Dear Parents,

Surf Awareness

Last Friday’s Surf Awareness excursion to Sawtell Beach was a great success. Despite windy conditions the children had a fantastic day and I was proud to see how well they behaved in the community. The children learned important skills including how to recognise a rip, board rescues and how to respond to emergency situations. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy opportunities to build on their surfing skills and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Coffs Harbour City Lifeguard Sonny Tisdell for an excellent day on the beach, and to those parents who helped to transport students.

Bellingen Markets

On Saturday Michele, Jorjah, Kim, Tayla, Isabella and myself braved the heat and did our best to sell cookbooks and raffle tickets at the Bellingen Community Markets, to raise money for the P&C. Thanks also to Craig for helping to set up and transport equipment.

Parent Survey/P&C Meeting

This is another gentle reminder to do your best to complete and return the parent survey sent home earlier in the term. I plan to discuss the findings of the survey at Wednesday’s P&C Meeting so please do your best to attend. Your input will inform the school’s long term vision and strategic directions for the coming years.

Intensive Swimming Scheme

This time next week the students will have begun their two week intensive swimming lessons. Please return the permission note and money for pool entry as soon as possible. We have had a couple of parents volunteer to help with transporting students but would benefit from a few more. Students will be leaving school at approximately 10.30am and then leaving the pool to return back to school soon after midday. Your help would be greatly appreciated so please let us know if you are available. A transport roster will be drawn up and sent home on Thursday.

Book Club

Book Club orders are due back this Thursday 20th November so that we may submit our order to make sure they are back before school closes.

Toormina High School Orientation

After an informative visit last week by students and staff from Toormina High School, THS will be holding a parent information evening on 27th November at 6pm, an orientation day for students on Wednesday 3rd December, and an extra orientation day for extension class students on Wednesday 10th December. Please contact Toormina High School for more information.

Have a great week everyone!

Pete Rundle
Principal