Week 9 Term 3, 2015

Dear Parents & Community Members,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely weekend, especially all the dads out there. Term 3 has flown by with only two weeks remaining. Many of our students have been sick recently with flu like symptoms and tummy bugs so hopefully the break will give everyone a chance to re-energise for what promises to be a busy Term 4.

Parent Information Afternoon

Thanks to those parents who attended our information afternoon last week. I know it is particularly difficult to find the time to attend such events and finding a time to suit everyone is close to impossible. A summary of the discussions that took place at the meeting has been emailed to all parents, but if you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Working Bee

Next Sunday there will be a short working bee to dig the trench for our new sandpit. The working bee will begin at 8.30am and finish at 10am. This will at least give us time to make a good start (if not get the job completed). If willing participants could bring a couple of garden/digging tools it would be much appreciated.

Reading Champions

Congratulations to Holly, Josh, Rahni and Skyler for completing 25 nights of reading. What a fantastic effort. Well done!!

Reading Log Books

The reading log book is part of your child’s homework and needs to be returned every Friday. Please encourage your child to read every night.

TERM 3 CALENDAR

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Royal Life Saving

Next Monday Alistair from Royal Life Saving will visit our school to do a presentation on Surf/Beach Safety. This will be a timely reminder for students as we head towards warmer weather. Thank you Alistair for taking the time to visit our school.

People on School Grounds

We have received reports of unauthorised people being seen on school grounds after hours. Please inform the office if you notice any person on school grounds outside of school hours. The police should also be contacted if you have any particular concerns.

Lunch Boxes

Staff have noticed a subtle increase in the amount of unhealthy food in children’s lunchboxes. I’m aware of the challenges in preparing nourishing food for school each day but we ask that parents and students do their best to pack a healthy lunch and snacks. This will also support the “Live Life Well” philosophy and assist in promoting the importance of healthy lunches/lunch boxes.
Coffs Creek Excursion

The weather was kind to us this time, allowing our estuaries excursion to the Regional Botanical Gardens to go ahead as planned.

Thank you Chantelle Burns from the Marine Parks Authority for teaching the students about the importance of estuarine environments like mangroves and salt marsh. Following the official part of the excursion we took the opportunity to take a lovely stroll through the gardens and enjoyed morning tea. Thank you to Tim and Lara who assisted with transport on the day.