Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a busy term we’ve had to start the year! We have been involved in many great activities and learnt many new things along the way.

First Term Review

- Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Bellingen where Brooke became the joint 11 Year Girl Champion and we won the handicap trophy.
- P6 Relay Team competed at the District and Mid North Coast Swimming Carnivals.
- Mystery Skype Call with Hattiesburg, Mississippi, USA. Early morning and breakfast supplied. Story in “Side by Side” a NSW Teachers’ magazine.
- Hot Dog Day
- A visit by the Acting Regional Director, Mr Mark Youngblutt and School Education Director, Ms Kim Taylor.
- Pet Day
- Soccer Gala Day at Polwarth Drive, Coffs Harbour, where students played 5 aside in junior and senior divisions.
- Harmony Day, open day and sausage sizzle.
- Easter Hat Parade, egg hunt and Easter raffle.
- Rugby League skills session
- Drumming at Toormina Public School attended by Jorjah and Cooper.
- Skyping with Dunoon Public School about our Virtual World projects.
- Virtual World
- Our school blog and stories by students
- Advocate news stories
- New gardens

- Tennis Court clean up commenced.
- P & C support for students and the school through supplying easter eggs, supplying and erecting the screen, buying a new school sign, a shade shelter for the students, and purchasing a new table for the lunch area. Sausage sizzle on Harmony Day.

**Basketball Gala Day**

We will finish term 1 off with the basketball gala 3 aside competition on Friday at SportsCentral, Coffs Harbour. We have organised a bus to transport the students and will be supplying pizza for lunch. This is a treat day for all students to recognise their fantastic behaviour in and out of school, their wonderful attendance and the effort they are putting into classwork. Thank you everyone.

**Anzac Day**

Mrs Peart will be accompanying students in the march on ANZAC Day. Students attending are required to be dressed in full school uniform, including a broad brimmed navy hat. Ryan, my son, will be speaking at Villers Bretonneux, France, on ANZAC Day. This is a very special moment for him and it will be televised to Australia at 11am Australian time. My family will be together to watch him and his companions at this special occasion.

We are needing a show of numbers before the holidays indicating which students will be attending. Could you please complete and return the attached note, before Friday please.
Enrolments

New enrolments are very welcome. Our highly qualified teachers and quality programs ensure your child will get the best education for the 21st Century Learner. If you have children or know of children of school age for enrolment in school for 2013 and/or 2014 please contact the school for a school information and enrolment pack.

Calendar

I have attached the term 2 calendar for our school. Please take note of the Cross Country to be held in Bowraville on Friday 10th May (Week 2), and other upcoming events.

Friday 12th April is the last day of Term 1. Term 2 will begin on 29th April for staff members, but students return on Wednesday 1st May. Staff will be involved in 2 Staff Development Days as we are becoming familiar with the new Australian Curriculum in English for its implementation in all schools in 2014.

Get Ready to Earn and Learn

You may be familiar with the Woolworths Earn and Learn Scheme, and this year we are participating. The community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths.

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn and Learn point. There will be one Woolworths Earn and Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these and your local school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

The Earn and Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. Schools and early learning centres can choose resources based on their unique needs, across every educational category possible, including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts and crafts materials, sports gear and more.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Ness Cavanagh
Principal.