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

**From the Principal**

**Community and family involvement with school**
I often write about and “go on” about how important it is for families to have a connection and link to their school. Last Monday we held our first P & C meeting for the year. Through last year the P & C group had been struggling to keep numbers. Like any meeting, there is always a minimum number of people that need to attend before any decisions can be made, or before a meeting, in fact can be held at all! Keeping these numbers was a real battle last year. For all sorts of reasons, families could not turn up or be involved with P & C. In 2013 the P & C was limping along to keep alive. It was not working as it should be and has in the past. Those who turned up for meetings felt obliged to keep it active and I appreciate those who did attend regularly.

On Monday it was time to make some hard decisions and directions for the group for this new year. We had a larger than normal number of people turn up to this meeting, but it was clear that the road ahead was going to be hard again to keep the P & C in operation. Decisions were made to spend some funds on resources for the children. This is part of the role of a P & C and the staff is thankful for that. Every child benefits from the work of the P & C.

The future for our P & C for 2014 is not looking great! Later in the Term or early next term, the AGM must be held. At this point things are not looking sure. We need parent commitment to our school. We need your input and ideas. The school does not run the P & C. It is a Parents and Community group.

I am not sure how to interpret this situation but it would not be viable to keep the group running as it did last year. In previous years P and C has helped with building the bike shed, with resources around the school and most recently the air conditioners in the classrooms. If in the future this support was not possible, all the children will be missing out.

**Reading Recovery**
This is a programme to support reading progress for Year 1 children. Shelly Hayes is our Reading Recovery teacher. These are specially trained teachers who work one-on-one with targeted children. Children go to Shelly every day of the week. If your child is working with Shelly you will know about it. It is a very structured programme and gets great results.

**Cricket Team**
Our Team is off to Casino this Monday 3rd March notes have been sent home today. Transport will be required. Notes to be in by Friday please.

**Ballina District Swimming**
Congratulations to Shakaya Williams, Paul Parker, Harry Wilson and Stella Llewellyn for their representation of Coraki Public School last Thursday at Ballina. They all swam very well!!!!!
Resilience
If we were to ask teachers and parents what it was that could help solve classroom problems a great deal, the answer would be for the children to have greater resilience. This is the ability to BOUNCE BACK from situations or things that happen in our lives.

B in Bouncing back stands for understanding that Bad times don’t last. Things will get better, or look better, over time. To ride out the bad moment and begin to trust things will turn around in some way.

O in bOuncing back stand for knowing that Others can help. Talking about and sorting out problems is easier with the help of others. While some children find this hard it is something that we must practice with kids. Giving feelings a name is a good start.

There was a great TV episode on *Insight* last night on anger and anger management. Supporting our children with this is so important.

[More BOUNCE BACK letters to come next week !]

In the meantime, have a good peaceful week !

Jane

**Weekly Awards**

**K CT**
- Jackson Corrigan—Always trying hard
- Solomon Kapeen—Working well in class

**YR 1/2 CO**
- Douglas Williams—Working hard in class.
- Hayley Spencer—Excellent class worker

**YR 1/2 LP**
- Jazmyn Essex—Always being kind to other students.
- Craig Cowan—Working hard in Literacy

**Yr 3/4 MM**
- Austin Rayner—Working hard in class
- Harry Baker—Being a cooperative class member

**Yr 5/6 JC**
- Shakayla Williams—Neat hand writing
- Chloe James—Excellent hand writing

**GUBI AWARDS**

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**Well Done**

**Chat time……**
Please feel free to contact the office to arrange a suitable time to chat about any concerns or questions you may have, or if more convenient please email me at: jane.cottee@det.nsw.edu.au
Fishing News

My name is Milan and I'm the Education Officer for the Fisheries education program called Fishcare. We have a fishing workshop coming up which will be held at Coraki and Evans Head on the 1st and 15th of March respectively. These are educational fishing workshops in which the children (8-14 yrs) learn how to fish safely and sustainably. The workshop consists of some theory in which the children learn how to tie knots and rigs, handle and identify fishing and learn how to cast. This is followed by a lunch, then fishing. The cost is $40 and in return the child receives a good quality rod and reel, tackle box, shirt, wide brimmed hat and info show bag.

If this fishing workshop sounds like something your kids would like to take part in or is something that you would like to promote then feel free to add it to your newsletter. I have also attached a flier for advertising and if you have any questions or need any other information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheers

Milan

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Youth Saver Dollarmite Accounts

Our School Banking Program helps kids develop good saving habits and gives them the confidence and independence to make sound financial decisions. With hands-on learning experiences, we can help children grow into financially savvy adults.

Every time your child makes a deposit into their savings account at school they receive a silver-coloured Dollarmites token. The tokens can then be redeemed for a range of great Dollarmites reward items. Every year we have an exciting range of rewards to choose from – scented pencils, swimming bag and handballs, for example. The rewards vary and will be communicated at the start of each school year. These fun and enjoyable rewards are a great way to keep your kids motivated and to demonstrate the value of saving.

To recognise students who actively participate in the program we also have a range of milestone certificates that can be presented at school.

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Harry Witt Rugby Union Workshop

Harry Witt came to our school last week to take the Year 3,4,5,6 children through some Rugby Union warm ups and skills. All the children took an active part in the lessons and had lots of fun.

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Coraki Public School Cross Country

Our school cross country has been set for Wednesday 19th March at our school. The cross country will start at 12noon so parents/grandparents/caregivers mark this date in your calendar so you can come and support your child in this event. Children will be asked to wear their House coloured sports shirt on the day.

Maureen Maleckar (Sports Organiser)
Congratulations To Our School Representatives for 2014