**Summer fun in nature around Port Stephens**

Join our Discovery Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this summer holiday. There’s something for everyone.

**Tomaree’s WilderQuest treasure trail**

Thursday 7 January 2016, 9am-11.30am
Discover the sights, sounds and heritage of Tomaree as you step back to the time of World War II.


**Spooky night walk**

Friday 8 January 2016, 1.30pm-3.30pm
Explore amazing rockpool creatures on Boat Harbour’s headland.


**WilderQuest bush to beach family discovery**

Thursday 14 January 2016, 3pm-5pm
Enjoy nature with fantastic family activities. For the young and young at heart.


Bookings for all NPWS Discovery Tours are essential.
Book online following the links above, or phone 13000 PARKS (1300072757). All tours between $12 and $15 per person and families between $36 and $45.

For more information on tours, such as meeting points, please follow the web links or ask on booking. For general enquiries, phone Sue Olsson (02) 4984 8210 (after 7 December 2015), or email suzanne.otsson@environment.nsw.gov.au

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**January School Holiday Program at the Hunter Wetlands Centre**

**Tuesday 19 January**
10am – 12.30pm for 7-10 years
Cost: $20 Booking essential phone 4951 6466

**Making It!** Use glue, wood, string, paper and other materials to make!

Wednesday 20 January
9.30am – 12.30pm for 8 – 12 years
Cost: $20 Booking essential phone 4951 6466

**Bush Skills.** Make a damper, build a bush shelter, learn basic first aid and other survival skills.

**Wednesday 20 January**
10am – 12.30pm for 4 – 7 years
Cost: $20 Booking essential phone 4951 6466

**Digby Fixit Live!** Adapted from her book Digby’s Moon Mission, author and performer Renee Price will use storytelling, songs and puppets to bring her character Digby to life. This 30 minute performance will be followed by book signing, craft and a chance to meet some of our wetland reptiles at an interactive talk.

**Thursday 21 January**
10am – 2.00pm All ages
Cost: free by gold coin donation. No bookings

**Wonders at the Wetlands** - a family fun day activities for all ages and parents as well. Live music dip-netting, bird-spotting, reptile talks crafts, face painting and so much more to see. Visit the Hunter Wetland facebook page or website for more information.

**Friday 22 January**
10am – 12.30pm for 4 – 7 years
Cost: book essential phone 4951 6466

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This will be our last newsletter for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas. Please stay safe over the holidays. We would like to see everyone back refreshed and relaxed, ready to start the new year.

**Classes for 2016**

We will be running under a similar class structure as we did for this year. Ms Bullock and Ms Higgins will teach Kinder and Year 1. Mrs Parker will teach Year 2 and Mrs Darlington will teach Years 3, 4 and 5. Mrs Smith will be back to assist in the classrooms 3 days a week.

**Starting Dates 2016**

Staff will start back Wed 27th January. All teaching staff will be attending training on that day at King St Public School in Singleton.

Students in Years 1 to 6 will start back on Thursday 28th January.

Students in Kindergarten will start back on Friday 29th January.

Christina Darlington - Principal

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**Sandy Hollow Snippets**

“Creating Future Leaders”

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas, safe and happy holidays and all the best for 2016.

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**Dated TO REMEMBER**

**Swimming continues until**

Wed 16th Dec

**Rural Fire Service visit**

Tues 15th Dec

**Last day of term for students**

Wed 16th Dec

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**Banking**

No student banking next week.

**Canteen**

Canteen will NOT be open for lunches on Monday. Snacks will still be available.