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Term 3 Week 7

External Validation

Friday 7th September 2018

Principal's Report

We are 70% through our term and anyone who has been up to school recently would agree that the classrooms and the students inside them are busily engaged in the variety of learning opportunities available. No slowing of momentum here!

As many of you would be aware, our school was selected to undergo this departmental procedure this year. It is a big task that schools are expected to participate in once each five years, and put simply requires the school to reflect upon the Schools Excellence Framework and decide where our school sits, providing evidence. Our panel interview was this week, where as a staff we sat and worked with a Peer Principal and a Principal Liaison Support to review our decisions against our evidence. Long story short, we validated very positively across all sections, and the hard work put in by our teaching staff throughout the process meant that our school reflected very well. Our staff are to be congratulated on both the amount and quality of their work in this process and we also are very grateful to the parent members who were able to participate in the feedback forums.

School Administration Staff (SAS) recognition week.

Next week is the designated time for schools to recognise the fine work of the School Administrative Support Staff in our schools. At our school, we don't need a given time to do this, as we value their work and contribution to our school every day. SAS staff at our school include:

Mrs Flint- School Administration Manager (SAM) Mrs Ramsden- School Administration Manager (SAM)

Ms Kirk- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

Mr Wildermuth- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

Ms Annie Pollard- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

Mr Dave Ash- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

Mr Dan Mueller- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

Ms Katie Wheeler- Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

Mr Cantwell- General Assistant (GA)

Ms Baly- School Administration Officer (SAO)

Mrs Heargraves- School Administration Officer (SAO)

You can see that whether our SAS staff are here each day or just some of the time, they are an integral part of our school and a large part of the reason why our school is such a positive place to be. We always appreciate them, but it would be a special thing for each of our families to thank them personally as they see them.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 7 Award Winners



Dante, Seth, Keya, R.J.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 11th September Multicultural Day
- 14th September Book Club due, Tennis
- 13th September School banking starts
- 19th September Tissue Fairy
- 21st September Small Schools Ball Games

North Coast Primary Schools Public Speaking

Last Monday we had a special assembly to provide students with the opportunity to represent our school at the North Coast Public Speaking competition at Tweed Heads South Public School on Thursday 13th September. We had 8 students deliver their wonderful presentations to our assembly, with topics ranging from 'Greek Mythology' to 'My Dog'. We enjoyed each and every one of these presentations and the job of adjudication was really difficult for Ms Badger, Ms Schumaker and Ms Kirk. The students who were selected were Felix Hooper, Autumn Shaw and Madison Crabtree. A big thank you to Mrs Jones for coordinating this opportunity for our students and of course to all of the parents and families who were able to share the afternoon with us.



Madi, Autumn, Felix

Art Workshop Day

Today our students were lucky enough to participate in a full day art workshop. They worked in K-6 groups with 3 different artists and 3 different artworks. It was great to see so many smiling faces, excited artists and so much creativity. A big thanks to Mrs Badger for coordinating the day and for our P&C who provided financial support to ensure the day was so good!

Passion Projects

Due to the number of opportunities being offered we have decided to rest our Passion Projects until next year. This program was a first for us this year and we were overwhelmed with the positive support and feedback our school enjoyed throughout this program. Another huge thanks to Mrs Badger for working so hard to put this together and providing such a rich experience for our students.

"You Have a Friend"

Thank you to John Lee for collecting the canned items for the "You Have a Friend" charity which provides support to the homeless in the Tweed area. Thank you to the SRC students for organising



Small Schools Ball Games

Friday 21st September will see us at Les Cave Oval at Murwillumbah for the annual Small Schools Ball games carnival. More information will follow, so walk straight to your calendars and mark the date.

The Todd Woodbridge Cup

Wet courts this week meant that the planned event at Lismore was postponed to next Tuesday 11th September, but our students are unable to attend due to Multiculteral day.

Milo Cricket

You guessed it- wet week, event postponed until next term.

Staffing

In weeks 8, 9 and 10 Ms Myler is Relieving Principal as I take some Long Service leave. Because I won't see anyone before the term holidays I want to thank everyone for their part in our school and wish each family a safe break. Au revoir!

The Gardening Program

Thank you to Kingscliff Hire & Landscape Supplies for the donation of the soil. We would also like to thank Tania and Kobi for the donation of worms and worm bedding block.







Congratulations to Annie Pollard and her gardening students for winning the School Encouragement Award from the Murwil-

lumbah and District Garden Club INC.

FNC Zone Athletics



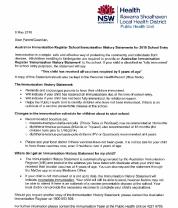




Liv-100 metres heat, 4th place

Banjo, Liv, Geordie

Community Notices



Public Health Unit - Wallengong Office Lected Mail Stag 9 WOLLCNGONG ASSW 2500



Therapy Dog Echo, visiting the classroom



Surf Life Saving Australia Presentation



Office News

SCHOOL SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED! We now have School Shirts in Sizes 4 – 8 available for purchase. The price remains at \$28. Thank you to Get It On Clothing for pulling out all the stops to fill this order for us.

SCHOOL BANKING will commence this coming Thursday 13th August. Our new P&C Treasurer, Karen Nixon-Hind will be the School Banking Co-Ordinator, as this venture will be a fundraiser for the P&C Association at this school. An information sheet is attached to this newsletter.

Multicultural Day will be on Tuesday 11 September from 9.30 am until 1.30 pm. Permission notes are to be returned to the school. Parents and school community members are welcome to attend.

Small Schools' Ball Games will be held on Friday 21st September at the Les Cave Oval, in Murwillumbah from 9.30 am - 1.30 pm. There is no cost. Permission notes are to returned by Monday 17th September.

Year 4 - 6 School Camp - Reminder the first instalment of \$60 due today Friday 7th September and the final payment of \$100 is due on 26th October.

Non-Teaching School School Introduction Training Days -

NSW Department of Education is seeking people who are interested in commencing work within public schools. Prior to participating, a Working with Children Check clearance is required. I have attached a flyer with further information.

