Weekly Award Recipients

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This week the assembly will be hosted by Yr 2 - Mrs Cook. Everyone is invited to attend - Friday 10am

Week 6 Term 1

It has been a wonderful start to the year in Class 3/4 P. We were very lucky last week to spend some time with some players from the Gold Coast Suns AFL team as well as playing our own class game of Zulu. For the past few weeks we have been extremely fortunate to have Sarah (Daisy’s mum) come into our class every Wednesday afternoon and share her art expertise with us. We are really enjoying it and our art pieces are coming along brilliantly. With only five weeks to go to the holidays, we know that it is going to be a busy few weeks ahead.

Year 3/4P with Mr Pentecost

You Need To Know About:

- **Friday 6 March**
  - SRC & House Captain Inductions
  - Return your Sushi order for Monday

- **Wednesday 11 March**
  - Byron Bay Film Festival
  - Didgerdoo Workshop 1.00-2.30pm

- **Thursday 12 March**
  - Brunswick Valley Winter Trials
  - Story Dogs Mufti Day fundraiser

- **Friday 13 March**
  - Ride to School Day

- **Wednesday 18 March**
  - Didgerdoo Workshop 1.00-2.30pm

- **Friday 20 March**
  - Return your Sushi order for Monday

- **Monday 23 March**
  - FNC Winter Trials

- **Wednesday 25 March**
  - Didgerdoo Workshop 1.00-2.30pm

- **Friday 27 March**
  - Didgerdoo Performance

- **Tuesday 31 March**
  - School Cross Country and Fun Run

- **Thursday 2 April**
  - Last Day of Term 1

- **Monday 20 April**
  - Staff Development Day - No students

- **Tuesday 21 April**
  - First day of Term 2 for all students

- **Monday 27 April**
  - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC Day

... more dates on our website calendar
Dear Families,

This week we welcome another 2 families to our school. Lola has started in year 2 and Kanye has started in year 3. They have had a great first week with school photos and Day of Celebration.

Next week our school is taking part in a pilot of the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve their practice.

The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys. Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses.

Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within two business days. I am looking forward to finding out the results and making sure the whole student voice is captured in our planning. Recently we sent out a note to fill in if you did not want your child included in the survey. If you missed this note and would like one, they are available at the office.

Cross Country is coming up and it is a great opportunity for families to get out and train together. Having your parents join in activity with you when you are young (even if you are not fit or coordinated) is one of the key indicators of kids staying active throughout their teen years – especially for girls.

Lots of students have set fundraising goals and all the money raised will go to stage 2 of our playground. It will be a fun day focused on participation. Classes will start their training over the next few weeks.

Next week after school the Brunswick Heads Teachers will continue their training with the new syllabus documents for the Australian Curriculum. This year our focus is Science.

Teachers will learn about new approaches to teaching science and work together to develop programs that reflect the new knowledge. We have some exciting events planned during the year to demonstrate the new approach.

I look forward to seeing lots of you on Saturday night at our Trivia Night.

Have a great week
Mel

From the Principal's Desk

PB4L FOCUS THIS WEEK IS
Be Respectful - Follow teacher directions promptly

THIS WEEK'S WRAP UP

On Wednesday Yr 4/5/6 - Mr Glasson’s class went on an excursion walking around our lovely town. Students were taking photographs of buildings and how they have changed over time. They are going to work on redesigning one of the existing buildings for the future. Students incorporate future technologies and sustainability and a very active imagination for this project.

Lena and Sooti visit our school every Tuesday and work with students from Yr 3/4. They are from story dogs, a literacy program, based on the concept of reading to a dog. The non-judgemental, loving nature of dogs gives this program it’s magic. Children relax, open up, try harder and have fun reading with a dog. Sooti is an accredited companion animal who volunteers with her owner.

The SRC decided to have a Mufti Day on Thursday 12 March to help raise funds for this great organisation. Wear mufti and bring a gold coin donation to help Story Dogs.

North Coast Swimming Carnival

Natasha F represented the FNC swimming team at the NC regional carnival on Wednesday.

Well done to get to this level of competition. She competed in 3 races - 50m freestyle, breaststroke and butterfly. Natasha achieved 10th in Freestyle and Breaststroke and 6th in Butterfly.

Unfortunately she didn’t make it to state but said she had a good day with a PB in all 3 races.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

National Ride2School Day is the flagship event of the Ride2School Program. Active travel is a great way for students of all ages to meet their recommended daily dose of 60 minutes physical activity every day.

The purpose of National Ride2School Day is to show school communities that riding to school is an easy and fun activity. It is a chance to celebrate on a large scale and prove it can be done.

Brunswick Valley Winter Trials

Next Thursday 12th March the Brunswick Valley Winter Trials will be held for various sports. Students who have been selected to try out for the BV team in netball, soccer or rugby league have been given information/permission notes. Please make sure these are returned by Monday 9th March.

Soccer will be held at the Bangalow Soccer fields. Rugby League at the Mullumbimby Rugby League Club and netball go to the Mullumbimby netball courts. Parents must arrange transport for their child, please contact the school if this is a problem.

Those who gain selection at these trials will compete at the FNC Winter Trials on 23rd March.

School Cross Country

Our school cross country and fun run is on March 31st at the Brunswick Heads main beach. It is timed so we are running the races during low tide, that is why the date was changed (not usually a consideration for other schools’ cross country).

Permission/information notes are going home with this newsletter. Please return the slip to the class teacher. All students will be going down to the beach for this activity. They will be having lunch at the surf club - let’s hope for good weather.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Screen Based Media Use
Paediatricians recommend children and adolescents’ limit screen based media use (SBMU) to less than two hours per day for their health.

A recent study (January, 2015) of 2,620 8 to 16 year olds from 25 Australian government and non-government primary and secondary schools found that 45% of 8 year olds to 80% of 16 year olds exceeded the recommended < 2 hours per day for SBMU (TV viewing, Gaming, Social Networking, and Web Use)

Suggestions to help children limit their screen time include:
• No screens before school
• No screens in the bedroom
• Negotiate their use with your child
• Ask if all help around the house and homework is done first
• Use the great outdoors and the local library.

Screen Time

LOCATION: Ray Pascoe Park, Norman St (river end), Tweed Heads
DATE: 16th of April 2015
BOOKING CLOSE: 13th of April 2015
CONTACT: Milan Duwenhogger-Lange
0458 274 876 (please leave a detailed message)
milan.duwenhogger@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Bilgoats Junior Rugby Union
Sign on – March 7 and 14
At Stan Thompson Oval 9am – 11am
First training March 9 at 4:30pm
Contact: billygoatsrugby@gmail.com