P&C Thank you
Staff and students of TTPS would like to say thank you to the P&C committee for funding the purchase of Frontrow speaker systems for the classrooms. Included in this system are headphones for student with hearing difficulties. This is a valuable teaching resource that can be used in classroom and outdoor situations. Thank you again P&C. If you are interested in being involved in our P&C and in helping to decide how funds are spent for the school please come along to our monthly meetings. Everyone is most welcome. More information next year on dates, but our first meeting will be on Tuesday 24th February.

Christmas Cards
Each classroom will be setting up a post box for children to ‘post’ their Christmas cards to each other. The box will then be opened on Tuesday 16.12.14 in the afternoon session. For many years, there has been a culture of handing out candy canes or other sweets with the cards. I urge parents not to allow this practice for the following reasons: *We have many children with food allergies. *It goes against the Nutrition in Schools Policy.

If your child brings candy canes or lollies with their cards, the sweets will be taken by class teachers and returned to parents.

Our school party day is on Friday 12th December and is part of the Tintenbar on Teven Regatta day. THIS is the day when children can bring lollies and other sweets to share. PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN WHO HAVE NUT/EGG/FISH ALLERGIES. Do not provide any food with these products.

The canteen committee will have a BBQ and other products for sale.

Thank You P&C
Thank you to the P&C for purchasing the Frontrow speaker systems.

Mrs Sawras and Mrs Macdonald find the systems a fantastic teachers aid.
Mrs Knight
Mrs Knight decided to end her last year of teaching on Long Service Leave. Miss Watt is teaching the class for the next three weeks. Mrs Knight will be back for the last week of term. We are planning a presentation for Mrs Knight at the presentation day assembly on Monday 15th December. This means, even if your child is not receiving an award, you may like to attend the assembly to help us celebrate a wonderful career in teaching.

After the assembly, we are planning a school picnic. Children can bring something special in their lunch box to share with their parents. Parents may like to bring a plate of food to share with other parents in the COLA area where we can join with Mrs Knight to help her celebrate. As we have children with allergies, no food from this table.

There will be another surprise for Mrs Knight at the school concert. You can ask your child about this next week once rehearsals have started. Lastly, as you know, the teachers dress up on the last day. This year Mrs Knight will be a princess and the rest of the staff will be her knights!

School staff are contributing to a gift for Erica in order to acknowledge her effort and dedication as a teacher and member of staff. Erica has indicated that she would prefer a small donation towards a ‘World Vision Gift’ rather than a gift personally addressed to her (although of course a personal gift is fine as well if this is what you prefer to do). If you would like to make a small donation towards this World Vision gift please do so at the office.

Year 6 Fundraising
Thank you for your support of the Year 6 fundraisers. This week we had an ice block day and next week we will be having another multi day on Friday 5th of December. Children, please dress comfortably for the weather, remembering no sleeveless tops and you must wear closed in shoes and wide brim hat to play in the playground. Bring a gold coin donation, all funds raised go back to the school as a gift from Year 6.

Insect Repellent
At this time of year mosquitoes and other biting insects become more common at our school. If your child is affected by this, could you please apply an insect repellent before school, as staff do not have authorisation to apply repellent. Children are allowed to apply their own roll on repellent at school, however it is not to be shared with other children.

Second Hand Uniforms
Our second hand uniform pool provides good quality uniforms at discounted prices, however our stock is currently low. If anyone has uniforms that are in good condition and are no longer needed, please feel free to drop them into the office.

Trading Cards
The trading cards presently available at Woolworths are very popular with our students. While we don’t have any issues with children bringing their cards to show their friends, the trading of cards is not acceptable practice in our school. Trading cards usually only ends in tears so is better handled at home when trading can be supervised by adults to ensure fairness for all children concerned.

This week’s song
This week’s song at the beginning of the day is “Like a Drum” by Guy Sebastian. Chosen by Saoirse & Kayley because it has a great beat.

Guitar Lessons
Students will be performing at the School Concert on Tuesday Dec 16. It is important students bring their instrument for their lesson on Wednesdays so we can practice for our concert item. Our last lesson for the year will be Wednesday Dec 10.

2015 Information: Next week I will be asking students whether they will be continuing guitar lessons in 2015. Please take some time to discuss this with your child as there are other students waiting on a lesson spot. Looking forward to the concert, Fiona.

LSTT Band
Our next Performance will be at Lennox Carols by Candlelight on Sunday Dec 7. The Carols are being held at Williams Reserve, Lennox Head. The band is performing at 5.25pm. Students need to be ready in their uniform, with their instrument by 5.10pm. Don’t forget your Xmas Bling! Junior Band members will also be performing at the School Concert on Tuesday December 16.

Last Assembly—ICARE awards
This Thursday will be our last school assembly for 2014. Teachers will still be handing out ICARE awards in class. If your child spells out ICARE with their awards, please send them in to the school office so your child can be presented with their next level award. Any awards brought in after this Thursday will be handed out at the presentation day assembly.

Awards this week
Year K
Lakota & Chloe
Year 1H
Aidan & Jazmine
Year 1/2K
Ruby & Noah
Year 2/3S
Abbey & Ben
Year 4/5S
Noah & Sasha
Year 5/6T
Ethan B & Saoirse
ICARE Awards
Bianca, Saoirse, Taidgh, Harry Dorey, Hollie, Olivia, Clara & Jazmine
ICARE Medallions
Abby, Fergus & Eliana
CHRISTMAS DISCO

It’s just nine more sleeps until the Christmas Disco! The Fundraising Committee are working hard to organize a memorable night for everyone and we are looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up in something Christmassy, with prizes being awarded for the best dressed. We’ve also heard a rumour that Santa may make a guest appearance!

The original deadline for returning permission notes was today (Wed, 26 Nov) but we have made the decision to extend it until this **Friday, 28 November**. If you are planning for your children to attend and have not filled in a permission note yet, please do so asap as we need advance notice to organize catering. Note also that this event is not possible without parental assistance, and we would be very grateful if parents could indicate their willingness to help out on the night. Thank you to those parents who have already said they can help.

**DATE:** FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2014  
**COST:** $7 per child  
**TIME:** 6.15pm registration, 6.30 - 8.30pm disco

A reminder that we will be running a BBQ on the night, and selling light refreshments (drinks/snacks/lollies) plus novelty Christmas items. If you have some old Christmas decorations that you would be willing to donate to the school, we would love to hear from you.

Regards, the Fundraising Team

CHRISTMAS DISCO

*Please return the following permission note and enclose $7 entry fee per child to the school by **Friday, 28 November**. This is to ensure we cover the cost of the DJ to allow the event to go ahead.*

I give permission for my child/ren:

Name: _______________________________ from class ________________
Name: _______________________________ from class ________________
Name: _______________________________ from class ________________

...to attend the school disco on Friday, 5 December 2014, and have enclosed $__________ payment.

In the interests of child safety, please provide the name of the parent/person who will be collecting your child from this event. Note that we will no longer be requiring parents to sign their children in and out, but parents will need to physically escort their child/ren to and from the disco area (ie. no dump and runs please).

Name of person picking up child/ren: __________________________________________

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Parents Name (please print)  Parents signature

All offers of assistance to help on the night are much appreciated. If you can help out, please indicate below:

Name & contact details: ____________________________________________________