Congratulations to our Zone swimming team who were such wonderful athletes and school representatives. A special congratulations to Dillon S who will be going on to represent both our school and Westlakes Zone at the Hunter Region carnival on 5th March. Well done team, we are proud of you.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Merrita Jeffrey (Principal)
### Merit Awards  
#### Term 1 - Week 3

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| KN    | Harrison H      | Jasmyn S        | Lila C          | Lovely listening manners  
                                                                                   | Careful book work  
                                                                                   | Working beautifully in reading groups                                           |
| KH    | Caleb B         | Kaden M         | Kaysha G        | Great finger pointing when reading  
                                                                                   | Being a quiet and hard worker  
                                                                                   | Listening to and following instructions                                         |
| 1C    | Jazmin C        | Jaxon S         | Jake F          | Being a co-operative team member  
                                                                                   | Working hard on his reading  
                                                                                   | Always giving 100% all of the time                                             |
| 1-2A  | Layne M         | Tristan D       | Sienna R        | Being a kind and helpful friend  
                                                                                   | Great effort in all work  
                                                                                   | Making a big effort in all work                                              |
| 2-3C  | Dominic H       | Kade M          | Beau M          | Fantastic effort at ALL times  
                                                                                   | Excellent effort!  
                                                                                   | Being a great listener                                                       |
| 3-4H  | Amy D           | Ashtyn B        | Tyrone A        | Being a quiet superstar  
                                                                                   | 100% effort  
                                                                                   | Effort and enthusiasm                                                        |
| 4-5M  | Lachlan B       | Emilie C        | Toby H          | Persistence in power sentences  
                                                                                   | Awesome progress in maths  
                                                                                   | A great week of writing                                                       |
| 4-5F  | Emily C         | Kristen M       | Lachlan F       | Effort in all tasks  
                                                                                   | Being a conscientious student  
                                                                                   | Enthusiasm in Maths lessons                                                  |
| 6WB   | Heather W       | Jessie H        | Ellie K         | Clever work in photography lessons  
                                                                                   | Setting a good example for others  
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#### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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for being an attentive buddy.
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**2015 Text and Material charges** – Our text and material charges are just **$38.00 per child** for the entire year. We are asking you to pay this as soon as possible so your child can receive their equipment. If there is a concern with payment please see Mr Mason at the office and a payment plan can be arranged.

**DANCE** If you have not paid for Term 1 dance fees, please pay ASAP. We have extended payment until the end of this week so your child does not miss out.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** School photos are **Wednesday 4th March**. *Photo envelopes were handed to students today.*  **Important details below:**

**ON THE DAY OF THE PHOTOS, RETURN YOUR CORRECT PAYMENT AND PHOTO ENVELOPE** (no change will be given)

**ALL ENVELOPES** need to be returned even if you are not ordering.

If you require family photos please collect a family envelope from the office.

All students present on this day will have their photos taken (regardless of payment on the day). If you forget to send in your money / envelope on the day of the photographs or wish to order more photos, contact ‘A-OneFotomakers’ directly on 4954 0499. **Please note:** You will need to organise this quickly as an extra $15 per order will apply after the school photos have been delivered to the school.

Parents can pay for their school photos online with a credit card. There is a school code printed on the envelopes. The receipt number must be written on each envelope and return to school. Family payments may be also made. Visit [www.fotosales.com.au](http://www.fotosales.com.au) and click on the [Prepay] button.

Enter our school code **15NE195701.**
Could parents/students please ensure all orders are placed at the canteen before assembly commences at 8:55am. We cannot accept orders after assembly due to classes commencing in the two classrooms right next door.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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MOTHERS DAY – Mother’s Day notes went home last week. Please return them by Wednesday 25th February and make sure your child’s name and class are written on the envelope. Items are on display at the office and canteen.

Next P&C meeting

Tuesday 10th March – 6:30pm In the Staffroom

Toronto Awaba Soccer Club

Online registrations and payments are now available for the upcoming season. Please visit our website www.tajfc.org.au go to registrations and follow the link to the Myfootballclub registrations.

Registration days are:

- **Sunday 15th and 22nd February**
- 10am till 2pm at Finnan Oval.

Online registrations must be done before attending the registration days to pay. If you register and pay online you do not need to attend registration days.

Please contact Rachel on 0435810883 for any more info. We look forward to seeing you for the 2015 season.

**TENNIS TENNIS TENNIS**

Maybe tennis might be the sport your children would enjoy or maybe you would like to get back into tennis or maybe you have never played but would love to try it.

Bolton Point Tennis Club will have a free fun tennis day Sunday 1st March for anyone of any age or ability.

You don’t need a racket we can supply one. Tennis shoes or joggers without ripple soles will be needed.

Free tennis giveaways.

ALL ENQUIRIES - Barbara 02 49591160
LAKE MACQUARIE DOCKERS AFL CLUB
Tulkaba Oval, York St Teralba
2015 Registrations are open now at Tulkaba Oval
Thursday’s 5.30pm - 6.30pm

NAB Auskick - 4 Years to 8 Years $70 (Includes 2015 Auskick Pack)
Juniors - 8 Years to 17 Years $140 (Includes club polo shirt. No weekly fees)
Youth Girls - 12 Years to 16 Years $100 (Includes club polo shirt. No weekly fees)

Come along on a Thursday and have a try.
Games are played on Sundays

For further information please contact
Dean Job on 0424 505 492
SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2013

Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP your vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

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Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

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Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are **not allowed to stop your vehicle** unless you are driving a bus.

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**DOUBLE PARKING**

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- **STOP in a NO STOPPING zone**: $311 + 2 points, or **STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing**: $415 + 2 points
- **STOP on path/strip in built up area**: $173 + 2 points
- **STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit**: $519