As learners we will: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

From the Principal

How lucky our children in the swimming lessons groups are in this hot weather! These lessons are going ahead with about 4 more lesson times for the K-2 children. It is always tiring for the children over the swimming time and with the heat they are holding up quite well. It is hard to imagine there are only 3 more weeks of school left –[children finish on Wednesday December 17th with teachers finishing on December 19th] but lots to finish still…….

Student Reports
These are nearly all completed by our teachers and will be going out to families on Tuesday December 9th. If there are family situations where parents have separate 2 addresses please make sure these arrangements are up to date at the school. It is sometimes hard to know where to send second copies of reports unless we are told otherwise.

Parent/Community group meeting
In next week’s Newsletter there will be a reminder from our current P&C Treasurer, John Corkill, about a P&C Community group meeting. Basically we need to fund a new way for community and parents to be involved with the decision making that happens here at school. As our old style P&C style has been quiet lately, we need to get our families involved in ways they feel comfortable. John will explain more in his letter next week but I am claiming the date for a “new way forward” meeting. This will be a time when we could design how, why and what the community can be involved in. The meeting will be

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4TH starting 5pm
More information coming next week……

School Funding
During the week all schools in NSW received news of their funding for 2015. There were no great or major changes for us overall. It is now up to us to set a budget and with Barbara Gifford’s help we should have a draft budget by the end of year…..I will be talking about this at the meeting next Thursday also. Please come along……

Get Hooked On Fishing
News from yesterday’s “Get Hooked” fishing was that the group was excellent - in behaviour and in how they listened, asked questions and were actively involved. I didn’t hear of any tales of fish that got away but of course it was a catch and release lesson anyway…..perhaps there will be some requests for fishing rods for Christmas!

Year 5 & 6 Auction and Cake Stall
Unfortunately we have had to cancel this event, which was scheduled for this Friday 28th November. Sorry for any inconvenience to parents/carers.
“Yarn Ups” for our Boys

Clint Wilson has been coming to take yarning circles for our Aboriginal boys. They have been working on some literacy and stories to help support school life. This is a copy of the letter he sent out in the last week or 2 –

Dear Parents, carers and community members,

My name is Clint Wilson, I am a Bandjalang man and I have been recently employed by the Mid Richmond Neighborhood Centre as an Aboriginal Male Project Officer for the Mid Richmond ‘Uncles’ Parent and Community Engagement Project.

This project focuses on:
* developing the skills and understanding of Aboriginal fathers and male carers
* to provide support for their children’s learning through a series of yarning circles,
* assisting fathers to engage in conversations about their concerns they have about their children’s education
* Formal workshops.

Participants will be provided with knowledge and the opportunity to become more actively involved in strengthening their community and contributing to the improvement of the educational outcomes of their children. Activities will discuss the importance of the roles that fathers and male carers play in their child’s education. The project will promote existing opportunities that schools offer to engage community members and explore new options to assist parents to reach in to schools.

Fathers and males carers will receive training to become mentors and will work collaboratively with local schools’ staff to implement activities for young male Aboriginal students. Many of the activities have a strong cultural element and stress cultural identity, respect for self and community, and the importance of education. If there are any concerns or you would like more information please don’t hesitate to ask.

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Hoping everyone stays cool…

Weekly Awards

KCT
Solomon Kapeen—Reading really well
Jackson Corrigan—Great effort in all areas

1-2 LP
Crig Cowan—Awesome Story Writing
Jessica Lindsay—Always working hard

1-2 CO
Ethan Lewer—Improved handwriting
Chelsil-Lee McElligott—Improvement in all class work

3-4MM
Jordan Cartwright—Trying hard to be more organised
Mollee Olive—Working well in class
Gubi Awards

Amber Stewart  430
Harry Baker      500
Malachi Kapeen  50
Chevette Jeffery-Petagna 50
Charlotte Cartwright 50
Jackson Clark    100
Peeches Wilson   60
Eli McElligott  110
Portia Campton  10
Jessica Lindsay  100
Caylem Harvey   10
Rory Welch       50
Jaxon Olive     150
Eliza Thurgate  150
Savannah Partridge 30
Jake Spencer    120

Year 6 Farewell

The year 6 farewell dinner is on 16th December at the Bowling Club.

Tickets are—Adults $20.00 (grandparents, parents, carers) children $15.00. This information has been sent home over the last 4 weeks.

ALL tickets must be purchased by this Friday 28th November or unfortunately there will be no meal for you.

A this stage only 8 students have purchased their tickets.

Please pay at the school office.

Handy Hints

Choosing a book for your child

Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?
Lots of parents question the violence in many of today’s cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence? Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/does-cartoon-violence-make-kids-more-aggressive

Office News

Its that time of the year again when we have a lot of events happen at school.

For your convenience you may pay off any of the following activity’s.

Events:
• K-2 Swimming 3 days per week $2.30 per day
• K-2 Christmas Party $6.00 per child
• 3-6 Christmas Party $18.50 per child
• Transition Xmas party $15.00 per child
• Year 6 Farewell $20.00 per adult $15.00 per child
• School Swimming Carnival $7.50 per child

School finishes for all students 17th December—by the look of our list they will need the break!
The Get Hooked On Fishing day was great fun—they had a cooling breeze at Ballina which made it all the better!