**Principal’s Message**

Mrs Bradshaw is making good progress after undergoing serious eye surgery last week. We look forward to her return on Wednesday.

**Planned Electricity Interruption this Wednesday**

Due to a planned electricity outage the school will be non-operational this Wednesday 12th November. The school will be without phones, air-conditioning, fans, computers, and all things reliant on electricity to operate. **There will be NO canteen.** Usual teaching and learning programs will not operate, however staff will be on duty and there will be supervision available.

**Resilience, Bullying and Cyber Safety – Parent information session.**

Sherri Foster will be hosting a parent information session this Wednesday 12th November at 6.00pm in the school library. Sherri will cover issues pertinent to the raising of children including resilience, emotional health, and bullying and cyber safety. The evening will be relaxed and informal with plenty of opportunities to ask questions and seek advice. For catering purposes it would be appreciated if you could register your interest by letting the office know if you are able to attend.

**PBL focus**

Our PBL focus for this week is “Hands off”. It is important that all students are safe at school by adhering to the schools ‘hands off’ policy. Gentle helping hands are needed at school but rough play or hurting others will not be tolerated.

**Kempsey Truck Show**

Thank you to our volunteers who offered their time to cook the BBQ at the Kempsey Truck Show. The money raised will go to the P and C to support activities, performances and resources at the school.

**Police Youth Liaison Officer Visit**

Tomorrow afternoon Steve Jefferies Police Youth Liaison Officer will be talking with Stage 3 about issues related to bullying, violence and respect. Please contact the school if you do not wish your child to participate in this discussion.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING…………………**

**Week 6**

Wednesday 12th Nov – Resilience, Bullying and Cyber Safety Parent Info Session

Thursday 13th Nov – Star Badge students to Gladstone Pool

Friday 14th Nov – Assembly

**Week 8**

Monday 24th Nov – week 1 of swimming

Thursday 27th Nov – Last scripture – combined

Friday 28th Nov – Assembly & SRC speeches & voting

**Week 9**

Monday 1st Dec – week 2 of swimming

Wednesday 3rd Dec – Year 7 2015 state wide high school transition

**Remembrance Day**

Tuesday is Remembrance Day and marks 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli. There will be a service at school at 10:50 am. Parents and community members are invited to attend and children are encouraged to bring flowers to lay on the cenotaph.

**Morning Arrivals to School**

There seems to be an increasing number of children arriving at school prior to 9.00am. Supervision at school begins at 9.00am and children are not to arrive at school prior to this time. We are fortunate enough to have a fantastic OOSH service located on our premises for parents needing to drop children off earlier. Details can be obtained through the office. In extenuating circumstances parents must contact the school to request permission for their children to arrive before 9.00am.

**Guessing Competition for Jarno**

Raffle tickets for Jarno’s upcoming trip to the PSSA National athletics championships in Tasmania went home last week. Thank you to those families that have already returned sold tickets. Your support of Jarno and his family is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available at the office for anyone seeking to further support this great cause.

First prize is an original painting of Hat Head, donated by Robert Bugden. Second prize is an iPod dock donated by Kookaburra Educational Suppliers and third prize is 2 bottles of wine, donated by Frederickton Pub.
News from 1O
Please continue to read with your child each night and to ensure they bring in their library books on Thursday and homework on Friday.

We are continuing to enjoy learning about Mini-beasts and Japan - you may see our artworks related to this within the classroom window.

News from A Class and R Class
The Climate Change Speech task is due next Monday (Week 7). All pupils need to be ready to present.

If students are attending school on Wednesday, the day with no electricity, it would be great if they could bring along board games etc.

A reminder that Year 6 students need to provide their Kindergarten photo and other photos for the Farewell Powerpoint presentation – please hand into the office.

Year 6 Transition date to Year 7 is 3rd December.

Speeches for the election of the incoming 2015 SRC will be held in Week 8. Forms were sent home with all children wishing to nominate for election, and these need to be discussed and signed by parents. Please support your Year 5 children in the writing of their speeches at home. Mrs Rose, Mr Ashley and Ms Ransom are available for anyone seeking further support with this.

Speeches and voting will occur in Week 8 at the Whole School Assembly.

Aimee Ransom
Relieving Principal

School Swimming Scheme
Our school swimming scheme begins Week 8 (24th Nov to 5th Dec) and will run each day for a fortnight during the middle session. Children participating need to bring swimmers and a towel to school each day.

Papua New Guinea Christmas Appeal
Last Friday Mr Mark Sheppard from Footprint Farm inspired students with a presentation on life in Papua New Guinea. Thank you to the families who have donated goods to send to families in Papua New Guinea. We are still seeking donations and all items received will be boxed up and sent off in time for Christmas. Suitable items include: SEE BACK PAGE.

This week’s canteen special – ricotta & spinach gnocchi with a not too spicy tomato sauce.

House Ticket Tally
Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s draw. The winning class was 1O, the winning house was Hunt and the lucky students were: Tyrell G-R, Maeve P, Chloe D, Grace C & Caitlin D.
**CANTEEN SPECIAL**

**THIS WEEKS SPECIAL:** RICOTTA & SPINACH GNOCHHI WITH SPICY TOMATO SAUCE
- Large: $5.50
- Small: $3.50

Zucchini & Fetta Fritters with Salad $5.50
Zucchini & Fetta Fritters $1.50 each
Pumpkin and Cheese Fritters with salad $5.50
Pumpkin and Cheese Fritters in a wrap $4.00
  - Baked Potato – Bolognese $2.50
  - Baked Potato – Corn & Ham $2.50
  - Small Salad - $3.00
  - Elderflower cordial - $1.00 per cup

**Rock Star Award** in the canteen. Students who order something new and fresh off the blackboard will be in the running to receive a canteen voucher to be used the following week off the blackboard menu. Last week’s winner was **Thomas Fermanov**.

**Thomas** please see Tracey in the canteen to receive your voucher.

**P & C NEWS**
Every Year the P&C run a Christmas Raffle to be raffled in the last week of term. We are asking for any donations, however small, for help in filling a basket of goodies as well as other wonderful prizes to be confirmed. Thank you in advance. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.

A big thank you to those parents who gave up their time on Saturday to man the BBQ at the Kempsey Truck Show, this is much appreciated.

Renee Bubb-Edwards
P & C President

**P & C MEETING TONIGHT 6.00PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND**

**COME ALONG AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS**

**Stewart House**
For Sale: Bounce Balls $3 each from the office, all proceeds go to Stewart House.

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Raffle tickets prizes: 1st Painting, 2nd Sony Boombox, 3rd Wine.

DON’T FORGET TO SELL YOUR TICKETS AND RETURN THEM TO THE OFFICE ASAP.

THE GUESSING COMPETITION WILL BE DRAWN ON FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER.
STUDENT ABSENCE FORM

Student Name: ......................................................................................................................  Class:..................

Date of Absence: _______________________________

Reason For Absence: ________________________________________________________________

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Parent Signature: ..............................................................................................................

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Suitable goods for donation to PNG communities

We need to be aware that many of these communities lead simple, self sufficient, healthy and happy lives so we don't want to introduce items that could contradict this. Our rule of thumb is to only provide items that they already use and have identified as being useful. Here is a guideline but it is not limited to this:

School Uniforms - ideally complete sets and quantity of same so as to equip small school of say 20 or so kids. However shirts only will suffice.

Sports Uniforms - same as above to equip entire team. Shirts only will suffice.

Simple shoes, trainers, sandals, thongs, footy boots.

Clothing to suit warm climate conditions for male / female infant to adult. Reasonable quality. Nothing too unusual. No heavy or cold weather clothing. Light weight waterproof clothing.

Books to educate pre school to junior high school ages beginner to 14. Learn to read books etc. Other useful resource books.

School resources. Paper, exercise books, pens, pencils, coloured pencils, crayons, chalk, rulers, rubbers, geometry tools etc.

Sporting goods such as balls, boots, bats etc

Diving gear such as masks, snorkels, fins, light weight short wetsuits etc

Reading glasses.

Fishing gear, line, hooks, sinkers.

Hand tools, saws, pliers, spanners, knives, axes, spades, rakes, hoes,

First Aid material, bandages, antibiotic creams, antiseptic, BASIC first aid books

Simple toys (no batteries) Crafting materials.

Please do not include the following:
- Items that leak or melt eg. Toothpaste, shampoo, play dough and batteries
- Food or lollies of any kind – due to customs regulations
- Any used or damaged items - due to customs regulations
- Any breakable items eg. Glass, mirrors, porcelain
- Any item that can scare or harm a child eg. Knives, war-related toys and toy guns
- Any Gambling related items e.g. including play money, playing cards and dominoes
- Anything of religious, racial or political nature