**Term 4, Week 4, 2014**

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**Weekly Award Recipients**

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**You Need To Know About:**

- **Friday 31 October**
  - FAIRTASTIC - Halloween

- **Thursday 6 November**
  - SRC Cake Stall 50c to $1.50 to buy, K to Yr 2 students donations please
  - Day of Celebration - Water Play
  - 10 November to 21 November
    - 10 Day School Swimming Scheme for Years 2 & 3 and selected students

- **Wednesday 12 November**
  - P&C Meeting

- **Wednesday 19 November**
  - Year 5 MHS Program 1.00pm
  - 25 to 30 November
    - Year 6 Excursion to Sydney

- **Wednesday 3 December**
  - Year 6 full day orientation at MHS - catch bus you will use next year directly to & from High School

- **Friday 5 December**
  - MHS Drama Performance - session 2

- **Tuesday 9 December**
  - Year 6 Farewell at Brunswick Heads Bowls Club

- **Wednesday 10 December**
  - Gold Medallion celebration
  - P&C Meeting

- **Friday 12 December**
  - End of Year Assembly and Thank You Morning Tea for all our volunteers.

- **Monday 15 December**
  - End of Year Excursion to Murwillumbah Pool

- **Wednesday 17 December**

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**This week’s assembly is cancelled. The hall is being prepared for FAIRTASTIC. The awards above will be handed out next Friday, the 7th November which will be a special Remembrance Day (11/11) assembly hosted by the SRC and School Captains.**

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**Camp Goodenough**

On 14th October 2014 year 5 went to Camp Goodenough. We all had a great time and it was really fun. There was a lot of delicious food and we did a lot of fun activities like Rock Climbing, Giant Swing, Crate Stack, Archery, High Ropes, Leap of Faith, Team Pursuits, Giants Playground, and Crazy Frog. We also had a swim in the pool there, watched The Parent Trap and had a disco night. My favourite activities were probably the Leap of Faith, Archery and High Ropes. By Natasha.
From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our Girl’s Softball Team who played against Newport Public School on Tuesday of this week. What an amazing achievement to make it to the quarter finals. From all reports all girls played extremely well and we are so very proud of their outstanding commitments with training and during their games throughout the year. A big Thank you to Mrs Currie for all of her efforts in coaching the team, we are so lucky to have such committed and highly-skilled staff at our wonderful school.

Only one more sleep until FAIRTASTIC and our students, staff and parents are so very excited! Thank you to all of the P&C, parents, grandparents and helpers who have given their valuable time to ensure that this year's event is bigger and better than ever! I've spoken to a number of students about their costumes for the evening and our students have been so very excited to have their parents involved in cooking, preparing, organising and decorating for the night. Gates will open at 4.00pm and the event will conclude at 8.00pm. We kindly ask parents to ensure that students head home after school and return at 4pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Today I received a lovely visit from Brigette, Olivia and Scout from 1/2K, who brought some amazing pieces of writing to share with me! They had written about Fairtastic, Halloween and Around my town activities. It makes me so proud to see our students achieving such excellent results both academically and across all aspects of our school.

Two weeks ago I wrote about the importance of Cyber Safety and keeping our children safe online – both gaming and whilst surfing the net. It is important to be vigilant to noting the rating systems on different games, DVDs and social media sites. For example, Facebook and Instagram are not for children under the age of 13 years and Kik, another personal messenger app is not to be used by children under 17 years of age. Please use this as an opportunity to talk with your child/ren about the social and other technologies they are using on their iPods and other devices. If you are interested in finding out other information the NSW Police Force website has further information for parents under the Community Issues and Internet Safety section.

Congratulations to all of our preschool students who graduated from the Kindergarten Orientation program on Wednesday morning. Thank you to all of our parents who attended the morning and shared a picnic lunch with their children, our year 5 buddies and Miss Ponweiser. We look forward to welcoming all of these students back to start Kindergarten in 2015.

Trisha Parker
COMMUNITY NEWS

FOR SALE - BABY BUNNIES - approximately 6 weeks old. There are 3 black, 1 grey/white and 1 brownish/red (males & females). $15.00 each. Contact Juliet on 0434 141 572.

WANTED - House to rent, a new family relocating to our area is looking for a 3-4 bedroom house in the Bayside area from mid January. Please phone Vivienne on 0412 198 478 or email vnr@optusnet.com.au if you can help.

Byron Bay Junior Basketball Summer 15 - All junior competitions for the summer are commencing over the next week. If you are looking for teams - 10.30am on Saturday and 5.30pm on Wednesday at the Byron Recreation and Sports Complex. Miniball (8-12 yr olds) on Tuesdays 4 to 5 pm. For more information visit www.byronbasketball.com, phone 6687 2246 a/h or email - info@byronbasketball.com

Carols by Candlelight - Sunday 14th December 2014 - 6.45pm

The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Carols by Candlelight at the Mullumbimby Hospital grounds. Put on your calendar and start practising your carols.

Fitness Improves Academic Performance

Another study in January 2014 has found that being fit improves school performance. For both boys and girls a substantial increase in fitness from the previous year resulted in a greater increase in academic ranking while a decrease in fitness was associated with a decrease in academic scores.

Physical activity doesn’t all have to happen at the one time. It can be accumulated throughout the day; by walking or riding to and from school, being involved in activities at school, active play at home or taking part in organised sport after school and on weekends.

How to help kids be more active:
- Encourage kids and teens to try different sports or activities so they can find one or more that they really enjoy and want to continue with.
- Start slowly and build up the amount of physical activity that your children do, particularly if they haven’t previously been very active.