**Principal’s Message ……………………**

**Outstanding Achievements**
I took the opportunity at last week’s assembly to boast about the fabulous achievements of our students. Most of our Year 6 students participated in the Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge held at Kempsey High School last Thursday. We were awarded “CHAMPION SCHOOL”!

I also was able to boast that we have 6 writers who will become PUBLISHED AUTHORS. These students who voluntarily attend the Literacy Café during lunch times entered their writing into a writing competition. Their writing will be included in a book called “Writers Reign” which is yet to be published. We will buy a few copies for our library.

**NAPLAN Testing**
This week NAPLAN testing will take place for our students in Year 3 and 5. Please ensure that your child attends school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Four tests will be conducted: Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Each test is approximately 40 minutes in length. Please ensure that your child has a good night sleep each evening this week, so that they are able to try to do their best.

**Lockdown Practice**
Last Friday we had a lockdown practice. We need to practice this and evacuation procedures throughout the year to comply with Work Health and Safety legislation. Teachers do debrief this with their classes however it is possible that some students may feel ongoing concern. Please discuss with your child why we do this so that they will not be overly concerned.

**Mother’s Day**
I hope that all our mums had a great Mother’s Day yesterday. Thank you to all the mums who attended our special morning tea on Friday it was lovely to see our mums sit and relax even if it was only for a little while and a special thank you to all those who donated food for this event.

**P & C MEETING – 6.00PM – SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**HEAD LICE ARE ABOUT – PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HAIR AND TREAT.**

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**What’s Happening………**

**Term 2**
**Week 3**
13th May – 15th May – NAPLAN for Year 3 & Year 5
15th May – Infants Cross Country – 2.10pm – school grounds

**Week 4**
21st May – Simultaneous Storytime
23rd May – “Walk Safely to School” Day
23rd May – Questacon Visit - $5/child

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**Aboriginal Parent Meeting**
I would like to invite our Aboriginal parents to a parent meeting on Friday 23rd May after the school assembly (approximately 10.00am). I would like to discuss ideas for our Naidoc Day celebrations, the possibility of designing a yarning circle/new garden/outdoor learning area and elements of our school Spectacular.

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

**Walk Safely To School Day**
Whilst we hope that all students who walk to school do so safely every day, Friday 23rd May is the National Walk Safely to School Day. Please discuss this with your child.

**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](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). Online applications close on Friday 16th May.

The nearest opportunity class is at Port Macquarie Primary School.

A reminder - that this evening (Monday 12th May 2014) there will be a P&C meeting.

I will be discussing some changes to our Student Welfare Policy at this meeting.

All parents are welcome to attend.

**Debbie Bradshaw - Principal**
Stage 3 Athletics Training
Don’t forget Athletics training this Thursday.

Kindergarten Information
I hope all our Mums had a fabulous Mother's Day and enjoyed the time they spent with their children. No doubt, we will hear all about it today. This week will be our second week of buddy gardening. We will be planting seeds and seedlings and trying to clean up the garden beds which are very over grown. Don't forget that Thursday is library day and Cross Country for the infant’s children.

1O News
We hope all the mothers, grandmothers and carers had a wonderful Mother's Day and liked their card and gift. It has been a very busy start to Term 2 with many events and disruptions occurring. We are currently trying to complete 1 hour of physical activity each day for 10 weeks as part of the Premier's Sporting Challenge. We play at lunch time and try to spend time each day in class time being active, but we are hoping parents and carers will support this at home of an afternoon and on the weekend. Mrs Bradshaw has kindly provided our class with some new books for home reading. These books are lovely stories but some can be difficult for students to read independently. So that all students can experience these texts, if a book comes home that is difficult for your child to read, please read this story to them and let them explore the words and illustrations of the book with you. We have our cross country on Thursday afternoon and hope to see you there.

3/4H News
Change of routine for 3/4 H during NAPLAN. The Year 4 component of my class will be relocating to the Library for the duration of each day’s testing this week to give year 3 a quieter environment for their tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Normal lessons will be conducted during this time. All children in H class have been working hard in our new topic areas in particular HSIE “Working Together” and in Literacy “Pictures tell the Story”. Mr Donato continues this term to cover PD and PE lessons each Thursday. We wish Year 3 all the best for this week.

House Ticket Tally
Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s draw. The winning class was 1O, the winning house was Lawson and the five lucky students were: Tyrelle, Sean H, Kaylee & Gabbie P x 2.

Broccoli and bacon soup with a crusty roll.

News from A and R Class
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.

Reminder - 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.

Students need to bring in costumes this week.

This week 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.

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

Questacon Science Circus
We are very excited to announce that we have the highly entertaining team from Questacon, The National Science and Technology Centre in Canberra, visiting our school on the 23rd May to conduct The Shell Questacon Science Circus. This is an experience not to be missed – developed and presented by graduated scientists it is a major outreach program designed to stimulate and challenge an exploration of science and technology among its audience. This educational experience is adapted for each stage group. The cost to participate is $5 and we are hoping all students will attend. A note was sent home today.

Literacy Café
Last term a number of students enjoyed the Literacy Café at lunch times, using their time there to write short stories and poetry. We are very pleased to announce that of these students, 8 have been chosen to have their work published in a book entitled Write as Rain, which is an anthology of children's writing. Congratulations to these students: Keira, Emma I, Emma C, Kalinda, Kirralee, Daisy, Grace F and Claire.

Cross Country
Infants Cross Country will be held this Thursday at 2.10pm in the school grounds. All students under the age of 8 (this year) are to wear their house colours, appropriate shoes and a hat. Parents are welcome to attend.

If you or your child is uncertain of their house colour please contact the school for assistance.

Athletics Carnivals – CLAIMING THE DATES
Students 5yr old – 7yr old – Thursday 5th June 2014 at school
Students turning 8 in 2014 – 12/13 yr olds – 10th June 2014 at Services Club Park.
Science & Engineering Challenge winners

Canteen News

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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:

- Broccoli & Bacon Soup + roll: Small $2.50 Large $3.50
- Pumpkin Soup + roll: Small $2.50 large $3.50
- Banana Smoothie $2.50
- Milo & Muffin $2.00 (but must be pre-ordered)

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: Sean Hoole

Sean please see Tracey in the canteen to receive your voucher.

BOOKCLUB NOTICE

Please return orders and money to the office by no later than Tuesday 13th May.
Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop
Date: Thursday 22nd May 2014
Time: 9:00am until 10:30am
Venue: Gladstone Public School
Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This free workshop run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Don’t miss out – Please RSVP by Monday 19th May. Book your place by:
Visiting the school front office or email Aimee at aimee.k@nswcc.org.au
For more information contact Aimee on 6639 1306

Hermitage Dental Kempsey
We provide bulk billing under the new Child Dental Benefit Schedule which your child may be eligible for. We have experienced staff who can offer dental health education and advice to suit your Child's individual needs.

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