From the Principal

This Newsletter is written before the school Showcase, so it’s a little hard to write about the night [I am at a meeting today, Wednesday, so have left Newsletter jottings at school before Tuesday night - confused ?].

It was just a short, themed night. We hope everyone enjoyed seeing their child/ren up on stage and that the children enjoyed being up there under the lights and with microphones and family and friends in the audience. Thank you to Miss Jacqui and Mrs Battese [you might still know her as Mrs Pine] for their writing and ideas for the show. Thanks to all staff too for their part in practices, staging and time. A small sigh of relief is made to have this night done.

The winners of the Raffle were:
1st Prize Balloon Flight— Maree Davey
2nd Prize Ham — Sharon Ballard
3rd Prize Voucher from Top Shop — Trish McKinnon

Thanks again to those core group of families that have helped with the Sausage Sizzle and in getting things together for our Showcase. If you are interested in joining the Friends of Coraki School group please come along to the next meeting – the date to be confirmed…..

…but now for the next big thing…. 

Year 3/ 4/ 5/ 6 Excursion
Final notes, packing slips and arrangements have gone home. This is a reminder that NO electronic devices are to go with the children. There are too many problems that arise with phones with the risk of accessing internet and becoming disengaged from the real purpose of the excursion. This is a reminder too that the maximum spending money limit while away is $50 per child.

Staff going are -Mrs Maleckar, Mr Clarke, Michelle B and Graham K. All those children who are not going are expected to be at school of course, Ms Davy will have this group for the 3 days.

Staff at Student Wellbeing Conference
This Friday we have three staff members away at a conference focused on Student Wellbeing. Student Wellbeing has a large focus in the Department of Education. Resilience, mindfulness and emotional literacy, along with Positive Behaviour for Learning, rank on our school plan. Resilience is the ability of course to be able to manage events that come through life and be able to bounce back to a balanced outlook on events.

Mindfulness is about being in the moment and being aware of what is happening around you, while staying focused and aware of how you are reacting at the time.

Emotional literacy is being able to talk about or even “name” emotions, and being able to understand how they affect our behaviour, but realising ways to deal with them. There are lots of interesting programmes for schools around student wellbeing. If you are interested please call up and have a chat about your thoughts on this.
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

School Bus Travel
We are still having some problems with behaviour on school bus routes. We need to remind children about what a safe bus passenger does and what the privilege of having a bus pass means. It is common for Northern Rivers Buslines to send home warning letters about children who are not behaving properly on buses. They can even ban children off buses for behaviour, which puts a lot of responsibility and time back onto families. Please have a chat with your child about safe and responsible bus travel. We have to get the children being safe and respectful of the privilege of having school buses.

Have a great first week of Spring…..

Jane