What’s Coming Up!

Term 4

Week 8
23 Nov – 4 Dec Learn to Swim K – Year 1
Intensive Swimming Year 2 – 6

Week 9
23 Nov – 4 Dec Learn to Swim K – Year 1
Intensive Swimming Year 2 – 6
1 Dec Stage 3 Kids in the Kitchen
Sponsorships Forms Due
6 Dec Carols in the Park K-2 Singing with LSTT
Band and Line Dancers

Week 10
8 Dec Year 6 Farewell Dinner / Dance
9 Dec Stage 3 Kids in the Kitchen
10 Dec Presentation Day – 10.00am
11 Dec Year 6 Fun Day

Week 11
16 Dec End of Year Party Day
Last Day for Students

Weekly Achievement Awards
Alice Palmer       KC  Jamison Fioretti       KT
Obi Allen          KJ  Kiani Cook           1CD
Tianna Weeks       1W  Archie Kotsireas       2M
Sonny Berger       2N  Havana Weir           2/3Z
Mitchell Harper    3A  Finley Zinser         3/4J
Saede Silvers      4S  Jackson Priest        4/5L
Tate Spencer       5/6A Syl de Wit           6R
Jayden Weeks       Library Brody Ross       1T

Due to technical difficulties last Friday there was no photo taken. There will be two Weekly Achievement Award photos printed in next week’s newsletter.

2016 School Invoice

Invoices for the 2016 book packs, performances etc will be sent home in February 2016. Please wait for your invoice before paying – this will come home with your child.

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2015   ISSUE 8 TERM 4
Producing Excellent Students

Student of the Week

Our student of the week is a polite and helpful member of the school who always displays our three key values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity.

Eden is a wonderful peer support leader and friend to his kindergarten buddy. He has an eye for detail and has created some beautiful artworks this year. He is an excellent helper in the canteen and has a great mind for solving problems in mathematics.

Congratulations Eden Hardman

Honour Students - Bill Gillott and Harrison Guy

Merit Student – Ava Redfearn
From the Principal’s Desk

Another week has flown by! Many of the children in the school have been busy going off to swimming each day and no doubt improving their swimming skills. As the end of the term is always very busy, it is quite normal for children to become more tired than usual and they may be tearful. If possible try and ensure they are in bed early at night to get some extra sleep. However having said that, at this time of year, many of us have after school commitments and engagements in the lead up to Christmas, which keep us busy. We will all struggle through together and before we know it we will all be enjoying the Christmas break.

We are continuing to organise what the class structure for our school will look like in 2016. At this stage we are now one child away from forming 15 classes. As mentioned last week, for this reason at the start of next year children may not be placed into classes on the very first day, however if numbers increase further by the end of the year this will be able to occur. We are still determining what classes teachers will teach in 2016. Teachers and I will begin allocating children to possible classes next week; however children will not be notified as to what class they may be going into as yet, as this could change.

At the last Friday assembly I announced the 8 student leaders for 2016. These 8 students will then be required to present a speech to the school assembly on Monday the 30 November. This assembly will take place at 2:15pm in the hall. Parents and families of the student leaders are more than welcome to attend. Children in Years 2 to 5 will then vote to elect captains for 2016. Captains will be announced at the Presentation assembly on Thursday 10 December. Please note this change of date. This presentation assembly begins at 10am.

A big thank-you to both children and parents for all of your efforts at the walkathon last week, a fantastic effort by all of you! I have received some lovely feedback from parents who assisted on the day letting me know how wonderful the manners of the children were. So thank-you everyone for being such wonderful members of our school and displaying our three key values, I am very proud of you all.

As soon as your children have collected their sponsorship money, please ensure they return this to the office. There will be some great prizes on offer. If your sponsorship is returned by Tuesday 1 December, you will be in the running for many of the great prizes. All lucky winners of prizes will be announced by the P and C at our last Friday school assembly for the year on the 4 December.

Teachers are busy at present finalising the students’ end of year reports. We hope to have these out to families by Thursday 10 December.

If you have not yet completed the parent survey please do so. To gain an accurate representation of what parents think about certain aspects of our school I would like as many parents as possible to complete the survey. At present only 31 families have completed this, so it is not too late and will only take you a few minutes.

The link is https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NZRY89Z

Finally, I have reports from concerned community members that certain children are not displaying our three key values when they are at the skate park before and after school. A reminder that if you display poor manners and behaviour in our school uniform, it does not reflect well on our school. I would ask that parents please ensure that you are aware of where your children are at all times and if they are allowed to go to the skate park; they should still be supervised, so any unnecessary problems can be avoided.

Have a great weekend

Kind Regards
Deb Langfield

Thought for the week

“I object to violence because when it appears to be good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent”. Mahatma Gandi

Recognising Student Achievements

Gold Cards – Week 7

| Reef Webster | Frankie Moir-Dobbs |
| Ocea Curtis | Liviya Star |
| Rio Jones | Lila Paff x 3 |
| Millie Ledgard | Jayden Backshall |
| Heidi Stone | Reuben Hardy |
| Ajandri Kelly | Coen Star |
| Woody Webster | Mila Garcia-Lyon |
| Amalia Cook | Riley Baharov |
| Rose Wright x 2 | Diego Garcia-Lyon |
| Campbell Ross | Ziah Star |
| Jess Harper | Charlotte Crocker-Bell x 2 |
| Coen Acret | Indiya Ledingham |
| Eden Hardman | Syl de Wit |
| Max Edwards | 

Three Respects in Action – Dolphin Slips

Dolphin Slips are given to children for demonstrating the three Key Values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity in the playground. Draws are made each week from the Dolphin Slip box. Each child receives a canteen voucher.

Ethan Tebbutt | Ella Cameron |
| Khyan Weir | Nyxie Ryan |

Congratulations on being great role models.

Teaching Respect and Responsibility

The Bear Award is given to the class that demonstrates the best listening and participation skills during the weekly assembly.

Week: 7 Class: 2M Well done
P & C News

Walk-a-thon
Wow what a wonderful morning we had for our walkathon. Congratulations to all the children who participated, it looked like they all enjoyed themselves. I would also like to mention what wonderful manners our children have.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who braved the heat to come and help – it was very much appreciated.

Keep those sponsorship forms coming in, these are due to be in by Tuesday 1 December.

P & C Meeting
A new date for our December P & C will be advised as it classes with the Year 6 Farewell. We will be discussing our plan for next year so if you have any ideas please feel free to come along and share them.

Kerren Kernaghan
President

Music

We have 3 performances, see below.

- Southern Cross K-6 Summer Fair, Friday, December 4. Junior and Senior Bands will combine to perform. Time: 5.20-5.45pm - Location Southern Cross K-12 School, Primary Cola (Eastern end of school)

- Lennox Head Carols by Candlelight, Sunday December 6. Junior and Senior Bands will combine to perform. Time: approx 5.30pm - Williams Reserve.

- Southern Cross K-6 Presentation Assembly, Monday December 14. Junior Band only (Southern Cross Seniors are welcome to join in). Time: 10-11am.

Lennox Head Students will be travelling via bus, notes about this performance will be sent home closer to performance date.

Monday Afternoon Band Rehearsals

- Week 9 - Junior and Senior Bands will be combining to rehearse. This rehearsal will be between 4-5pm. (Seniors please note there is no normal rehearsal for you, everyone will be finishing at 5pm).

- Week 10 - Junior Band Rehearsal will take place as normal, 4-5pm. There will be no Senior Band Rehearsal.

- Week 11 - There will be no rehearsals for Junior or Senior Band members.

Thank you to everyone for their support this year. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday.

Miss Clarke and Mr Whitney.

Library News

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Thank you to those children and parents that have returned library books or paid for missing books, however, there is still a large number of children with outstanding books. The cost of books can be expensive and unfortunately it is difficult to replace these books. Please check with your child about any books they may have outstanding.

Thank you for your assistance.

Naming the new High School

We need you!
We are looking for suggestions for the name for the new school in Ballina. We also need to design a logo and a new uniform. Please see the suggestions collected so far.

 Ballina School of Open Learning (open doors, open to all, open for business, open horizons, visions, vistas, open spaces, open to the community)
 Shelley Beach High (Landmark)
 Pandamas High (Beach tree)
 Shaws Bay High (Landmark)
 Peppercorn College (Frederick Peppercorn first surveyed the site)
 Sky High
 Bunjum Secondary College – (Bundjalung for Dreaming)
 Ballina Foundation for Learning and Engagement
 North Coast College
 Ballina Beach High (Location)

To have input into the decision go to the survey monkey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DWG9G77

Literacy Resources Stocktake

This week will be the last week for Home Reading for the year. We would like all students to bring in their readers so we are able to stocktake, reassess and organize our resources for 2016.

Thank you for your support, Literacy Committee

VALUE OF WEEK 8
Responsibility in the Eating Area
Bring your food and hat to the eating area
Canteen News

A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that helped on the BBQ / Gelato day. It was a huge success and this wouldn’t be so without your help.

As the term is coming towards the end some items will not be available. At this stage there is no more pulled beef and gravy rolls.

Thank you Sue

Our healthy canteen

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