### News Letter No2 26 February 2015

**Friendliness Persistence Tolerance Courage Good Manners Compassion**

Risks – good and bad – are inevitable from birth. Yet, many of us haven’t given much thought to the ways in which risk unfolds. With a toddler’s first step, he is taking the risk of stepping out into the world – literally and figuratively.

When a kindy student enters his new class he is taking the risk inherent in separating from the only caretakers he’s known. Can he be okay on his own without mum or dad there to keep him safe, he wonders?

A shy Year 1 student who raises her hand in class to ask a question takes the risk of appearing stupid in

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**Term 1 2015**

Start 2 February 2015

End 2 April 2015

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**Term 2 2015**

Start 21 April 2015

End 3 July 2015

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**Term 3 2015**

Start 21 July 2015

End 25 September 2015

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**Term 4 2015**

Start 12 October 2015

End 17 December 2015

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front of her peers. She risks feeling embarrassed, or inadequate. Yet her raised hand allows her to take a risk that leads to feelings of self-assertion and self-expression.

A year 3 student, who has difficulty with maths, but attempts to do his maths himself, is taking the risk of feeling frustrated and incompetent. When he sits with it and endures his feelings, and does the work to the best of his ability, he will learn that tolerating frustration leads to feelings of control and autonomy.

An older child who, despite doubts, tries out for a school play, risks feeling embarrassed and incompetent, but strives toward achievement and the desire to express himself.

As parents, we have a fundamental responsibility not only to understand the inevitability of risk, but to know the importance of taking life’s risks, small and large. Risk is part of development. Thoughtful risk epitomizes the forward thrust of human growth and change.

Risk-taking is a key developmental concept, and parents need to understand its significance as a teaching experience for children. Through parents’ modelling, nurturing and teaching good risk-taking skills, children will be better prepared to meet life’s challenges.

Chainsaw

If any parent has a chainsaw and is willing to assist us in cutting down 8 bollards to ground level please contact the office and let us know. We would appreciate any assistance.

Banking

Some parents may not be aware that the P&C run a school banking program for students every week. Bronwyn will be in the Covered Assembly Area each Wednesday morning from 8:00-8:20 to run the school banking for students.

P&C Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attend the AGM. Please note that we are trialling having the meetings on a Tuesday night instead of a Wednesday night so the next meeting is on Tuesday 17 March.

School Board

The next School Board meeting is on Tuesday 4 March at 7:00pm in the school library. All welcome.

Fun Run/Picnic Day

Our biggest fundraising/family day of the year is fast approaching. As previously mentioned we have set a target of $1 000 per class in order to raise funds to complete the fence payment and pay for the upgrading of technology throughout the whole school. This will include a roll out of computer software, hardware and professional development of staff. The school will work with the P&C on a dollar for dollar basis to ensure that Tapping Primary School students are well resourced and that we are implementing best practice in the area of information technology. We are committed to ensure that every dollar raised will be allocated to these important projects so we hope all families get behind the Fun Run.

Years PP-6

When: Tuesday 10 March

Where: School oval

Time: 10:00 am-11:00 am followed by the family picnic on the oval

Waste Wise School

We are receiving terrific support from families with our waste wise project. Most students are not bringing any wrappers to school and we are seeing a decisive shift towards more healthy snacks being packed in lunch boxes. We are also seeing many other benefits such as the money the school is now saving by being able to reduce the bulk bin collection cycle as we have dropped the amount of litter going into bins by more than a half. Considering each bulk bin pick up costs $69.00 this is a significant saving.

Parents have also commented on how much neater the school looks and the increased pride students are taking when it comes to keeping the school clean. We have a number of other initiatives that we hope will continue this momentum which we will inform you about as the year progresses

Bill Boylan
Principal