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Newsletter Issue 21

Term 3 Week 2

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Welcome to Week 2 of Term 3. Congratulations to all of the students who ran, threw and jumped on Friday. Mr Freebairn and Miss Morrison did a wonderful job organising our carnival team and making sure that the day went off without a hitch. Despite the wind!

Congratulations to our age champions; Lennon Smithwick, Luwana Cohen, Phoebe Schram, Samuel Donovan, Crystal Wylie and James Donovan, also to the winning house, Bradman. A huge thankyou to all of our parents and carers who came along and helped out by doing a job or cheering on the athletes. It was a great day and we could not have done it without you.



A real highlight for everyone was the infants relay and it was great to see the younger kids involved throughout the day. Miss Chatenay and Mrs Haase and their team did a wonderful job ensuring that the kids were busy all day and had lots of opportunities to try out the field events in between their running and novelty events.

Our staff are completing a feedback survey on where we may be able to improve things for next year, and our wider school community is encouraged to provide us feedback as well. Feel free to send an email, give us a ring or simply pop in should you have any ideas on how we can make our carnival even more inclusive for our students.

Our students have certainly started their term where they left off before the holidays. Our playground is very busy with opportunities for students in touch football, debating, basketball, dancing and the usual games and library. We are working very hard to make clear distinctions between our classroom and our playground and the behaviours that are expected. The kids are certainly stepping up to the plate!

Whilst each classroom and each teacher develops their own class culture and personality, there is a core of values and expectations that underpin each and every student's participation in teaching and learning activities. These principles and expectations are a work in progress, but can roughly be summed up in 6 steps.

Parents and Carers are an integral part of each and every step in this process. Your willingness to let us know of any little issues affecting your child's learning is essential if we are to provide an effective and individualised learning environment for them. Your support and understanding throughout the many tricky and varied situations that will arise throughout the year is what makes the development of such a student focused-school culture possible.

Diary

Term 3

Wed 23rd July

FPVCPS Debate
against Stuarts Point

Thurs 24 July

NAIDOC
10:30am
11.00am
Official Assembly
12.00pm Lunch

Fri 25th July

PSSA Touch Football
Knockout
Advocate Park Coffs

Thurs 31st July

Education Week
Awards
5.30pm at Bowraville
Central School

Fri 1st Aug

District Athletics
Carnival

Gumbaynggirr
Word of the Week

niirum
meaning
cold

1. Teachers are expected to provide a classroom environment where students feel safe and are challenged.

Students are rewarded individually and as a team to reinforce high quality learning behaviours and effective work habits. Student programs are designed and implemented by the classroom teacher with support from our Learning Support Team, School Learning and Support Officers, Learning and Support teacher, Aboriginal Education Officer, School Counsellor, Executive and Principal.

2. Students are expected to try their best, work quietly and engage in the teaching and learning opportunities.

3. If students find the work too hard then they are to let their teacher know and more support is provided. Naturally, teachers will be monitoring this as well.

4. If students find the work environment challenging then classrooms can offer a variety of learning spaces.

5. After all of these program modifications, if students are finding it too hard to work without disturbing the learning of others then a new work space is provided. (Buddy Class.)

6. If a student continues to need support then they will work with one of the support team listed above. Parents and carers of students needing this level of support will be fully informed.

Our planned basketball game for Tuesday against Kendall PS has been postponed.

On Wednesday our School Debating Team will be heading off to Stuarts Point for the next round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The boys will leave school at about 11am and receive their topic at 12 noon. They have 1 hour to prepare their debate which will then start at 1:00pm. Mrs Leahy and the boys have done remarkably well this year, and we look forward to seeing them once again argue their way to victory!

Our NAIDOC Day will take off on Thursday. Aunty Nerida, Miss Edwards and the NAIDOC team have a raft of activities planned culminating in a wonderful lunch for our whole community. The day will begin at 10.30 am with our Official Opening Ceremony, starting at 11am. This will be followed by a free lunch for our kids and all visitors. After lunch our community will be invited to wander around our school observing the many lunch time activities that happen each and every day. At 12 noon students and visitors will assemble in the quad and break off in peer groups to rotate through 9 different cultural stations throughout the afternoon. Our NAIDOC Day will conclude at 2:00pm with a special Closing Ceremony. This is a wonderful day of celebration and an opportunity to formally acknowledge our Indigenous heritage as a school, community and country. We look forward to seeing you there!

On Friday we will be taking our Open Boys and Girls Touch Footy Teams to Coffs Harbour for the PSSA Knockout Round Robin. Mr Freebairn and I will be looking after the boys and Miss McArthur and Miss Wesley will be looking after the girls. Once again, all training has been completed during lunch or recess and the players involved have been setting a great example for their peers both in the playground and in the classroom. This is the only way that students will be afforded the honour of representing our wonderful school in any event, be it sporting or academic.

Have a great week!

Todd.

Lego Wanted!

We would greatly appreciate any donations of Lego. We are sure there are children out there who have outgrown their Lego. We are hoping to start a Lego group within the school. Thanks in advance!

From the Library

The Great Book Swap:

In support of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, our school will once again host a book swap on Thursday 24th July as part of our NAIDOC Day celebrations. Old library favourites can be swapped for just 20 cents (or 6 for \$1.00!) Great bargains to be had! Money raised will support literacy development in remote indigenous communities. Please support this worthy cause.

Book Club

Order forms have been issued. If you wish to place an order please send correct money and order form in an envelope to the office by Friday 1st August.

Mrs Coulter

Lost Jumpers/Jackets

Due to the large volume of jackets and jumpers that are being handed in without a name, we regret that we can only hold them for **one week** in lost property. If not reclaimed in this time, they will be donated to our clothing pool or local charities.

P&C Photo Fundraiser

Please find enclosed in this week's newsletter a form for the P&C's fundraiser. Please return forms to the Front Office. Photos will be taken at our school on Saturday 16th August from 9am until 5pm.

Thursday 24th July

All Welcome

10.30am

Bush Tucker with Sue Tomkins

Gumbaynggirr Singing

*BBQ lunch will be
provided for ALL
students*

NAIDOC

Student Displays and Activities

Raising the Flag & Smoking Ceremony

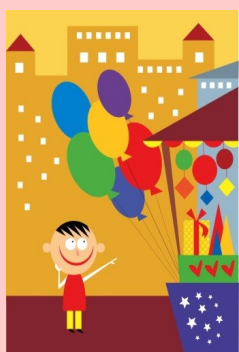
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

A reminder to all Stage 3 students that your deposit for the Canberra Excursion is now due!

P & C News

Family Portrait Fundraising Day

On Saturday 16 August we are holding a Family Portrait Day. You will be able to receive a 10" x 13" framed photo for \$15.00. Please see office to book your place. More information will be provided in future newsletters.



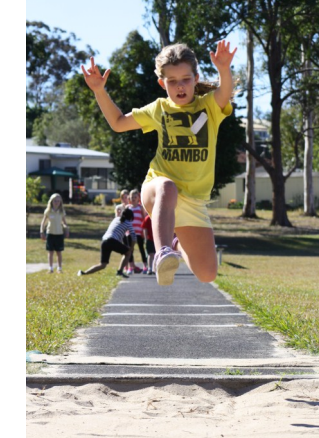
2015 Fete

We are starting to collect goods for the white elephant stall. If you have any unwanted items to donate please contact Kath 0487406937 or drop off at the office.

Also if you would like to book a stall to sell goods or advertise your business please contact Kath.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS

| WEDNESDAY 23 July | THURSDAY 24 July | FRIDAY 25 July | MONDAY 28 July |
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| Name: _____ Class: _____ Lamb burger (Lamb pattie, lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cooked onion and special sauce on a bun. Price \$3.90 | Name: _____ Class: _____ NAIDOC DAY REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM CANTEEN | Name: _____ Class: _____ Pumpkin Soup (Homemade) and dinner roll Price \$5.50 | Name: _____ Class: _____ 6 Chicken Nuggets with Sauce Tom/BBQ Nippy Flavoured Milk Choc/Strawberry Price: \$4.50 |
| Normal menu available every day CHICKEN DINO SNACKS NOW AVAILABLE 60c EACH | | | |

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Stuarts Point Players Auditions for the Upcoming Production

Auditions will be held on Thursday afternoon 24th July in the Stuarts Point Community Hall at 5pm for our youth production of "Sleeping Beauty and the Beast". We are looking for students aged 6 years and over for a variety of roles. Rehearsals will commence on Monday night 28th July and will be held every Monday night until the performances in late October and early November.

Auditions for the adult production of "Alibis" which will run in conjunction with the youth performance, will be held at 7pm on Thursday night 24th July at 7pm in the same venue. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday nights from 6:30pm commencing on Thursday night 31st July. The cast includes five female and four male roles of varying ages.

Why not come along and enjoy the challenges which amateur theatre offers. For any inquiries phone Kay on 65690210.



Triple P Seminars – Positive Parenting Program

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

Session 1: Tuesday 5th August 2014 - THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

Session 2: Tuesday 12th August 2014 - RAISING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT CHILDREN

Session 3: Tuesday 19th August 2014 - RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Where: Macksville Public School

FREE childcare is available - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - as spaces are limited

To find out more or to book into a free seminar please contact Terri or Sue on 65681474



Nambucca District Little Athletics New Season Starting

The Little Athletics NSW motto is **family fun and fitness**. It is one of the sports where the parents can be just as involved as the kids and the kids love it! Parents, guardians, grandparents and even family friends help out with timekeeping, measuring and marking so that our events run smoothly. It is a great way for families to spend time together in a happy, healthy environment.

Registration & Trial Night:

20th August 2014

at 4.30pm. (August to March)

EJ Biffin Playing Fields

Fred Brain Ave, Nambucca Heads

For further information please contact Tracey Cheers on

0438 685253 or Lisa McKay on 65648553.