swimming Carnival (Speers Point Pool)
- Tuesday 16th & 23rd February: Breakfast Club, School Hall 8.15—8.45am
- Thursday 18th February: School Assembly
- 23rd March: School Photos
- 24th March: Easter Hat Parade/Harmony Day
- 25th – 28th March: Easter Break
- Friday 8th April: Last Day Term 1
- Monday 25th April: Anzac Day
- Tuesday 26th April: Pupil Free Day
- Wed 27th April—Students Resume
- School Anzac Svce

NEW ROOM FOR P & C UNIFORM SHOP
The P & C Uniform Shop has its own new room and can now be found next door to the Fair Play OOSH in the adjacent building to our main classroom areas.

The Uniform Shop will be manned every Tuesday morning from 8.45 am to 9.30 am.

If you have any enquiries you can contact the Office or for more information contact Karen McCraw on 0407 494 857.

ORDERS FOR WINTER BOMBER JACKETS
If anyone would like to purchase a Boolaroo Public School Woollen Bomber Jacket

The price is $38.00
(Money to be in by 26th Feb please)

The P&C will need money up front as well as size please.

Any enquiries: Karen McCraw (0407 494 857)

SCHOOL BANKING COORDINATOR
REQUESRED FOR THIS YEAR.

This is a voluntary position.
Banking is done Monday
but can be processed any day
during the school week.
Training is provided.

Please let the office know if you are interested.

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BOOK PACKS PAYMENTS

Payments for Book Packs are now due.
The cost of Book Packs for ALL students are $30.00 for 2016.
Book Packs include essentials for each student to participate in all areas of schooling and include items such as Thumb Drives, Books, colouring pencils etc.

If you would like a payment option for paying off the Book Packs please contact the Office.

Book Packs will be given out to students who have paid their money on Monday 15th February.
Welcome to the Starfish!

We have been very busy settling in and creating our class rules, routine and responsibilities. This term in English, we are focusing on imaginative writing. We are studying the film Shrek (2001). In Maths we will be working with all types of numbers, 2D & 3D Space, Area, Length, Chance, Data, Volume & Capacity, Time, Mass and Position. Through Geography we will learn about Australia and Asia as well as World Population. Science will have us exploring and investigating a range of learning activities that look at Using and Conserving Resources through the Physical World. Everyone voted for what type of PE we would take part in for this term and this resulted in dance. We are very fortunate to be learning African Drumming for the music strand of Creative Arts. Sport is consisting of a variety of athletics activities such as discus, shot put, relay’s and running events.

Mrs Mel Jones and all my wonderful students!!

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2nd Hand Shoes

I was picked up hardly as Sam was storming out of his room “ MUM WHERE’S MY CEREAL!” screamed Sam in a bad mood. “ There’s some toast in the toaster hon” said Mum in a calm voice. The argument continued. As Sam was screaming at his Mum his Dad burst in and broke up the argument. I’ve got to say I’ve been 2nd hand to many families but never have I ever been across an more unorganised family than this. About 20 minutes later we were finally on our way to school. On the bus to school I had to sit next to the bullies shoes but on the bright side Benny’s shoes were on the seats across to me so I talked to Benny’s shoes on the way. Once the day was over I overheard a conversation about getting new shoes at first I wasn’t to worried because this has happened to me many times before until I heard I wasn’t been given back to the 2nd hand store but to the trash! I knew that I needed to be out before the morning comes or I’ll be just another piece of crunched rubber.

So that’s where my journey began. Waited for the bus then I was out. The bus only went as far as Cardiff and I needed to be in Boolaroo by sun down. I met a few homeless shoes on the way but they only helped me to as far as Dominoes. While we were there we sneaked some pizza in and then I said bye then I was back on the road. It was a hard journey nearly got hit by lightning twice got chucked in the sewer at McDonalds but by the time it hit 4 o’clock I was at the Salvation Army in Boolaroo. Days pasted but no one bought me until at about 3pm after the school bell rang for the 3rd time that day. A bunch of kids wearing a blue uniform that went by the name Lachlan, Beau and Tristan walked into the store and for the 11th time in my lifetime I was 2nd hand to the Gerrards.

By Beau Gerrard
STUDENT PROFILE of THE WEEK

Beau Gerrard—Year 6

These are the things I like to do:

* Art—I am great at sketching
* Maths—I like division because I know my tables and it’s easy
* Sport—It’s fun
* Rugby—I’d like to make a career out of it
* BMX riding—I can ride with all my friends at the local BMX tracks.

My favourite foods are:

# Pizza—It’s got to be Hawaiian
# Bacon & Egg sandwich
# Weetbix
# Chicken Schnitzel
# I like chocolate but unusually I don’t like lollies

I would say I am a sporty person who is always up for having a go at new things. I always try to be friendly, helpful and cheerful especially at school now I am the School Captain. My favourite colour is blue—most people like it too!!

JELLYFISH NEWS

The Jellyfish have had a wonderful time settling into school over the past week. We have been learning our classroom routines and every student has been demonstrating how to be a respectful and responsible class member.

The Year One students have been fabulous helpers to our new Kindergarten students and it is great to see everyone getting along so well. We are looking forward to having lots of fun and learning plenty of new things this year!

Miss McCaw

SEAHORSES CLASSROOM NEWS

We have been very busy since returning to school this year. We’ve been doing lots of reading and writing and working on addition and subtraction. We have also done some beautiful artwork that we have hanging in the room. Please feel free to come and have a look at it, the students would be very proud to show it off. All of the students have been very helpful in assisting Mrs Wilkinson in settling in and she is having a great time getting to know everyone.

Mrs Geres and Mrs Wilkinson
It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include book packs, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called ‘Other’ which covers items not covered in the previous headings. ‘Other’ can also be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number but, as these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office on 4958 1479.
Application

1. When do applications for 2016 commence?
Online applications for School Opal are accepted all year round for travel in that school year. The application form can be found at www.transportnsw.info/school-students.

2. Is the School Opal card replacing the School Student Transport Scheme?
School Opal cards will be provided to eligible students as part of Transport for NSW’s School Student Transport Scheme, one of the most generously subsidised travel programs in Australia, providing more than $550 million to fund around 80 million trips taken by NSW school students to and from school annually. Through this scheme Transport for NSW helps get students to school and home safely, and helps keep cars off the road at peak periods.

3. Will parents, guardians and students need to apply for the School Opal card for 2016 if they hold a current 2015 school travel pass?
Most students who already have a school student travel pass don’t need to apply for the School Opal card. A card will be automatically issued and sent to the student’s school at the beginning of the school year in 2016.

4. Who should apply for the School Opal card?
Parents, guardians and students should apply for the School Opal card if the student is travelling between home and school within the Opal network and meets the SSTS eligibility criteria and:
- has not had a travel pass before
- is moving from Year 2 to Year 3 (change to the minimum walking distance eligibility)
- is moving from Year 6 to Year 7 (change to the minimum walking distance eligibility)
- is changing school or campus
- is changing address
- as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

5. What is the application process for a School Opal card?
Applicants will need an email address to complete the form.
Step 1. Parents/guardians (or students aged 16 or over) first fill in the online application form at www.transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2. Print and sign the form and submit to the school for endorsement.
KIP MCGRATH TORONTO – NOW OPEN

I am delighted to announce my new Kip McGrath centre opening 2 February to assist your child in all areas of Maths, English, Reading, Spelling and Comprehension.

I am located at Unit 3, 8 The Boulevarde, Toronto. I am taking bookings now for FREE assessments.

Please phone me on 49454112 or 0422907325 to book your assessment or for further information.

Sue Felsinger
Extracurricular Art Classes are available at Lake Macquarie Art Gallery. The program changes each term. This is the link to their website: [http://artgallery.lakemac.com.au/learn/art-classes/childrens-weekly](http://artgallery.lakemac.com.au/learn/art-classes/childrens-weekly)

For Primary School students:

**ART CLUB**

6 x 1 hr sessions  
Tuesdays 4-5pm  
9 February—15 March  
Term Fee: $60 per student  
Participating sibling half price  
Level: Yrs 1-4  
Places available.

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**Good for Kids good for life**

**PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX**

Many products marketed as being a healthy lunchbox addition can be high in sugar and fat, and low in nutrients. Here are some healthy options to consider swapping in your child’s lunchbox:

- An apple or banana instead of a fruit roll-up.
- Swap chips for unsalted air-popped popcorn.
- Include low-fat plain milk instead of drinks high in sugar such as sports drinks and fruit drinks with less than 99% juice.
- Swap sugary snacks, such as cake or biscuits, for a low-fat plain/fruit-based yoghurt.
- Use wholemeal or multi-grain bread instead of white bread for sandwiches.

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**SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES**

Penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2015

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- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $319 + 2 points  
- STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing: $425 + 2 points  
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $177 + 2 points  
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: $531
OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2016

Beau Gerrard—Captain

Trinity Condran—Vice Captain

Our Sport Leaders for 2016

Munibung: Tristan Branch (Captain)
Jaxon Cotton (V.C.)

Macquarie: Alex Petersen (Captain)
Leyton Tangitau (V.C.)
Leaders Induction Assembly