Principal’s Message

Dear All

CROSS COUNTRY
Our cross country carnival was a great success once again. Thank you to Ms Buteux for her organisation. Also thank you to all our parents, grandparents and carers who came to assist or to just watch and cheer everyone on. Well done to all the children who participated so enthusiastically and encouraged their team mates. Good luck to our team next Friday, I know you will try your best.

P and C
Our P and C meeting will be held on Wednesday night 14th May at 6 pm, all welcome.

MOTHER’S DAY
Thank you to Shelley for running the Mother’s Day stall today. Also thank you to all our wonderful mothers and carers out there who try their best to raise their children with love each day. On Sunday we acknowledge the great job our Mum’s do every day.

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Our School Education Group Meeting was held on Wednesday at Moruya High School. We had Greg Prior (Deputy Secretary of DEC) visit us and speak about the reforms in education. I will discuss some of these at the P and C meeting, but if any of you would like more information please make an appointment.

NAPLAN
Year 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN tests. Children should not be anxious about these assessments as they are one of many tests they will sit during their time at school. They are also only one aspect of their learning. If you would like to discuss NAPLAN with us please make an appointment.

LEARNING SUPPORT
Our school has an allocation of a Learning Support Teacher one day per week. During term 1 we review student achievement and if students are achieving below class benchmarks we may refer them for support. Parents and carers will be informed if your child is included in this program.

However every teacher in our school is always making learning adjustments every day of the week so that children can be learning at their appropriate level. If you have any concerns at any time about your child’s learning please make an appointment with your class teacher.

Remember the research tells us that if the school and the home work together the child benefits.

21ST CENTURY LEARNING—LIFELONG LEARNING
I want to try and include a section of the newsletter for new and innovative approaches to learning and also what’s interesting out there.

Carol Dweck a world respected Educator states about intelligence: “In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success—without effort. They’re wrong.

In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities.

Our feedback to children is crucial. Rather than always focussing on marks and winning, we need to reward effort and resilience - the ability to keep trying, to work it out, or to problem solve when the going gets tough.

Have a great week everyone
Roz Bannon Principal
5/6 Class News

We are excited to welcome our new student Courtney to our class. First couple of weeks back and we are all straight into it. As the year 5 will be doing NAPLAN next week and year 6 will do it again next year, we have spent some time talking test strategies and everyone has completed two practice tests. Everyone seems to be calm and it is important to not talk it up, it is just another activity that we do at school, nobody should stress about it.

We have lots of things going on this term, with some out of school excursions for students who have demonstrated skills in certain areas. Notes will be coming home, they will need to be filled out and back straight away to help organise all of these extra learning opportunities.

Next week we find out the results from the write4fun competition, we received a ‘Certificate of Excellence’ from the organisers because we had so many from our class move through to the next phase of the judging. We feel like winners already. Authorisation to publish in their book needs to be in by the 30th May, children should have brought their letters home as they needed parent/guardian signatures.

We started a new novel in class, Rowan of Rin, written by Emily Rodda. Most of the class are enjoying the adventure; we use the book to look at how good writers construct stories and focus on grammar, punctuation and sentence structure. We will move on to books related to our History topic, Talk about Rights, and read the Rowan of Rin books just for pleasure during quiet drawing as the term goes on.

We have a focus this term of trying to make learning visible for the children, with discussions around purpose and visual displays in the classroom to support learning. Everyone is to be congratulated for their efforts in class; it's going to be a fantastic and hectic term.

Danielle McGrath and Roz Bannon

2/3/4 Class News

Welcome back to Term Two, I hope everyone had the chance to relax and recharge the batteries during the break ready for the challenges of this short, but very busy, term. Some of the special learning experiences planned for this term include the water Bug survey and Cross Country carnival this week and preparation for the Athletics carnival later in the term, gala days for Year 2 and Years 3/4, a gardening and cooking program with Letitia on Wednesday afternoons and the chance for some Year 3 and 4 students to attend special learning days at Bournda.

This term we have welcomed Belle into our class and it has been lovely to observe the kind way that the other students have been quietly helping her to adjust to the new classroom routines. Well done 2/3/4 – you really are a quality class!

Good luck also to Xantia, Jeremiah and Lain who will be taking part in the NAPLAN assessments next week, we are sure you will all try to do your very best.

If you have any questions about activities for this term or any concerns you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact us at school,

Keep up the great work everyone!

Leonie Buteux & Julie Moore

Opportunity Class Placement

Parents have until Friday 16th May 2014 to submit their application for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placements in 2015. Our nearest Opportunity Class School is Nowra. If you would like more information please call into the school office.

Calender

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Kinder/Year 1 Class News

Hello from the kindergarten and year 1 classroom and welcome back to all of our children, classroom helpers and parents. We all look forward to a term full of fun times and learning. Everyone had fabulous holidays by the sound of it and all have returned to school happy, relaxed and ready to settle straight into our routine! We have had a great start to this term, with lots of special learning taking place. This term we are looking at natural environments and their inhabitants. So far we have been taking about insects and are using lots of technical language in our discussions and writing and writing. An interesting fact we have learned is that a honey bee needs to eat 8 kg of honey in order to make half of a kg of beeswax. What amazing creatures insects are!

Yesterday we had our school Cross Country Carnival. It was great that many of our parents and friends could join us and cheer us on. What a lot of terrific efforts and good sportsmanship we saw – well done, everyone!

On Wednesday, Bob from Bournda came for the Autumn water bug survey. He brought us some samples of water from the Dry River, and showed us how to safely catch, identify and observe many different kinds of water bugs. It was interesting to see the wide variety of bug life we found, meaning that Dry River is a healthy waterway.

We have also been busy starting homework and home reading again and would already like to congratulate some fabulous home readers this term. Well done to Jordan for 190, Faith for 150, Aiden for a super terrific 100, Simeon and Natalie for 90, Lacey, Bella and Heather for 80, James for 70, Max for 60, Barney for 40, Remmy and Kya for 30 and Chloe for 20 fabulous home readers. I have NEVER had to write out so many reading awards! What a great class of switched on readers we have got!

Our three children to receive special awards for week 10 were:

Nate – Successful Learner (for being positive and trying hard);
Kya – Confident and Creative Student (for thinking creatively), and
Faith – Active and Informed Citizen (for being a responsible user of technology).

Our three children to receive special awards for week 11 were:

Heather – Successful Learner (for actively listening);
Aiden – Confident and Creative Student (for believing in himself), and
Montannah – Active and Informed Citizen (for making the most of every school experience).

What a great school we have, that provides us with so many wonderful opportunities. Have a great week everyone.

Please see me if you have any problems or queries.

From Mrs Hobbis, kinder and year 1.

Fish Award Winners:

Congratulations to our latest fabulous fish award winners! Well done to Chloe (twice) and Nate from kinder, Kya (twice) and Faith from year 1, Kataya and Bill from year 5 and Taran, Hannah and Caitlin from year 6 who have collected seven fish awards for their practice of the Fish Philosophy. Each will receive a prize for their fabulous efforts at our next whole school assembly, (if they haven’t already done so). Keep up the good work everyone!
Award Winners from last term

Canteen

The canteen requires mums or dads for a baking roster on Mondays for our children. If you could help out baking that would be fantastic. If we get enough volunteers you will only need to be on the roster once a month. For more information or to volunteer please call Kath Unsworth or leave a message at the office.

SOUTH EAST NSW WOMEN’S LEGAL SERVICE

FREE LEGAL ADVICE
FOR WOMEN IN SOUTHERN NSW
THURSDAY 22ND MAY
APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY CALL
1800 229 529

Free Dental Consultation

Dr Keogh would like to offer a FREE initial consultation for children in our area aged 10 years and under. This offer is available until November this year by phoning 02 64954255.

On behalf of the committees for the establishment of the Lenno Footprint Foundation

Family Fun Day—Trades n’ Service and Bachelor Auction

Beyond Blue
Police Boys Club
Wesley mission

Live Music

THE LIONS CLUB BBQ
Susan White, Spiderman, Clowns and many more!

When? 18th May 2014 from 10am—4pm
Where? @ The Bega Show Grounds
Cost: $20.00 Family $5.00 single

Face Painting
Magician
Balloon Lady

Jumping Castle
Tug of War
The smoke house

Pier Eating Contest

Juggling
Events
Making footprints
Kicking competition

Footprint Mural

And lots more fun for all the family