Welcome to our final newsletter for 2012. The saying “time flies when you are having fun” certainly describes this year. We have shone brightly in all areas of campus life at all levels including the individual, campus, local, state and national levels. There is no doubt about it – Tumbi Rocks!!!

We finish the term with a week of celebrations and ceremonies showcasing the brilliant achievements of students, staff and community of this campus. The week really has been a fine example of how we are all “Standing Tall” to make every student’s future the best it can possibly be.

Presentation Day

Congratulations to all award winners who have had the opportunity to showcase their individual achievement across such a wide range of areas at this great campus. We do truly set out to answer the real education question – “How is this child smart?”

During the presentation we were treated to fine performances from all areas of our creative and performing arts programs. Creativity is a key area of education and it is essential to the development of the whole person.

We congratulated students on their academic, sporting and wellbeing achievements, recognising personal improvement, attendance, citizenship, community participation and teamwork. Our students are said to be “punching above their weight” given their age. We know they are great and are never surprised by what they know, can do and achieve!

It was a pleasure to announce the names of our Student Leaders Council Elect for 2013 during Presentation Day. We will formally induct the following students to their positions early in 2013

Year 8 – Isabella Watts, Zoe Hallam, Zac Neville, Ben Van der Kley
Year 9 – Tim Wallace, Bradley Woodward, Bree Fidgeon and Jaime Harvey
Aboriginal Student Leaders – Jacob Bell and Grace Langley
Support Unit Leaders – Sarah Morris and Tony Heginbotham
Captains – Maddison O’Gradey-Lee and Riley O’Keeffe
Vice Captains – Anna Lindgren and Blake Cameron
Sports Captains – Holly Lees and Michael Willers

Year 10 Graduation Assembly

We farewelled our wonderful Year 10 students in style at both their formal and the Graduation Assembly. Congratulations are extended to Mr Armstrong and Mrs Westwood for their work in being the favourite aunt and uncle of our Year 10 students since Year 7 in 2009. They have been supportive professionally by Mr Hill, committed Deputy Principal for Year 10. All three have established great relationships with these fine young people. It has been satisfying and professionally rewarding being a part of the development of mature, responsible members of our local and national community.

Our campus continues to grow academically with students achieving strong results in all areas. As part of the ceremony we announced the Top Ten students including the Campus Dux for 2012 -

Top Ten - James Dickson, Brenton Francis, Ziling Phu, Amanda Cameron, Aaron Harvey, Mikayla Gregory, Abbey Smith, Hayley Morgan, Cassandra Morgan and Bradley Hart

Campus Dux – Bradley Hart

Congratulations to these wonderful academic leaders. We look forward to seeing them and all graduating students continue their academic growth and achievement in Years 11 and 12.

National Award

On December 6th I had the great honour of attending the Australian Teaching and School Leaders Awards in Adelaide as the NSW Secondary Principal of the Year finalist, joined by Mrs Deb Hannon Principal The Entrance PS as the NSW Primary Principal Finalist. Having two principals from one local area is unheard of in these awards. We were both proud to represent our schools, local community, colleagues and the wonderful public education system of NSW. Between us, we have over 50 years teaching and leadership experience building strong relationships with those we are fortunate to support and nurture.

I returned to campus on Monday as the humble yet honoured Australian Secondary Principal of the Year. The response from students, community, colleagues (past and present), media and strangers has been incredible.

This award represents the dedication of an amazing team at this campus all of whom share my passion for children and their right to the best education possible and a remarkable family who support me every day. Please accept my personal thanks for your kind words and your continued and valued support for what we are all doing for your children and our students every day. I look forward to continuing to work with our great students, staff and community long into the future.

In closing, and on behalf of all the wonderful staff of the campus, we wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for a magnificent 2012.

Warmest wishes for a safe, relaxing and peaceful holiday season

Proud principal
Shayne Player

Return Dates for 2013

Staff only – Tuesday 29 January
Year 7 only – Wednesday 30 January
All Years – Thursday 31 January – students will return in their Sport uniform ready to do Sport on Thursday 31 January.

Farewell and Thank You

This year we farewelled two great educators who have contributed so much to this campus. Ms Cathy Scully (Science) and Mr Duncan McCubbin (Head Teacher Support) have decided to move to retirement to enjoy life from a different angle. Their contribution to this campus has been highly significant in so many areas. We all value and thank them for the service they have given to young people throughout their careers. They will be missed; however, their legacy and love of their subject will continue to influence their students long after formal lessons are finished!
It’s been a very busy time over the last few weeks and the temperature is rising! Games of Cricket, Hockey, Softball and T-ball on the oval and in our new cricket nets gets warmer and warmer. We hope you continue to “Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap” in the Christmas holidays.

Our U15’s Netball team has been defeated by Burwood Girls in the State Knock-Out last month, but all of the girls are to be congratulated on their performance and their attitude. Congratulations to Monique Dewar, Samantha Judge, Hannah Moller, Lyla Williamson, Grace Bolton-Wood, Jasmine Campbell and Nakia Petrou.

In Waterpolo, both teams represented the school well. The boys were simply ‘out-muscled’ by older players but gave it a good shot. Well done to Brad Woodward, Matena Tangitu, James Dickson, Braydon Mills, Joel Taylor Jayden Rae and Luke Besley.

The girls were strong and made it through to the grand final. Unfortunately they lost a nail biting game by one goal to Terrigal. Congratulations to Gemma Eager, Samantha Judge and Paige Verrencamp for their efforts!

Next year in 2013, our Campus Swimming Carnival is on Tuesday 12th February, and PDHPE will commence with Fitness Testing followed by Cross Country.

Ms Templeton

In the lead-up to Christmas, the SLC have taken up a fundraising challenge. The SLC have formed two groups, and each group must design, plan, organise and implement their own fundraiser using all the leadership skills they have developed throughout 2012.

Each group member has volunteered to take on jobs and tasks based on their individual strengths and interests.

One group designed a Cupcakes and Candy Canes Day which was held in Week 9. The other group will sell a variety of Christmas treats including rocky road and cookies in Week 10.

All money raised will go towards student facilities, which will be decided upon once we see how much money is raised.

As the SLC co-ordinator, I have been extremely impressed with the initiative, enthusiasm and organisational skills of both groups. The SLC should certainly be proud of the way they represented their peers this year! It has been fantastic working with such a motivated and inspiring group of students.

Kristina Jones
SLC Co-ordinator

The annual TLSC surfing competition was held at Shelley Beach. Now in its 5th year the event was once again hailed a success by all involved. The event caters for both surfers and body boarders in both male and female divisions.

The event aims to foster surfing within the college and allow teachers to get a grasp of the surfing talent for the following years surfing events which include Surfest and the Central Coast School Surfing Titles. It is also a great opportunity for students and staff from all 3 campuses to get together for the day to discuss all aspects of the college surfing program.

Up to 60 surfers hit the water to show off their skills in the surf. It was fantastic to see everybody having such a great time in the water and also showing interest into how to run a surfing competition.

Tumbi campus across the line to take out the champion school award from a close finishing Berkeley Vale in 2nd and The Entrance 3rd. Our students dominated the competition with Jayden Ray taking out the opens men’s surfing, Cade White took out the junior boys and Gemma Eager won the girls body boarding, (literally creating her own division).

A big thank you to Shelley Beach Mal Club who supplied equipment and their expertise on the day, their input was very much appreciated.

See you all next year.

Mr Chittick

Homework Centre

Day: Wednesdays
Venue: Library
Time: 2:20-3.50pm
Bus: A bus leaves at 4pm to most areas.
Staff: Tumbi teachers will be in attendance.
(Note: If a student needs attention from particular teachers they need to arrange that with those teachers).

For more details please ring the school: 43856802
HALF MARATHON AND FUN RUN

On Sunday 25th November the Be Strong, Be in Control boys participated in the Central Coast Half Marathon and 10km Fun Run. They certainly did Tumbi proud!

A special mention goes to Jaydan Hennessey who came 1st in his age division!! Brodyn Mills is also deserving of congratulations as he came an extremely close 2nd (pipped at the post, missing out on 1st by 1 second) in his age division which included young men up to 19 years old.

The boys who ran the 21.1km half marathon were: Jake Page, Brodyn Mills, James Dickson and Adam Beers.

The boys who ran the 10km were: Liam Abbot, Zac Gilbert, Ayden Flynn, Sebastian Harvey, Jay Ritchie-Fowler, Jaydan Hennessey and Mika Tapuvae.

A huge thanks to the staff who came along to show the boys their support. Ms Dalcol, Ms Westwood, Mr Willis, Mr McGuire and Mrs Hale ran the race whilst Mrs Rumpler, Mrs Carpenter and her lovely husband cooked up a storm to feed the hungry troopers. Of course none of this would have been possible without the training and support the boys have had under the guidance of Mr Pinczuk, Mr Rumpler and Mr Olzomer.

The boys all put in a huge effort with every one of them trying their absolute hearts out to get over that finish line.

Thanks again to all those involved. It's great to see such a diverse range of students come together and support, encourage and congratulate each other on achieving something most of them would never have dreamed of. Well done everyone!!

Ms Perry

YEAR 8 ENGINEERING

Term 4 saw some innovative dragster designs in Year 8 Engineering. Who was fastest, the hare or the tortoise?? Well, the iguana beat them both.

Ben perfected his elegant hollowed-out design to produce a fantastic looking car - definitely one of the best looking for the year.

Finally, well done to Josh and Sam who were the overall winners for their class races.

Ms Turner

NAISDA PERFORMANCE EXCURSION

Students from Miss Goodwin's Dance classes and Mr Quirks Didge group, attended a NAISDA dance show on Friday 7th December. The NAISDA dancers were absolutely amazing as usual. The performance was impressive and the students were eager to get a photo with the performers. The after show interviews of the performers also gave our students insight on how to audition if they were interested. As usual, the behaviour of our students, while representing our campus, was commendable.

Miss Goodwin
AVID REPORT

As Term 4 comes to an end, AVID students at Tumbi Umbi Campus can be proud of some of the fantastic things they have participated in and achieved throughout the term:

- **AVID Filming:** Yes! Our AVID students are stars!! Term 4 saw the Department of Education and Communities send in a film crew to film our students. Students, parents, tutors and teachers were interviewed and classes and tutorials were filmed. Our students and parents shone when they were able to show the effectiveness of the AVID program and the way in which students are actively engaged in the program. The promotional DVD has been made available to the students and the interviews filmed will soon be available on the DEC website.

- **Macquarie University Excursion:** On the 7th and 8th of November, AVID students went on their first overnight stay to Macquarie University. Students had the opportunity to tour the university, visiting the Art Gallery, Library, Cafeteria and various lecture halls. Students participated in a tour and dance workshop at the Aquatics Centre, where they were also fortunate enough to see the Swans AFL Winner trophy. The evening was spent learning what it is like to be a university student living on campus when students were shown to their own rooms. Lots of laughs were heard at the ice skating arena that night, when students took to the ice, some with more skill than others! The next day, AVID students had the opportunity to participate in classes with university tutors and lecturers. Students played with robotics, survived the science experiments, handled some stick insects, dug for fossils and programmed some computers. This 2 day excursion was a wonderful opportunity for our students, with many realising that this could be a real option for them when they complete Year 12.

- **AVID Banquet:** Term 4 saw Tumbi Umbi Campus host the first AVID Banquet – a celebration of AVID students achievements throughout 2012. Students had worked hard in the weeks leading up to the banquet, organising food, drinks, decorations, music, slide shows, invitations, awards and speeches. Numerous students received awards for Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organisation, Reading, Advancement and Determination and AVID student of the Year. Students and parents did a wonderful job of bringing along a plate to share on the evening – there has never been so much food!! Congratulations to all students, parents and staff for working together to make the evening such a memorable one. Ideas are already flowing for next year's banquet!!

- **Year 7 AVID Induction:** Students from Year 7 have started their pathway towards the AVID program. Students and families were notified and participated in an induction ceremony last Monday night. Students read through their AVID agreements with their families before cutting the HUGE cake to celebrate their placements in the 2013 Year 8 AVID class. We look forward to working with you in 2013!

- **AVID Summer Institute in Melbourne:** 9 more teachers from Tumbi Umbi Campus have now been trained in the AVID strategies and techniques. Teachers spent 3 very full and very hot days in Melbourne learning new skills from the AVID presenters from San Diego. Teachers at Tumbi Umbi Campus are looking forward to working with students in the AVID classes and across all classes in 2013.
7 OAK CHINA TOWN FOOD TECHNOLOGY EXCURSION
UNIFORM ROUNDUP

Are you moving on to another school? Have you grown out of your uniform?

Tumbi Umbi Campus’ Uniform Shop would appreciate your old uniforms.

For every old uniform handed in, we will give you a raffle ticket to go into a draw for 2 x $30 gift vouchers. Uniforms will be used to support other students.

Uniforms can be left with Mrs McInnes in Staffroom 1 or Mrs Templeton Staffroom 2.

AUSTRALIAN SECONDARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR 2012

Shayne Player
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College
Tumbi Umbi Campus, NSW

The Principal of Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College’s Tumbi Umbi Campus, Shayne Player is universally respected and unreservedly committed to making a difference within her school, her community and the teaching profession.

Through Shayne Player’s leadership, TLSC Tumbi Umbi Campus has been “turned around” and become a learning community that provides each student with the opportunity to reach their full potential. With a strong focus on inclusivity, a range of programs and opportunities are offered to support individual students’ academic, cultural, social and emotional development. Action and decisions are based on finding the answer to the question - “How is this child smart?” One example is the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program designed to give support to students in the middle years so that they are equipped to achieve their best in their final years of schooling, aspiring to further education and training. Staff, students and parents have commented on the positive impact of the program on student confidence and success.

Shayne leads by example, with confidence, humility and expertise. New and experienced teachers are inspired to excel and empowered to accept new challenges. Shayne has encouraged and invigorated experienced teachers to continue in the profession and readily celebrates achievements. Her impact beyond the school is considerable, taking a leadership role in the Tuggerah Lakes Learning Community and other network groups.

Term Three To Do List:
- Pay for Amy’s school camp
- Buy James new school shoes
- Find out more about Saver Plus!

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