NAIDOC Week excursion to Evans Head had lots of activities and sunshine!

School Banking Day is Thursday’s

16.07 - Thursday
Mid Richmond Athletics Carnival

17.07—Friday
Girls soccer at Yamba
Let Them Eat Cake Day

24.07—Ballina District Athletics Carnival

31.07—Hot Dog Day run by Friends of Coraki Public School

27.07—Boys Zone Softball

04.08—Stage 1 Major Excursion

15.07—21.07
Taja Dawson
15.07
Kachina Partridge
16.07
Graham Khan
18.07

From the Principal

We hope everyone is managing to stay warm in this reality check on Winter and have had enough break from routine to be ready for the Term ahead...it is looking like a busy one. So firstly ...

Mid Richmond Athletics
We have a team of around 35 children heading off to Evans River tomorrow for this Athletics Carnival. Notes went out and many were returned quickly...but they ALL need to be back tomorrow morning FIRST THING. Once again we are sorry for the quick and short notice on this- we did send out a warning about this date in the last week of last Term as soon as we found out. The Ballina District Carnival is next Friday so things had to fit in beforehand of course.

Good luck to all our runners, shotputters, long jumpers, high jumpers and masters of the discus tomorrow!

Girls Soccer Team – Gala Day
Our team has been organised and is in Yamba this Friday. Mr Clarke is taking the girls and we say a massive THANK YOU to those parents who have volunteered to drive also. The team will end up playing more than one game and we hope they do themselves proud.

They want to run another Cake Stall THIS FRIDAY.
Donations of cakes would be very appreciated again.
A gold or silver coin would get the children a special treat for the day......so let’s get behind this group and make it another successful CAKE STALL.

Coming up from this group: July 31st.....Hot Dog Day... notes with PRE-ORDERS will go out next Wednesday.

Environmental Education – our Tip Trip [try to say that fast!]
NEXT THURSDAY all our children are off to the recycle centre at Casino as part of a quick explore for Environmental Studies. There is no cost for this but we do need a permission note returned. These notes are going home today and must be returned by next Monday. Richmond Valley Council is sponsoring this activity and there are some great messages that come out of a trip to the tip.

Playground Stencils and Markings
This Sunday, weather permitting, staff volunteers will be painting up parts of our playground with some new playground games markings. These will be used for games and learning activities and will be a great asset to classes.
School Showcase – September 1st
Classes have started items for the School Showcase, which will be held this year on September 1st. Please keep the date free and mark it on your calendars.

The Lismore Performing Arts Festival is being held the week before this date and we will once again be putting in an item for this great Performing Arts opportunity. We will give out more information around this, as dates are confirmed through the organisers.

Major Excursion – Years 3-6
At the end of last Term we asked for further payments to be made for this excursion. It is now only 8 weeks away! Many parents committed to making a large payment in this first week back at school... it is now the first week back and school and we are more than ready to take your payments. We have locked in and paid for the numbers of children who said they were going, so catching up on the payments is now important - thank you.

...and one more thing.... Chesne Olive is away all this Term and we welcome Maree Davy onto that class for the whole Term. Maree has been at our school for some casual days and we are sure she will keep Mrs Olive’s routines and develop her own twist on activities for that class.

General News
Let Them Eat Cake!
Our parents’ group is holding a cake stall this Friday 17th July. The group are raising money to stock the canteen for one day per week. They are asking for donations of cakes to sell on the day. As most people use the canteen, it would be great if all families could donate to this stall. Cakes will be sold for 20c to $1.

All parents and community members are welcome to help on the day.

Another day to put on the calendar is a Hot Dog Day from the Canteen on Friday 31st July—one again our friends group will be organising the day.

Stage 2 & 3 Brisbane Major Excursion
The excursion date is 9th, 10th & 11th September. Everyone has been using our payment methods with great success—thank you. To continue on the plan payments are 12.07—$50.00 and 28.08 $56.00. More information closer to the date.

Stage 1 Major Excursion to Iluka/Yamba
On Tuesday 4th August all stage 1 are invited to attend their Major Excursion. Please return $35.00 with your permission note by Friday 31st July so your child doesn’t miss a seat on the excursion.

Payment Methods
Don’t forget we have EFTPOS for your convenience. All payments for excursions performances etc are to be in before the day of the event and may be paid off with our lay by system.

Challenging Play - Risky!
Children both need and want to take risks in order to explore their limits, venture into new experiences and for their development. Any injury is distressing for children and those who care for them, but the experience of minor injuries is a universal part of childhood and has a positive role in child development. An ideal environment allows for developing and testing skills in safe, creative play. Children need opportunities to:

- Develop skills in negotiating the environment (including risks);
- Learn how to use equipment safely and for its designed purpose;
- Develop coordination and orientation skills;
- Take acceptable risks; and
- Learn about the consequences (positive/negative) of risk taking

Risk does not always have a negative outcome. Many positives can come from taking risks. Therefore, it can be helpful to think as risk being divided into two components:

A CHALLENGE: something obvious to the child where he/she can determine their ability and decide whether to take that risk
A HAZARD: something unseen or not obvious to the child that often results in injury!

Both are Risks

Managing risk and challenge
Effective risk assessment and management requires:

- Distinguishing between acceptable and unacceptable risks including;
- The likelihood of coming to harm;
- The severity of that harm; and
- The benefits, rewards or outcomes of the activity.

- Observing the children and identifying those who need greater challenge or specific support
- Establishing and displaying expectations for behaviour
- Actively encourage children to assess risks and possible consequences

Establish a systematic maintenance program

Benefits of Risk Taking
When considering the benefits, rewards or outcomes of the activity you may include the following:

- Pleasure
- Development of self-confidence and well-being
- Engagement with the natural environment and natural elements
- Learning through experience
- Mixing between different age ranges

By weighing up the positives as well as the negatives of a risk in a playground, providers are more likely to be able to provide for managed risk which is engaging, developmentally appropriate and beneficial for children of all ages.

Get involved in the School Banking program.
You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s licence and birth certificate).

You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child make’s their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Call 13 2221 at any time. As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for transaction and savings accounts are available from any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank’s dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 2221.