Weekly Achievement Awards

Avaluna Grön-Daly
Billy Baxter
Mia McIntosh
Kiani Cook
Sara Ryden
Jack Alexander
Beau Jordan
Zoe Gaskell

Eadie Hughes Thaleh Smith Milly Titjen Angus Birnie Maiya Mather Burrey Rhett Walshaw Mia Hoey Charlotte Crocker-Bell

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Saturday School Disco

What's Coming Up!

Term 1

Week 8
Mar 14 -16 Midginbil Hill Excursion
Mar 15 LHPS Boys Cricket v Wollongbar
Mar 16 Interrelate 10 - 2pm
Mar 18 Easter Hat Parade 10.00am

Week 9
Mar 21-22 World of Maths
Mar 23 Interrelate 10 - 2pm
Mar 25 Good Friday - Public Holiday

Week 10
28 Mar Easter Monday – Public Holiday
30 Mar School Disco

Producint Excellent Students
Student of the Week

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

He always completes work to the best of his ability and is a trusted member of the class who happily completes any requests.

Elijah is an empathetic friend and an excellent role model for younger students. He is a valued peer support leader and a wonderful buddy to the kindergarten students.

Congratulations Elijah Nancarrow

Merit Student
Kobi McCombie

Bucket of Books Award

Julian Redhead for February
Jamilah Bikoumou for March
From the Principal’s Desk

We are well and truly moving through Term 1. Very soon we will have a short break for Easter. Good Friday is 25 March and pupils will return on Tuesday 29 March. The school term will conclude on Friday 8 April. This is a little different to previous years as often Easter falls within the school holidays. School resumes for Term 2 for students on Wednesday 27 April.

Please note the change of date for the Easter Hat Parade: this is now going to be held on Friday 18 March at 10am under the COLA. All parents and friends are invited to attend and watch the parade. You are then welcome to stay and enjoy lunch with your child if you wish. Our normal Friday assembly will still also be held at 12pm in the hall on this day. Please ensure that your child has a decorated Easter hat to wear on the day, these are to be made at home. There will be a lucky prize for each class which is drawn on the day. In addition please ensure you help to support the P&C by providing some Easter eggs for the raffle and don’t forget to return your sold raffle tickets to the office.

School Interviews

School interviews were held yesterday evening from 3:50pm. There have been some questions raised by parents as to the booking process.

The interview timeslots were open to parents for approximately two weeks. This was communicated via the newsletter and on SchoolStream as to how parents could access this site. Interviews were closed at 3:30pm on Monday afternoon, as teachers needed to be provided with lists of who was coming to see them. They need to be given ample time to prepare adequately for interviews and this does involve some detailed preparation.

If you did not book a time, you will now need to contact your child’s teacher and make another arrangement. I understand that some teacher’s times did fill up quickly and there were not any available spots left to book. Teachers will still be able to see you and they will make a suitable time to do this. Please contact them through the office.

Messages for Teachers/Meetings

There will be occasions when you may need to pass a message onto your child’s teacher. It is not always possible to catch a teacher before or after school. Teachers are often in meetings before and after school, or they may be rostered on to playground or bus duty. Please don’t assume that you will be able to see them immediately or become annoyed if they are not available. We would prefer all messages to come via the office and these can be relayed to the teachers. If the teacher then needs to contact you they will arrange a time to do so.

Sick Children

Lately we have had a lot of sick children coming to school. We do request that if your children are unwell that they are kept at home.

When children are sick and they come to school they not only make other children sick, teachers and support staff can also become unwell. In addition please ensure your contact details are up to date, as we have tried to call parents in the last two weeks and have not been able to reach them. It is really important that someone is available to collect your child if they become unwell at school. We have had children left in the sick bay for most of the day, which is not fair on office staff or the sick child. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Drop Off and Pick Up

A reminder that school does start at 9:30am and children should be here at this time. We have noticed some children being on site before 8:30am. Children should not be here at this time as there is no active supervision. The first duty teacher does not go out into the playground until 9am, so we would appreciate children not being at school until closer to this time. We do have a before and after school service operating on site, which parents can access. Rainbow Children’s Centre co-ordinate this service.

If for some reason you are late, your child must come to the office with you and be signed in - this is a legal requirement. You cannot just drop them at the front of the school and leave. In addition, please be on time if you are collecting children in the afternoons. Lately we have had several children left after school for up to 45 minutes. A reminder that the office staff and teachers have families and commitments after school and it is often very inconvenient to our families if we are delayed. We would really appreciate parents being prompt for pick up, or having an alternative plan in place if you are going to be late.

Does missing a day of school or a few minutes a day matter? This table certainly helps to show that yes it does! Please ensure children are at school on time everyday.

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How about 10 minutes a day? Surely that won’t affect my child?

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Rugby Sevens
I would like to say a big thank you to the boys that represented the school in the Rugby Sevens tournament in Lismore on Tuesday. It ended up being a very wet day, but the boys had a lot of fun. I was very proud of all of them and the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the day, you were a credit to the school and to your parents.

The Under 10 boys won all but one of their games and had a great time. The Under 12 boys who were playing in the competitive competition won all of their pool games convincingly and progressed to the final. Unfortunately they were beaten by a very handy Kyogle team on the day. I was incredibly proud of their efforts and their sportsmanship.

I would also like to thank the parents for providing transport, being great spectators and for bringing back some very muddy and wet children!!! Big thanks to Jason McCombie for coaching the teams and to Kel Langfield for assisting him on the day. Well done everyone!

Kind regards
Deb Langfield
Relieving Principal

Thought for the week
“The best preparation for tomorrow is to do your best today.” H Jackson Brown, Jr

Recognising Student Achievements
Gold Cards – Week 5
Tam Downie Obi Allen
Matilda McCombie Matthew Acret
Grace Miller Mark Scopesi
Jake Kynoch Taylah Ledingham
Kate Reka x2 Finnley Connors
Ethan Skennner

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.

Congratulations on being great role models.

Harvey Orphanos Gracie Moore
Tait Walshaw Juniper Harper
Thaleh Smith

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: 6 Class: 3A Well done

Student Wellbeing

Peer Support
Week 8
During Peer support this week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game.

This week help your child practise these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings.

Thank you to Bailey and Codey Abbott for donating a beautiful painting “Rainbow Walkabout,” painted by Jeff Bosworth to our school.

SRC Fundraiser
Thank you and well done everyone. Your efforts for the Fijian Cyclone Appeal has raised approximately $600.

Library News
Book Club
Book Club closes on March Wednesday 16 March.

Overdue Books
Please encourage your child to return or renew any book they have that are overdue.
Library Bags
It would be great if all children used a library bag or plastic bag when carrying books in their school bag to reduce the chance of books getting damaged by water bottles.

Donations
Thank you to Sophie Gaskell for donating books to the library.

Sport

Swimming
Well done to Bryn Walshaw and Daniel Mackenzie who competed at the North Coast swimming carnival at Kempsey yesterday. Bryn finished sixth in the 50m Butterfly and Daniel finished third in the 8 Year boys 50m Freestyle.

Daniel will now compete at the State carnival in Sydney, Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 April. Congratulations and Good luck Daniel.

Cricket
Last Sunday 6 March & Monday 7 March, Ryan Kernaghan and Zac Gilmore travelled to Sawtell for the North Coast Under 12 PSSA Cricket selection trials.

After two full days of batting, bowling and fielding Zac was selected in the North Coast team to play in Sydney in November. Both boys showed their dedication and commitment over the 2 days and there is no doubt they love their cricket!

P&C News

Easter Raffle
Keep those Easter Eggs coming in for the Easter raffle. Could all raffle tickets, sold and unsold please be returned to the office by Monday 13 March, thank you.

Class Parents
Thank you to all the Class Parents who volunteered, it is greatly appreciated. Class Parents will be sending out a note requesting contact details.

Reminder
Our next meeting, our AGM is being held on Tuesday 15 March @ 6.30pm @ Club Lennox. Hope to see you there.

Kerren Kernaghan – President

Canteen Roster

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Canteen News

Firstly a big thanks to all those who helped on Pancake Day, your help ensured this to be a very successful day.

Hats: The small size in the bucket hat is no longer available. The other sizes are XS, M, and L, the school is transitioning to a new hat which offers better sun protection and is made of microfibre. These are adjustable in size (S/M and M/L) and are $10.

Slushies are available for purchase at second break only. Please note that sauce is 5 cents each so if you are ordering 3 pies & sauce the sauce will be 15 cents.

Thank you, Sue Tatum.