This quote appealed to me this week. ‘No one can go back and make a brand new start, my friend; but anyone can start from here and make a brand new end.’
As I talk to students about their choices, their behaviour and their attitude, I constantly remind them that taking risks and making mistakes is acceptable. It’s what we do with those experiences that really matters. Looking forward, not backwards, and building resilience is the key to ‘growing’ great kids! A wise friend of mine once commented that ‘the greatest gift we can give our children, is independence.’ That doesn’t mean we leave them to their own devices. It means we need to allow our children to occasionally fall, fail and bounce back. They still need guidance, and patience and love but all in good measure.

Useful Links
I wish I had more time to browse the net! I’m constantly receiving links to a myriad of great websites with useful information. I’m passing a few on for your enjoyment. Check them out!

**Reading with your child at home**

**Removing head lice and nits**
Mention head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/well-being/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/well-being/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits)

**When kids are bullied**
We send our kids off to school each day to learn. In between lessons they go outside to play – but the learning doesn’t stop. The playground can help prepare them for some of the social challenges they will face throughout their lifetime.

**MUSIC**
For the last 2 years we have been fortunate enough to have a Kodaly music specialist visiting our school to conduct music lessons for our younger students. Music will again be offered to years 1 and 2 for a 5 week program, beginning next week. A note outlining the components of these lessons will be sent home today with students in years 1 and 2.

**HARMONY DAY**
I’m so excited about this! On Thursday, 18th March, we – as a school community- will celebrate ‘Harmony Day.’ Harmony Day focuses on tolerance, understanding and inter-racial harmony. There will be a ‘special’ lunch available and parents/friends/carers will be invited to join us in making and flying kites! Keep this date free – we want as many of you to come along and join in the fun. Imagine the spectacle of 400 brightly coloured kites flying above the school! More information will be sent to you soon.

**P&C News**
The P&C proudly announce that we have been able to subsidise this years Life Education Van visit. We have donated $2-50 per child towards the payment of this tremendous initiative and hope that this helps families. We couldn’t do this without the support of our wonderful committee. We don’t only raise funds we also discuss important issues in relation to every child’s schooling who attends OBPS. Why not come along to a meeting and be a part of your child’s education?

**P&C Meeting**
Our next meeting for 2013 will take place on Wednesday 13th March at 6pm in the School Library. All parents and carers are invited to attend. A light supper will be provided. Hope to see lots of new faces.

**For Sale**
Brand new bedbase for $200 o.n.o. and 3 white stools for $25 each o.n.o. For further information please phone 6553 7767 or 0412 377 982.

**Taree Auskick AFL Centre, Free “Come and Try Day”**
Being held on Sunday 10th March 2013 at Tuncurry Sports Complex where activities will begin at 10am and conclude at 12pm. A BBQ will be available and we encourage all boys and girls aged between 5 and 12 years old to come along to experience what AFL Auskick is all about, learning the fundamental skills of Australian Football and taking part in a modified game while having a lot of fun! Registrations will be taken on the day for the 2013 Taree Auskick Season which begins on Sunday 7th April 2013. For more information please contact Taree AFL Auskick Centre on 6553 3345.

**Reminder**
Don’t forget the P&C Annual General Meeting next Wednesday. Don’t be shy – you won’t get a job if you don’t one but you will enjoy the company of lovely, interested parents and friends. It’s a great way to be involved in our school. (and we always have chocolate!)

Have a great week!
Deborah Scanes

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School Banking
3 Winbins - Amelia (1S)
2 Winbins - Chloe (5/6W)
1 Winbin - Megan (5/6S)