CLASS OF THE WEEK—KINDERGARTEN
What a fantastic start to the year Kindergarten is having. We have been busily working on being independent workers in the classroom. We follow our school routines and are always courteous to other classes when moving through the school. Students have learnt many Literacy activities and always visit our must do activity each morning. Students have started guided reading and guided writing in small groups with the teacher and are concentrating on one to one matching, letter formation and hearing and recording sounds in words.
In Mathematics we have been busy looking at counting numbers and making and continuing patterns. Students have learnt how to count forwards and backwards and have made their own number line to help identify numbers that come before and after other numbers. We have learnt that many different patterns can be made with the same objects, whether it is numbers, colours or shapes.
As part of Literacy and Maths groups in Kindergarten, students have been given the opportunity to explore and interact with educational applications on an iPad. Students are really engaged in these quality activities which have helped improve their understanding of concepts that we have already learnt.
In HSIE we are studying a unit called ‘Me and My Family’. Students have participated in discussions about family members and their relationships. We have learnt that different family members play different roles within our family and are all important to us.
Kindergarten looks forward to learning more new and exciting things and working hard.

Kylie Jackson, Emma Pezet,
Alex Tomlinson, Trudy Pauley
Class Teacher Teachers

This week we have been concentrating on getting students settled as they enter and exit the classroom. This creates an environment where students are ready for learning and teachers can maximise this time. Unfortunately in many cases this is hindered by students arriving late in the mornings, up to 20 mins. This time is valuable when you consider students are only in rooms learning 4 hour 45 mins per day. Unfortunately the other problem we are experiencing is parents who are taking this valuable time to talk to the class teacher. If you have anything that is urgent then it is more appropriate to speak to someone in the front office who will be able to help you or make an appointment to see the class teacher at a mutual time.

Next week we have our school photos and this is a time where we ask you to ensure your child is in the correct uniform, including school shoes and socks, hair done neatly and the biggest smiles on faces. This year we are aware we will have a mixture of uniforms in some class photos however we are hoping that our new beautiful colours are the highlight. If you have been waiting for the new tops to arrive they are now readily available and we would like to encourage you to purchase these before the photos are taken.

We have two major fund raisers in the next few weeks that we would like students to support, the first being our P&C mufti for an Easter egg. This was extremely popular last year and ensured we had the biggest and best Easter Egg raffle. Students Preschool to Year 6 can wear mufti on Friday 15th March and instead of donating a gold coin are asked to donate an Easter egg. Let’s all get involved and make this year even bigger and better than last year.

The second celebration is Harmony Day which has the theme Many Stories—One Australia. On this day all children will be participating in activities that celebrate diversity in our school, community and Australia. On this day students can wear an orange shirt instead of their school one for a donation of a gold coin. This day is organised by staff and the school’s SRC who will then survey classes to determine where the profits of this day should be sent. This is a fantastic opportunity for our SRC leaders to show initiative.

Narelle Armour—Principal
SCHOOL PHOTOS
Class and individual photos for Preschool—Year 6 are on this Monday 11th March. All students should be in full school uniform including shorts and shoes. It will be especially pleasing to see so many students in our new school uniform for these photos this year. All students will have their individual photo taken on the day. Family photos are also available. Please see your class teacher if you have not received a special envelope.

By now your child should have received and returned their envelope to the office. It is important to ensure that if you are paying by cash that the exact money is placed into the envelope.

Office staff are collecting, but are not responsible for school photo payments. This is handled by The School Photographer. Payments can be made online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au or by contacting The School Photographer on (02) 9674 9824.

The second day for Preschool photos and any students absent on Monday 11th March will be on Friday 5th April.

HARMONY DAY
This year’s Harmony Day theme—Many Stories—One Australia will be celebrated on Thursday 21st March. Students are asked to wear something orange and to bring in a gold coin donation, which will be given to a charity decided by the SRC. Students will participate in various activities on this day. Orange food will be available from the canteen. Food will range in price from 40¢ to $1.50.

CHOCOLATE WHEEL
the Chocolate Wheel will spin each Wednesday at recess until the end of Term 1. There will be 3 spins—$1, 50¢, or 20¢. Lots of great prizes. All money raised goes to PBL rewards.

NETBALL
Toukley Netball Club is looking for 8—12 year old players to join teams. For information call Heather on 435 718 111.

NORTHLAKES RUGBY UNION CLUB
Free TRY RUGBY / REGO nights will run on 15th and 22nd March, 6.00 to 7.30pm at Slade Park Budgewoi with a sausage sizzle, soft drinks and free rugby showbags. Come along and check out your local club. For more information phone Sarah on 0424 612 306.

KINDERGARTEN 2014 INFORMATION EVENING
Do you know someone starting school in 2014? We are holding our Kindergarten 2014 Information evening on 3rd April at 6pm. Please come along and find out what exciting programs Toukley Public School has to offer your child. Child minding is available.

BUSH TUCKER GARDEN
The preschool is busy working on developing a bush tucker garden in addition to our existing vegetable and flower gardens. Some of our preschool Dads have helped by clearing the grounds in preparation. The bush tucker plants have been identified and sourced in conjunction with a local Elder and should be ready to plant next week. The children have used spray art to decorate red, black and yellow hand prints leading into the garden. Stay tuned for more news on our progress.

Sharon Buck
UNIVERSITY TESTS—2013
This year for the first time Year 2 students will be able to sit the English and Mathematics tests. The tests are voluntary and there is an entry fee which is outlined below. Students can participate in any or all of the tests. 

Fees must be paid to the office by the closing date so that tests can be ordered.

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HEALTH ISSUES—SCABIES
Scabies is an infestation of the skin by tiny parasitic mites, which burrow under the skin where they live and reproduce. The most common symptom is intense itching. Scabies mites are transmitted from skin-to-skin contact with aninfested person. Less commonly, they are passed through sharing a towel, clothes or a bed.

It is hard to prevent the transmission of scabies because they are easily caught from close contact. After treatment, you can prevent further outbreaks of scabies by washing all clothing and linen that may have come into contact with the mites.

2013 STATE DANCE WORKSHOPS
Nominations are now open for the 2013 Years 2—4 State Dance Workshops. These workshops have been developed in response to a large demand for dance experiences for students in Years 2-4. The Years 2-4 Dance Workshops are an excellent opportunity for students with talent and skills in dance to develop in this art form.

When: Thursday 14th March (Years 2-3)  
Friday 15th March (Year 4)
Where: Sydney Dance Company Studios, Walsh Bay
How Much: Years 2-3—$50.00  
Year 4—$62.50

For further information please contact Susan Rix on 8512 1179 or susan.rix@det.nsw.edu.au.
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