Dear Parents,

The weeks are flying by as we approach the half-way point of Term 1. It is pleasing to see our students settling into weekly routines so quickly, and to observe their boundless energy on the playground.

Happy Birthday Rahni

Today we celebrate Rahni’s birthday who has just turned 7.

Information Night

Thanks to those parents who were able to attend the information night last week. We discussed many hot topics including homework, camps and excursions and it was a great opportunity to share our thoughts, concerns and plans for the future. The focus for the latter part of the meeting was on School Planning 2015-2017. Some great ideas were discussed and I feel confident that our school has a clear and positive direction for the future. Your feedback and contribution is highly valued and as agreed, I have positioned our strategic direction posters in the admin building so that they can still be commented on or added to.

District Swimming

Congratulations to Isabella Gibbins and Josh Zullo for their fantastic efforts at the district swimming carnival held in Macksville on Monday. We have such talented students at our school and we are very proud of them.

Homework

Homework has been sent home and students should now be spending time each evening practicing spelling words, multiplication tables, and most importantly reading. I have also developed and sent home a homework matrix that contains several tasks which can be completed at the discretion of parents throughout the term.

Email/Hardcopy

The majority of parents have agreed to receive an email copy of the weekly newsletter rather than a hard-copy. If you have not done so already, and you are happy to just receive the email version please let me know.

Weekly Timetable

At this stage our weekly events schedule includes the following:

Monday – Dancing with Kelly and reading groups with Lara.

Tuesday – Piano/Keyboard/Recorder with Leanne and Reading groups with Jamie Lee (physical education in the afternoon).

Wednesday – Minecraft Club (will be up and running soon). Sharni (education university student volunteers).

Thursday – Scripture, library and sport in the afternoon

Friday – Cooking and art with Mrs Peart

Cooking

Last Friday the children made zucchini, cheese and pasta slice, the recipe is overleaf. Now that they know how to make it, maybe they can cook for you over the weekend!

TERM 1 CALENDAR

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**Voluntary Contributions**

Our school voluntary contributions have been set at $35 for each student for the year. The school contribution assists in covering costs such as classroom consumables and resources.

**Technology Levy**

There will be no text book levy in 2015, but a technology levy of $50 per child for the year is required for technology. This levy covers online subscriptions for Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Minecraft. Invoices have been sent home to each family. Please be assured that these amounts do not have to be paid all at once, you may pay them off during the course of the year.

**Book Club—Reminder**

Book Club orders are due back to the school office by tomorrow, 19th February 2015. There are three methods of payment:

- Cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia
- Cash
- Credit Card (as explained on the back page of each catalogue).

**Scripture**

Our Scripture classes are conducted by Mrs Ulrieke Kethel each Thursday morning between 9.00 and 9.30am. If you would like more information about the local organisation (Coffs Coast Schools Ministry) who runs scripture in our local schools, or would like to know more about the program, please visit [www.ccsm.org.au](http://www.ccsm.org.au).

*Peter Rundle, Principal*

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**Zucchini, Cheese and Pasta Slice**

1 and 1/2 (135g) small pasta

3 medium zucchini, grated

1 cup (200g) ricotta cheese

1 cup (120g) grated cheddar

1/4 cup (60ml) vegetable oil

4 eggs

Sea salt and cracked black pepper

1 cup (150g) self-raising flour

1/4 cup (30g) grated cheddar, extra, for sprinkling

**Method**

Preheat oven to 180C (350F). Cook the pasta in salted boiling water for 8 minutes or until al dente. Drain and set aside. Place the pasta, zucchini, ricotta, cheddar, oil, eggs, flour, salt and pepper in a bowl and mix well to combine. Spoon into a lightly greased 20cm x 30cm tin lined with non-stick baking paper. Sprinkle with the extra cheddar and bake for 35-40 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Cool and cut into squares to serve. Serves 8-10.