Dear Parents and Community Members,

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather over the weekend. We have a busy week ahead with several special events taking place.

Congratulations to Josh Zullo for completing 75 nights of reading, and to Skyler and Holly-Rose for completing 50 nights of reading. Well Done!

Bird Watching

On Tuesday our students will participate in a nationwide bird count. The Aussie Backyard Bird Count takes place annually and provides an important snapshot of the birds that live where people live. It enables scientists to look at the trends in our bird communities. Which state has the most birds? Which birds are doing well? Which are not?

On the same day and continuing with the same theme, we will also be participating in Schoolyard Twitch, a Bongil Bongil Schools bird watching competition.

Grandparents’ Day

To celebrate our grandparents, we will be holding Grandparents Day this Wednesday 21st October. All grandparents and/or surrogate grandparents are invited to come to the school at 1pm for a sausage sizzle followed by a short activity. Please notify the school of any one who may be attending for catering purposes.

Surf School

Last Thursday our students participated in the first of six surfing lessons with Sawtell Surf School. It was so much fun! It was great to see students of all ages having a great time learning something new. Thanks to Michele for assisting with transport. Skyler Simpson takes out surfer of the week for her impressive style and technique (see photo). We will travel to Sawtell beach again this Thursday for our second installment. Please ensure students come to school with swimming gear including a towel, hat and sunscreen.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our next Kindergarten Orientation session will be on Friday 30th of October commencing at 12 midday. Please inform anyone you know who might be interested in attending.

Swim Scheme

Swim Scheme will take place in weeks 8 and 9. More information will be sent home shortly.

Outdoor Classroom

Our awesome outdoor classroom is steadily coming together. Last week students worked brilliantly as a team to spread a truckload of wood chip. So efficient was their teamwork that they had the job completed in 30 minutes!! An outstanding effort indeed! Please take the time to have a look at the area (formerly the fire pile) if you have not done so already. In the coming weeks we will revitalize some existing pathways with fresh gravel and be close to completing the project.

Ocean Safety Awareness Award

On Tuesday the 10th November our students will participate in the Ocean Safety Awareness Award at Sawtell beach with Coffs Harbour Lifeguard, Sonny Tisdell. A permission note will be sent home in the next few days.

Peter Rundle
Principal

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**TERM 4 CALENDAR**

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Mrs Champion’s Orange Tree

Mrs Champion has taken extended leave and thought it would be a nice idea to plant an orange tree in her honor which will be aptly named “Mrs Champion’s Orange Tree”. Terry helped with the planting, thank you Terry. It is located at the front of the school and hopefully one day we will be eating oranges that it produces. Thank you Mrs Champion what a lovely idea.

Cooking - Beef Nachos—Last Friday the students enjoyed creating and eating Beef Nachos.

Ingredients:
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
500g beef mince
300g can kidney beans, drained, rinsed
1 teaspoon paprika
35g sachet reduced salt taco seasoning mix
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup coriander leaves, chopped
230g packet corn chips
1 cup grated tasty cheese
1/2 cup tomato salsa, mashed avocado and sour cream to serve

Method

Preheat oven to 200C. Heat oil in a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Cook onion for 2 minutes, or until soft. Add mince. Cook, stirring with a wooden spoon for five minutes or until browned.

Add kidney beans, paprika, seasoning, tomato paste and water. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer for 5 minutes, or until thick. Stir through coriander.

Arrange corn chips on a heatproof plate. Top with mince. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 15 minutes or until hot. Top with salsa, avocado and sour cream. Serve.