THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015

What’s Coming Up!

Term 2

Week 5
22 May  Walk Safely to School Day
            Zone Cross Country @ Murwillumbah High School

Week 6
26 May  NAIDOC Activities - postponed
            Kinder Information Night @ 5.30pm
27 May  Simultaneous Reading
            Interrelate – Year’s 5 & 6
28 May  Biggest Morning Tea
29 May  Year 4 Final Payment Due – Brisbane/Sunshine Coast

Week 8
9 – 12 June  Year 5 Tallebudgera Excursion
9 June    P & C Meeting @ Club Lennox 6.30pm
10 June   Artsmart Program Due

Week 9
16-18 June  Yr 4 Exc Brisbane Sunshine/Coast
19 June    CWA Poster Due to Mrs Blair

Weekly Achievement Awards
Tait Walshaw      KC  Tully Fraser      KT
Marley Kreemla    KJ  Emerson Verdolini  1CD
Riley Evans       1W  Miah Bradley       2N
Kaelbe Berle      2M  Tama Rough         3A
Tiahna Crisp      3/4J Avah Orphanos     4S
Jack Atkins       4/5L Gabby Bolger       5/6A
Marley Kreemla    Library   William Borrack  6R
Nate Dixon        Library

Student of the Week

Our student of the week is an excellent role model both in the classroom and the playground.

He is helpful, cooperative and always displays the three key values of respect, responsibility and integrity.

He is a House Captain of Ross, tutor to our younger students and a caring and thoughtful peer leader.

Well Done Flynn Duverge

Merit Students – Maiya Lincoln Mather

Bucket of Books Award

April – Mark Scopesi and May – Lucas Frears
From the Principal’s Desk

NAPLAN and Reports
Well done to all of our Year 3 and 5 children who sat the NAPLAN tests last week. The papers have now been sent away for marking, these results will be back at school later in the year. Although the tests are designed to test your Literacy and Numeracy skills, they don’t show how creative you are or what a great friend you might be. All of these areas will also be highlighted on your individual semester one school reports which teachers are now in the process of completing. We will have these out to parents hopefully by the 2nd last week of term.

School Attendance
As indicated earlier in the year some changes have been made in this area this year. Such as we can no longer grant exemptions for holidays, these will be treated as absences. The Principal though still needs to approve your travel. So if you are planning a trip please come into the office for the necessary paperwork.

If your child is away from school you must provide a valid reason within 7 days of your child’s return to school. This can either be sent with your child upon their return and given to the class teacher, or you can do this via the School Stream App.

It is a legal requirement for all children to be at school on all days that it is open. I have attached the following information from the Information for Parents booklet – copies of this can be provided by the office if necessary. Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?
Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time
Arriving at school and class on time:
• Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
• Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
• Give students time to greet their friends before class
• Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?
On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
• being sick, or having an infectious disease
• having an unavoidable medical appointment
• being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
• exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Travel
Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school Principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enroll in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school. It is important to note – that if a child misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of Primary school they will have missed over a year of school.

Artsmart Program
Don’t forget! If you are interested please read the following – remembering LHPS may not be able to have their own workshops this year due to time constraints. STAGE 3 children will have the opportunity to attend an ARTsmart workshop at Ballina Public School from Tuesday the 21st of July to Thursday 23rd of July. This will be run from 9:15am to 3:15pm daily. The cost of this workshop will be $75. Parents will be responsible for dropping off and picking up children daily. Our school has been allocated 5 places, so if you are still interested in attending, please see the office for the necessary paperwork. Remember you must have an interest in or ability in Visual Arts. All paperwork and money needs to be returned to the office by the 10th of June.

Have a great weekend,
Deb Langfield – Principal (relieving)
Thought for the Week
“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world”
Robin Williams

Recognising Student Achievements

Gold Cards
Blake Wells                   Layla Ross
Spencer Connors             Jarvis King
Tam Downie                   Alice Floyd
Banjo Keane                 Scarlet Woolsey
Makai Weir                  Phoenix Rough
Chad Atkins                 Bella Stebbing
Ocea Curtis                 Isabelle Miller
Rob de Wit                  Maddie Alexander
Neeve Alexander            Sophie Ranyard x 2
Josh Summerfield            Zoe Marr
Ethan Skennar               Brody Ross
Shay Buffery                Ashton Brown
Mikayla Alexander          Tim de Wit
Campbell Ross               Taj Fensom
Finnley Conners            Nxyie Ryan x 2
Syl de Wit                  Keeley Johnson
Jessica Harper x 3

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.

Astrid Lacey               Noah McIntosh
Charlotte Cole            Josh Godward

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: 4           Class: 1W          Well done

Library

Donations
Thank you to Russell Asser, Dusty, Sally and Billy Gillott and Finn Spencer for donating books to the library.

Premiers reading Challenge
Hand in any completed forms to Mrs Blair

CWA Competition
This will be closing soon. The topic for this project is Italy.

Kinder is a colouring in completion, stage 1 is a poster showing LIFE IN ITALY, stage 2 is a FLYER advertising and selling the topic of LET’S VISIT ITALY and stage 3 is a BOOK ON ITALY containing information on the history, geography and culture of Italy.

Please encourage your child to participate.

Biggest Morning Tea
Lennox Head Public School has participated in this event for a number of years now. We all know or have heard of someone with cancer. This has been a very successful fundraiser in the past for a very worthy cause. It will be held on Thursday 28 May and the children are asked to bring in a $2 donation.

For this they will receive a drink of cordial and cake/biscuit/muffin. This year we are asking years 1 and 2 to provide the food for the morning tea.

Book Club
Book Club closes Friday 29 May

Music

Attention Tuesday Students
As Fiona will be away, there will be no lessons on Tuesday of Week 6 (May 26).
All Yr 4, 5 and 6 students will have their lesson on Monday 25 May.
All Yr 3 students will have their lesson on Friday 29 May.

Fee Reminder
There are still a few outstanding fees for this Semester. Reminder notes are being sent home.
Any queries please contact Fiona at school on Monday, Tuesday or Friday.
Thank you to those who have already paid.

VALUE OF WEEK 6

Responsibility in all Settings
Share and take turns during activities and play
Challenging Play - Risky!

Children both need and want to take risks in order to explore their limits, venture into new experiences and for their development. Any injury is distressing for children and those who care for them, but the experience of minor injuries is a universal part of childhood and has a positive role in child development.

An ideal environment allows for developing and testing skills in safe, creative play. Children need opportunities to:

- Develop skills in negotiating the environment (including risks);
- Learn how to use equipment safely and for its designed purpose;
- Develop coordination and orientation skills;
- Take acceptable risks; and
- Learn about the consequences (positive/negative) of risk taking.

Risk does not always have a negative outcome. Many positives can come from taking risks. Therefore, it can be helpful to think as risk being divided into two components:

A CHALLENGE: something obvious to the child where he/she can determine their ability and decide whether to take that risk

A HAZARD: something unseen or not obvious to the child that often results in injury!

Both are Risks

Managing Risk And Challenge

Effective risk assessment and management requires:

- Distinguishing between acceptable and unacceptable risks including:
  - The likelihood of coming to harm;
  - The severity of that harm; and
  - The benefits, rewards or outcomes of the activity.
- Observing the children and identifying those who need greater challenge or specific support
- Establishing and displaying expectations for Behaviour

Benefits Of Risk Taking

When considering the benefits, rewards or outcomes of the activity you may include the following:

- Pleasure
- Development of self-confidence and well-being
- Engagement with the natural environment and natural elements
- Learning through experience
- Mixing between different age ranges

By weighing up the positives as well as the negatives of a risk in a playground, providers are more likely to be able to provide for managed risk which is engaging, developmentally appropriate and beneficial for children of all ages.

From: http://www.kidsafensw.org/playground-safety/challenging-play-risky/

Community Announcements

Take Home A Big Brother Or Big Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Our healthy canteen

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Thank you, Sue Tatum Ph: 66877141

- A belated but very grateful thank you to Allison King, Anita Cotter and Josh Ollier for helping at District Cross Country. Your help made this a successful day for the P & C making over $700 at the canteen. THANK YOU.
- Also please make sure you are using the correct canteen menu (Term 2, 2015)
- Still looking for some help on a few days. Let me know if you are available.