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Newsletter Issue 27

Term 3 Week 8

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Welcome to Week 8 of Term 3. The weeks have certainly flown by! Thanks to our wonderful teachers and supportive school community - our term has once again been filled with lots of great learning opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom.

A special congratulations to Luwana, Thomas and Jasmine on their Nambucca Strikers Grand Final victory. I was lucky enough to have had the opportunity to pop into Coffs and watch this game and our 3 Frank Partridge kids played very well! Very proud!

You may be interested to know that one of our teachers, Mrs Bekis, was involved in supporting staff from other schools in the implementation of technology in the classroom, specifically with the effective use of iPads. Kurt Smith did a wonderful job demonstrating how this technology can be used to great effect for learning. He did this through an iMovie without actually being there on the day. The expertise of our staff is a real feature of our school and when our teachers are being used to help other schools come on board with innovative and creative programs it is certainly a credit to them and their expertise. Gai Cross is an integral part of our School Teaching and Learning Team in her role as AP Learning and Support. Gai works in lots of different schools, but always makes the time to help our kids and teachers to design and implement individually tailored programs. Kurt's program and the use of iPads in our classroom is just one example of this support. It is incredible what we can achieve when we pull together as a school community - teachers, support staff, kids, parents and carers!

Our Year 6 parent and carer meeting for the Year 6 Farewell was held on Wednesday last week. If you could not make the meeting, but are willing to help in any way, then please contact Dorothy Leahy. Thank you so much to those parents who made the time to come in and help us plan for this very special event!

High School Transition Planning is well under way with Nambucca Heads High School. There will be a science-based transition program run during the remainder of this year and it looks like lots of fun! Miss McArthur is coordinating the planning from our end.

We had an incredible amount of staff away last week! Mrs Beauchamp does an incredible job organising replacement teachers for your children. Our School Admin Manager, Anne Philips and AP John Close coordinate the replacement of SLSOs. This is not a matter of getting just anyone! We do our very best to match teachers and SLSO's to classes so as to ensure the continuation of effective programs and consistency for students. As a result, our students were able to handle the disruptions last week with a great deal of maturity. They do miss their teachers and SLSO's but their replacements do a wonderful job and have a great understanding of the classes and the individual student needs.

Diary

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sep

Book Fair
Before & After School

Thurs 4th Sep

'Connect to Reading'
Book Week Parade
All Invited!

Fri 12th Sep

Year 6 Mini Fete

Wed 17th Sep

Kinder Excursion to
Dolphin Marine Magic

2/1H & MC Excursion
To
Link Leisure Centre
and
Bruxner Park

Fri 19th September

Last day of Term 3

Tues 7th October

Term 4 Begins!

Gumbayngirr
Phrase of the Week
Giingan Baabagundi
Gaywa
meaning
Happy
Father's
Day

Our Book Fair will be run this week Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd, Thurs 4th SEPTEMBER. It will be open for students and families before school and after school. Students may also purchase at lunchtimes and during their library lesson. Our annual Book Fair Parade will be held on Thursday at 2:00pm. All parents, carers and community members are invited to come along and watch the vast array of characters as they parade around our quad, celebrating books and the joy of reading!

I will be away for most of Friday as I have a meeting in Smithtown in regards to our Instructional Leader Program. Christie Williams is our Instructional Leader and works with our kids and teachers in the Infants 3 days a week. Mrs Williams, Mrs Beauchamp and our talented classroom teachers have really got our Kindy to Year 2 students powering along with their writing. I have been privileged to see many writing samples over the past few weeks and the standard is certainly improving each day! It is important that parents and carers understand the increased focus on writing within our school, as children may indicate a desire to write for enjoyment after school or on the weekends. Parents and carers can play a huge role in the development of their child's literacy skills simply by providing paper and pencils and an interest in the writing that your child produces. Do not worry about spelling or grammar! The fact that they are keen to write and choose to write for enjoyment is a wonderful step forward! If you would like to know more about how you can help your child with their writing at home, then please contact your child's classroom teacher or myself and I am sure that we will have many ideas for you. Make no mistake! School teaching and learning teams that involve skilled teachers, parents and carers are the most effective way to ensure your child makes the most of all opportunities throughout their schooling. We look forward to hearing from you!

I have been talking to several parents about our current homework structures. As a staff we are developing a set of expectations that involve teachers, parents, carers and students. These expectations will then be shared with our parents and carers for their comments before we move forward with the development of a home work policy that meets the needs of all stakeholders, and creates an effective learning environment at home.

As a starting point for parents and carers could you please complete the following survey and return it to school this week. It is totally anonymous and will help us considerably as we try to set up homework structures that are effective for our whole school community.

I hope that everyone had a great weekend and made the time to watch the Sea Eagles beat the Panthers with 30 seconds to go on Sunday afternoon!!

Todd.

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Home work is important.	Yes	No	Undecided.
I regularly help my child with their homework.	Yes	No	
My Child's homework comes home each week.	Yes	No	
My child does their homework each week.	Yes	No	
I feel confident in helping my child with their homework.	Yes	No	Some parts.
My child likes doing homework.	Yes	No	
There are more important things to do after school.	Yes	No	Undecided.

Comments: _____

Library News

Connect To Reading

This week we celebrate Book Week with our Book Character Parade and Book Fair!

Students and families are invited to the Library on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings this week from 8:30am-9am to view and purchase from the Book Fair, and also after school on these days. Students can also visit at lunchtime and during their library lessons.

Our parade will commence at 2:00pm Thursday. Students should wear school uniform to school and are invited to transform themselves into a *book character I connect with!*

After the parade students and families are invited up to the Book Fair. Students can wear their costumes home.

Last minute character ideas from our students include Jake from Jake's Cooking Craze, Emily Eyefinger, Horrid Henry from Horrid Henry's Sports Day, The Tinklers, Horrible Harriet, 4F Freaks, Pearl, The Paperbag Princess, Tashi, Thea Stilton, The Worst Witch, Matilda, Sam from The Last 13.

I wonder who the teachers will connect with! Looking forward to colour and creativity!

Mrs Coulter

Year 6 Mini Fete - Friday 12th September

Novelty Store



Lolly Guessing Competition 20c a guess or 3 guesses for 50c

100's Club \$2 per number

Each lunch time in the quad!

Face Painting

Show Bags

Any donations of cakes, toffees and slices etc would be greatly appreciated.

Sock Wrestling

Please send up to 6/5S on the morning of Friday 12th September.

Sponge Throwing

Caught Being Good

Patrick Bagnell 4/3W - Helping @ My Library, Lachlan Giles 2/1C - Beautiful Listening, Braiden Jarrett 2/1H - Picking up rubbish, Shaela Little 5U2 - Helping Denise, Blake Neal KC - Sitting and eating,

Class Merit Awards

KC: Durell Cohen, Levi Quinlan, KD: Amelia Jones, Emma Wall, 2/1C: Richard Carey, Jaynarleeya Munro, 2/1H: Braiden Wheeler, Skyleigh Sisson, 2/1E: Keira Donovan, Patricia Stewart, 4/3F: Daniel McElroy, Shayla Colb, 4/3W: Sharaiah Ridgeway, Mitchell Barber, Ryan Winchester, 6/5L: Lachlan Barwick, Samuel Donovan, 6/5M: William Mackney, Jasmine Hall, 6/5S: Jake Jones, Lawrence Witt.

Class of the Week: Kindergarten






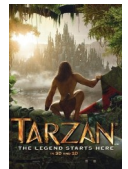




Congratulations

Afternoons in the Classroom



CANTEEN MEAL OFFERS

WEDNESDAY 3rd September	THURSDAY 4th September	FRIDAY 5th September	MONDAY 8th September
Name: _____ Class: _____ Chicken Snitzel Burger with Lettuce & Aioli or Mayo Price \$5.50	Name: _____ Class: _____ Bacon & Egg Roll With Sauce Price \$4.50	Name: _____ Class: _____ Linguine Pasta with Smoked Ham, Sundried To- mato in a Lite Cream Sauce with Parmesan Cheese Price \$4.50 small \$6.50 large	Name: _____ Class: _____ 6 Dino Nuggets with Tom/BBQ Sauce Nippy Flavoured Milk (Choc/Strawberry) Price: \$5.50
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Community News</h3>			
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Nambucca and Macksville Vacation Care Program - September/October 2014</h3>			

<p>Monday 22/9/14 LET'S MAKE GLITTER SLIME!!</p>  <p>Make a Recycled Monster</p> <p>COOKING: Weet-Bix choco- late balls</p>	<p>Tuesday 23/9/14 EXCURSION: Details in Family Newsletter</p>  <p>Cost: \$15.00</p>	<p>Wednesday 24/9/14 Making our own musical instruments</p>  <p>A local entertainer is visiting us for a 'Singin' with Suzie Session'</p>	<p>Thursday 25/9/14 Juggling & Other Fun Tricks</p>  <p>Homemade Ant Farm Fun</p>	<p>Friday 26/9/14 EUROPEAN FEAST Prepare and enjoy foods from countries - Pizza, Pasta, Pastries & more</p>  <p>Cost: \$6.00 Vac-Buskers Show</p>
<p>Monday 29/9/14 EXCURSION: Nambucca Cinema</p>  <p>Cost: \$17.00</p> <p>Monday 6/10/14 Public Holiday - Centre closed</p>	<p>Tuesday 30/9/14 SPARKLY ART with fairy floss glitter paint!!</p>  <p>Make an eggshell garden COOKING: Pikelets</p>	<p>Wednesday 1/10/14 KID'S FUN DAY Inflatable climbing wall (Laser 'n' Lights Party Hire), jumping castles, face painting, , games, sausage sizzle & more</p>  <p>Venue: Nambucca VC Centre Cost: \$8.00</p>	<p>Thursday 2/10/14 ROUND ROBIN SPORTS & GAMES</p>  <p>Make a twirling, dot painted rainbow snake COOKING: 'Picnic in a Pot'</p>	<p>Friday 3/10/14</p>  <p>Dress Ups, Games & Prizes</p>

Aboriginal Holiday Splash Program

22nd September to 26th September

For children aged 3 to 12 years.

The program will cater for all ability levels with classes running for 5 consecutive days.

Cost: FREE to Aboriginal children

Where: YMCA Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre

Times: You will have a 30 minute session some time between 8am & 11am

Bring: Swimwear, goggles, towel and warm clothes for changing.

For more info call 65681445

Nambucca Shire Family Bike Event

As part of NSW Bike Week, the Nambucca Heads event will include local cycling group volunteers conducting bike safety checks, with prizes awarded for the best decorated bikes. There will also be water bottles for the first 200 finishers.

Where: Nambucca Plaza Car park

When: Sunday 21st September

Time: 9am - Free bike checks

9.30am - Parade decorated bikes

10am - Official opening

Participants are encouraged to register before the event, and find more information by going to Council's website www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au