CLASS OF THE WEEK—5/6A
Wow!!!! It is March already and we have been at school for 8 weeks. It has gone so quickly because of all the work we have covered so far this year. 5/6A students are beginning to develop into motivated, independent workers and are certainly ready for the challenges that this year will bring their way.

Our Year 5 students have been involved in a one day Road Safety program – CARES. They had a great day and many of them learnt how to ride their bikes more safely on our roads. In PDHPE we have been doing a Road Safety program so this has fitted in perfectly.

Next week is the first of our Year 6 High School lessons. The students are really looking forward to spending the time in a lesson to see what high school will be like.

Our class is reading a variety of texts with one of the literacy groups expressing an interest in reading Northern Lights, which is the name of the book the film The Golden Compass was adapted from. They are really enjoying the story and are looking forward to viewing the movie again.

Our Maths groups and activities are providing a variety of learning experiences for the whole class. They are enjoying the work they are asked to participate in during the maths group sessions.

This week we are celebrating Harmony Day. The students are involved in making an Art Quilt and our class is using Australian slang as our focus. We will also be involved in group activities highlighting the multiculturalism of our nation.

We hope you all have a wonderful, fun filled learning experience at Toukley Public School this year.

Anitra Gurnill—Class Teacher

What an amazing sight it was today with our students and staff in orange, this was part of our Harmony Day celebrations. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. This year all students have participated in making a family emblem that will be taken home and shared with family. Other activities include cultural hands that will be displayed within the classroom and cultural games. Many thanks to Natalie Weeks, Caitlain Smith and Jo Stopps.

Since our last newsletter we have also held our P&C AGM. I would like to personally thank all of the outgoing P&C executive for their hard work and commitment to our school over the last twelve months. Many of these members have given years of service and have made significant contributions. To the new executive and I would like to congratulate you on your position and look forward to working with you over the next 12 months.

Congratulations to;
President - Ross Lord
Vice President - Sarah Smith
Secretary - Tomiko Barrett
Treasurer - Nerine Tabrett
Fund Raising - Kath Lord and Sally Barone

It was wonderful to hear all of the great stories from our Year 6 students who attended their first high school transition day, this will be an ongoing activity which allows students to sample lessons. Each Year 6 class will be attending Gorokan High School on a Thursday every 4 weeks to undertake science, English or maths lessons. By all reports our students displayed beautiful manners and represented our school with pride.

Dogs in School Grounds
The New South Wales Companion Animals Act states that dogs are PROHIBITED in SCHOOL GROUNDS (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). Any visitor to the school is not able to bring their dog into the school grounds but may remain with their leashed dog on the footpath outside the school gates. The exceptions are Assistance dogs that are specifically trained to assist those who are sight or hearing impaired. I thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Narelle Armour—Principal
PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE

LEADERSHIP DAY

Last Thursday, 10 students from Years 5 and 6 attended a sports leadership day at Blue Haven Public School. The attending students were not selected on their sporting ability alone, but rather a willingness to be seen as a leader on the sporting field.

Students rotated from station to station learning, whilst participating in, games and sports across all different levels. Sports included; golf, football, ultimate Frisbee, touch footy and cricket.

The idea of the day was to enhance the leadership skills of students and empower them with the knowledge and skills to be able to return to school and successfully facilitate sport sessions with classes and small groups to help encourage ALL students to be healthy and active.

The students were a pleasure to take into the community and were excellent ambassadors of what Toukley Public School has to offer.

Keep your eye out for Mr Curran and Miss Faulkner as they help run Premier’s Sporting challenge activities with Toukley Public School’s skilled sports leaders.

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics started last week and we had a fabulous response. More than 300 children attended and judging by the smiles on their faces, a fantastic time was had by all. The children were engaged in numerous activities to develop co-ordination and strength. The parallel bars and mini-trampoline proved to be very popular across all age groups. The children will continue to participate in various activities over the next four weeks as a part of this exciting program.

TOUKLEY SENIOR CITIZENS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

On the 20th March the school leaders, Tara, Ashli, Kirra, Joel, Lucee, Harry and the Preschool children went to a ceremony at the Toukley Senior Citizens club to celebrate their 35th Anniversary. Lucee Thompson and Harry Packham presented a speech congratulating the Senior Citizens for their 35th Anniversary.

The Preschool entertained the audience with songs and dance which was appreciated by the senior citizens and all who were present.

By Lucee Thomson and Harry Packham

AUSTRALIA’S FIRST COLOURED COMMEMORATIVE COIN!

For a $10 donation the $2 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation. The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict.

All funds raised go to support vital RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans’ and serving Defence personnel and their families. Contact RSL National Office on 6248 7199 or go to www.rsl.org.au.
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 to enable test papers to be ordered.

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**MULTIPLICATION TIMES TABLES**


**UNIVERSITY TESTS—2013**

April is Autism Awareness month! Autism is a complex developmental disorder that affects a person’s ability to communicate and interact with others.

Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a wide-spectrum disorder which means that no two people with Autism will have exactly the same symptoms. Many people with an Autism Spectrum disorder have sensory sensitivities, often experience overwhelming anxiety, frustration and confusion and also have an intellectual disability.

Studies show 1 in 160 Australians have an Autism Spectrum disorder (ASD) and that it is more prevalent in boys than girls. Autism lasts a lifetime and there is currently no known cure for Autism.

**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.
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Toukley Netball Club
Players needed to fill teams in 8 year, 10 year and 12 year old age groups. For more information contact Heather on 0435 718 111.

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