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Newsletter Issue 34

Term 4 Week 6

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Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4.

It is great to see our Kickstart kids having a ball learning about their new school for 2014. Mrs Daley and Miss Campton have done a wonderful job organising this year's transition and I am sure that all of the kids involved will be ready and raring to go first day next year.

Mrs Armytage has organised our smart phone app, "Skoolbag" for us. This app is free to parents and will be a great way to stay in touch with what is happening at school. All the instructions you will need have been sent home in the newsletter. Be sure to let us know if you are experiencing any difficulty loading onto your phone.

Stage 3 had a wonderful time at Richie Donovan's camp on Thursday and Friday. I was lucky enough to spend the night with them on Thursday. The ghost crab walk on the beach that night was a real highlight for me! James and Luwana were definitely the best ghost crab catchers! A special congratulations to the boys on camp who definitely did a better job of getting to sleep than many of the girls! How lucky are we that we have staff willing to spend this amount of time away from their families in support of the development of our kids? Thank you to all the staff involved, Mr Freebairn, Miss McArthur, Mrs Smith, Mrs Leahy and Dave. A special thankyou to Richie for taking the time to make a difference in these kid's lives!

Another successful basketball clinic was held for the kids on Friday. This has been well received by all concerned, so a big thankyou to Miss Baker for all of her efforts organising this initiative.

It was great to walk into the foyer this morning and see our Remembrance Day feature sitting proudly on the wall. This is a very important day in Australia's history and it is great to see the students and staff of our school keeping the tradition alive. I am sorry I missed the formal ceremonies both out in our community and at school.

I am very excited about our leadership speeches this week. Nearly all of our Year 5 students will be taking the huge step of talking in front of their peers each morning this week as our students and staff prepare to vote for our school leaders in 2014. We will have a boy and girl captain and 2 boy and girl prefects next year. These leaders will be responsible for a variety of roles throughout the year, the most important being setting a wonderful example for all other students as we set about further developing our school culture, a culture where we celebrate achievements in all aspects of our school life and do so with respect for all. Please reinforce to your Year 5 child the importance of being a leader regardless of whether they achieve an official role or not. All of our Year 5 students will be considered leaders next year. Whilst it is obviously a great honour to represent your school as captain or prefect there will be a real leadership role involved for all of our Year 6 students next year.

Student reports are well underway now, with staff spending many hours at night working on providing informative and accurate reports that truly reflect your child's progress and development. Please be sure to read these comments carefully as they are the best indication as to how your child is coping and the areas where you can best support their progress. Your child's effort grade is also very important. Please be sure to contact your child's teacher with any questions you may have after receiving the report.

Have a great week.

Todd.

Well done to our 2014 Leader Candidates with their speeches. We are looking forward to hearing more this week!



Diary

Fri 15th Nov

Kick Start Program

12pm-2:45pm

Mon 3rd Dec

Kinder Orientation

Uniforms

Enrolments &

Information

Fri 6th Dec

Family Fun Night

Thurs 12th Dec

K-2 Excursion to
Big Banana

Congratulations

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students who receive a "Caught You Being Good" go into a daily draw to win a \$2.00 voucher.

Congratulations to the following students::

Yolanda Jones 2B, Larnie Wheeler 1C-Playing nicely, Alyssia Fisher 5/6M-Sitting nicely in Quad,
Ella Buchanan 3/4F-Walking in Quad, Lily Dedman 5/6S-Wearing a hat, Ryan Winchester 3Hi 5-Walking in Quad

CARE SAFE RESPECT RESPONSIBLE

Remembrance Day

Yesterday at 11am we held a special assembly to mark Remembrance Day. Miss Baker ran the assembly to remember the sacrifice of the men and women who gave so much for Australia in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Two Year 5 students read a soldier's recount of the Gallipoli trenches and a poem. James Donovan offered a contribution the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders made that was read at the Assembly.

Our Year 6 leaders made us proud representing our school at the RSL's service by laying some flowers.

Lest We Forget



Early Stage One and Stage One Excursion

We have organised an excursion to celebrate our successful year in infants. Firstly, Early Stage One for completing Kindergarten and Stage One for all their great achievements and development over the year. Both stages have been learning about celebrations all over the world and here at home, and this is a great opportunity to reinforce that learning and have lots of fun. Our excursion is planned for Thursday, 12th December and we have booked a bus to go to and enjoy the Big Banana for the day. We are planning to go on the water slides, have fun with laser tag and learn lots about bananas with a special educational tour of the plantation. The whole excursion would normally cost \$25.00 for the bus, water slide, laser tag and Big Banana tour, but our school will be subsidising this excursion and the price will be **\$10.00 per child**. At this stage we are expecting all of our students to attend this excursion. Naturally, safe and respectful behaviours will be expected from all participants and we will be sure to contact parents and carers should this become an issue in regards your child's attendance. If you have any questions about this excursion please ring Mr Todd Potter or Mrs Robyn Beauchamp.

Year 3 Bus Applications for Busways in 2014

We have received a reminder from Busways that they need the new bus application for students entering Year 3 in 2014 by the end of this term. Please send in to the Front Office as soon as possible.

Kickstart

On Friday we had our 1st Kickstart session. The kids enjoyed making rockets and playing games outside to coincide with the Space theme. This Friday's theme is Australian Animals, where the children will experience and have fun with a range of activities.

Pre-schoolers Requia, Cooper and Asher get down to business in Kindergarten



Intensive Swimming Scheme

Swimming lessons will commence in **Week 9**. Notes are now available from the Office for 8 Year olds and up.



Spotlight on... Forensics

Students have tested different fibres under the microscope and taken DNA out of peas. They even tested their own finger prints!

Selected Year 6 students have had the wonderful opportunity of learning about Forensic Science at Nambucca Heads High as part of their transition.



Students had fun learning about Chromatography! Chromatography is the method you use when you separate dyes.



Don't forget.....

Family Fun Night

We are very excited to be planning our Family Fun Night which will be held on Friday the 6th December. The date is fast approaching and kids have been busy rehearsing for what is sure to be a great night!



Next P&C Meeting
Wednesday 20th November
4pm in the Staffroom.

P & C Motto:
Participate & Communicate
Meet every third

CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS

Normal menu available every day

Name: _____ Class: _____

WEDNESDAY 13th November

BACON & EGG ROLL WITH TOMATO OR BBQ SAUCE

PRICE \$4.00

Name: _____ Class: _____

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

HAM & PINEAPPLE PIZZA SINGLES

+ ORCHY FRUIT JUICE ORANGE/APPLE/PASSIONFRUIT (CIRCLE CHOICE)

PRICE \$3.70

Name: _____ Class: _____

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER

SPAGHETTI & HOMEMADE MEATBALLS TOPPED WITH CHEESE

PRICE \$5.00

Name: _____ Class: _____

MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

6 CHICKEN NUGGETS WITH TOMATO OR BBQ SAUCE

+NIPPY FLAVOURED MILK (CHOC OR STRAWB)

PRICE \$4.70

Community News

Santa's at the Beach 2013

Santa photos will be taken at Shelley Beach in Nambucca Heads on Friday 22nd Nov, Sunday 24th Nov, Friday 29th Nov, Sunday 1st Dec, Friday 6th Dec and Sunday 8th Dec.

Cost is \$25 per family session (duration of 10 minutes). Bookings Essential

Phone **Bec Bee** on **0431682213** or email santasatthebeach@outlook.com

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FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM

presents

Standing Strong

Getting strong after difficult times.

Tuesdays 12th, 19th, 26th November 10am-1pm

Family Support, Mann St Nambucca Heads (near roundabout)

**Contact Christine at Family Support 6568 7364 or
Family and Community Information Centre**

Ph 6568 2305

Nambucca Valley Early Childhood

Intervention

New classes for ALL young children in our community.

For more information please phone
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