

Principal’s Message

I would like to thank all parents for the fabulous support shown to us by ensuring that all students were collected promptly on Wednesday afternoon.

We had a successful Cross Country Carnival which was completed just before the rain started. It was great to see students supporting each other as they completed the race. It was also terrific to speak to students about their own achievements, some of whom were surprised that they could run so far!

Our K-2 Cross Country event will be held at school on Thursday 15th May at 2.10pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Mother’s Day
A special morning tea to celebrate Mother’s Day will be held after assembly on Friday week 2 (Friday 9th May). Mothers please join us in the Library where our SRC representatives will serve morning tea. Fathers are asked to send in a plate for the morning tea.

Tony Bones Anti-bullying Performance
It was evident that the students enjoyed the performance by watching the student’s attentiveness and responses throughout the performance. Major messages given by the animals in the performance included “Don’t make snap decisions”, “Remember the good”, “Rise above it”, “Better get a buddy”, “Get back in a pack”, “You can do it”, and “Use Camouflage”. Perhaps you could ask your child to explain what these messages mean.

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to all the parents who have already paid their voluntary contributions for this year. We were hoping to have these payments finalised by the end of last term. If you have not already made this contribution, could you please pay $44 as soon as possible.

Opportunity Class Placements 2015
If your child is in year 4 and you are considering applying for an Opportunity Class placement for 2015, the online applications are now open. Check out the following website for more information: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Online applications close on Friday 16th May. The nearest opportunity class is at Port Macquarie Primary School.
Stage 3 Athletics Training

We have engaged the services of an accredited Athletics coach to work with our stage 3 students during this term. Students will have the opportunity to receive professional coaching in the 3 disciplines of athletics ie running, throwing and jumping. This is an excellent opportunity for our senior students. The minimal cost of $10 per student for the 7 sessions is excellent value. The school will subsidise the remaining costs to run this program. 
Please return the permission note and $10 to school by Monday of next week. This program will operate on the following Thursdays (May 8th, 22nd, 29th, June 12th, 19th and 26th and another date TBA). All stage 3 students are expected to participate in this program.

Kindergarten Information

Homework and home reading will commence again this week. On the right hand side of the A3 homework sheet you will find a rhyme which your child has learnt at school. This helps them remember how to write each number correctly. They say it as they write the number. Start out by having the child say it aloud; then they can say it in their head; and eventually it will become automatic.

I was thrilled to see how many families requested readers for the holidays. I forgot to tell you to record the dates on the card, so that we can count this as part of their reading. If you can remember the dates please feel free to fill them in. I’m also sending home another reading record which you can fill out at home if you are interested in entering the competition.

It would be a great idea for all kinder children to have spare undies and pants in their bag. Please make sure they have their names on them.

And finally, to our entire population of Mother’s I hope you have a fantastic day on Sunday. We will be busy finishing off the surprises ready for hiding in preparation for the big day!

1O News

Due to the disrupted nature of Week 1, homework will begin in Week 2. Please remember to read with, read to or have your child read each night.

House Ticket Tally

Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s draw. The winning class was 3/4H, the winning house was Taylor and the five lucky students were:

Hayley A, Danielle B-E, Claire H 2/3W, Chyane M and Kirraclee D.

(Our Debaters at their training day)

News from A and R Class

Congratulations to our pupils on a great effort for the X-Country last Wednesday.

Well done to Alyce Morn for your outstanding effort and achievement in the soccer trials. What a true champion.

The 25 Year 6 students involved in the *Science and Engineering Challenge* this Thursday need to return their permission note, $4.50 and Media Consent note as soon as possible. Please be at school by 8.50 am, as the bus will be leaving at 9.00 am sharp. Students need to have full school uniform, hat, recess, lunch, pens, pencils, drinks and their 3B manners. Mr Ashley will be accompanying the pupils. Please see Mr Ashley with any queries or notes required.

Well done to those Year 5 and 6 pupils who participated in last Thursday's debating. The students and Ms Ransom reported that it was an extremely valuable learning experience.

This term we will be investigating, researching and learning about the science topic, *Light and Sight*. The homework speech task will be sent home in week 4, after Naplan, and pupils will have 5 weeks to research their speech and present in week 9 this term. Further details next week and the task sheet will be sent home in week 4.

The senior students involved in the Camden Haven Dance Festival, this term, should be finalising their costume/outfit. Two notes were sent home last term, requesting $5 as a deposit, and outlining costume requirements. The date, ticket information and further details will become available next week. Please talk to Mrs Rose if you are unsure regarding costume requirements.

Next week (week 3) is Naplan for our Year 5 pupils. Those students will not have literacy or numeracy homework for that week. Consequently the Year 6 pupils in Mrs Rose’s literacy and Numeracy Group 2 will be working with Mr Ashley on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week, whilst the year 5 pupils complete Naplan. Regular homework will resume in week 4 and Literacy and Numeracy groups return as normal on the Friday in week 3.

Yes, there is regular homework this week and it is due this Friday.

Library and P.E day continues as last term on THURSDAYS.

The ATHLETICS COACHING begins this Thursday. It would be great to see as many year 5 and 6 pupils as possible to participate in this weekly coaching. Please return the permission note and $10 as soon as possible.

The Anti-Bullying show was a huge hit with the pupils and great feedback was received about the comedy.

A reminder there is a whole school assembly this week.

A HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY to all our mums and grandmothers.
**Lower North Coast Cross Country**

The following team will be contesting the LNC Cross Country at the Kempsey Race Trace on Friday 30th May 2014. Notes will go home this week.

We can field a team of 4 in each age division, but in some divisions the competitors were unable to complete the distances inside the required time, so we could only field full teams in some.

**8yr/9 yr olds**  William Fazldad, Connor Crockford, Braden White, Jack McAlister, Keira Morn & Jasmine Wallis.

**10 yr olds**  Jordan Clarke, Phillip Madden, Joshua Kerrin, Harry Jennings, Hayley Andrews, Demi Perrin.

**11 yr olds**  Joel Crockford, Lachlan Pogo, Mitchell White

**12 yr/13 yr olds**  Ivan Madden, Ethan Cooper, Jarno Dolezal, Ben Lane, Alyce Morn, Ashley Bubb-Edwards

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**Canteen News**

**LOLLIES OR CUP NOODLES ARE NO LONGER SOLD AT THE CANTEEN**

Freshly homemade Muffins - 75c
Pumpkin/Feta, Tandoori Chicken, Chicken/Mushroom, Bacon/Pineapple pizza’s - $4.00
Beef, Veggie & Chicken Burgers - $4.00
Tomato & Basil Quiche - $1.50 with salad $4.50
Chicken and Mushroom Quiche - $1.50 with salad $4.50
Spinach and Fetta Quiche - $1.50 with salad $4.50
Small Salad - $3.00
Baked Potato – Corn & Ham - $2.50
Baked Potato – Bolognese Sauce - $2.50
Fried Rice pack - $3.50
Hokkein Noodles Pack - $3.50

**Monday morning lunch orders need to written on a bag at home and left in letter box by the Canteen, Tracey is doing the shopping and the doors will not be open until 9.30am.**

If you are available to help in the canteen please contact the office and put your name down on a vacant date.

Also each week Tracey will have a Weekly Special Dish, this week it is:

- Cauliflower Soup + roll  Small $2.50 Large $3.50
- Chicken Noodle Soup + roll  Small $2.50 Large $3.50
- Banana Smoothie $2.50
- Milo & Muffin  $2.00 (but must be pre-ordered)

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**Bookclub Notice**

Book Club brochures were given out last week. Please return orders and money to the office by no later than Tuesday 13th May.

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**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: Bree Cook

Bree please see Tracey in the canteen to receive your voucher.
STUDENT ABSENCE FORM

Student Name: .................................................................................. Class: ......................
Date of Absence: ..........................................................
Reason For Absence: ...........................................................................
Parent Signature: ..................................................................................