KINDERGARTEN
We were thrilled to have 45 kindergarten students enrol yesterday. We have formed two straight classes with Miss Bashforth and Mrs Griffin excited about getting to know their new pupils. Kindergarten students were able to spend some quality time with their year 6 buddies who support them during eating and play periods.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
Our Teddy Bear’s Picnic is set for Sunday 3 March from 10.00am till 12.00noon in the school grounds. The day is designed for kindergarten parents and students and their families and the year 6 buddies. Other families are welcome to attend if they wish. Events on the day will include:
- Parade of teddy bears or favourite toys
- Live music
- Puppet Show
- Games and activities
- A BYO picnic morning tea
We hope as many families as possible can attend. It is a great chance to get to know each other, teachers and other students. Tea and coffee provided.

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
We ask all families to make a contribution towards the costs of providing educational resources for your children. These funds are vital in allowing us to provide students the best possible resources across all curriculum areas. The amount can be paid in instalments. Contributions are:
- 1 student - $30
- Family - $50
All families who have paid by Friday March 8 will go into a draw for $100 school voucher.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our swimming carnival will be held this Friday 8 February. The carnival will take place at Mullumbimby Pool. Students will leave school by bus at 9.15am and we expect the carnival to be over by around 2.00pm. The carnival involves students in years 2 who turn 8 this year through to year 6. It is a trial for the next carnival and focuses mainly on capable swimmers. Students in years 2 and 3 who are not confident swimmers can choose to stay at school and have lessons as normal. All students in years 4, 5 and 6 are expected to attend the carnival. We will need parent assistance with timekeeping and judging so please let Miss Christian know if you are available to help.
The canteen will be open at the pool for snacks and drinks however since it is a school event no lollies will be sold. Children should bring their own lunch.
We would like to pass on our congratulations to students who were voted in as House Captains at the recent house meetings. They were:

**Captains**
- Cedar: Kaia Shearer
- Flame: Pearl Webber
- Palm: Kala Brown
- Wattle: Mackenzey Ormiston

**Vice Captains**
- Bill Harman
- Kane Oliss
- Max Miekle
- Jessica Tree

Do Your Best
THE P&C EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARENTS

The first P&C meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 12 February commencing at 7 pm in the staff room. This is a great opportunity for new parents to find out more about our school community and become involved in shaping the future of our school. The key focus of our P & C is to provide a forum in which parents can talk about needs and aspirations for their children and contribute to a developing partnership with the school.

Fund raising activities have contributed towards reading materials, school welfare and special needs. Our first meeting will focus on planning, priorities for 2013, programs to be offered, fundraising and its purpose, school maintenance issues, creative arts programs, the school canteen and upcoming school events.

A reminder that our AGM takes place on 19 March. To be able to vote at this meeting you must be a financial member of the P & C prior to the meeting, ie You need to join before the AGM. (Membership is $2)

PERMISSION NOTES

General permission notes were sent home with last week’s newsletter. These cover attendance at local walking excursions and permission to have photographs taken and used in newsletters, our website and the media.

We have also sent out forms for parents to update contact details, phone numbers and email addresses. Please return this information to us as soon as possible.

Zeb was excited about day 1 of kindergarten.

MARKETS

Our markets program starts again on Tuesday 19 February with Mrs Lengyel’s 5/6 class attending. This program has been very successful and involves a different class each week travelling to the markets to shop for fresh produce. They return to school and then make a delicious, healthy lunch. It costs $5 per student which covers food costs and bus travel. We get fantastic support from the New Brighton Farmers Market and look forward to continuing that relationship.

PANCAKE DAY

Pancakes!! For morning tea. Tuesday 12th February. Just 50c each. Maximum purchase two per child. Choose your own toppings.

As part of our English program of writing and following procedure, 2/3J, 3/4H, 3/4S, & 4/5W will be making pancakes and selling them to children and staff for morning tea on Tuesday 12/2/13. Profits from this morning will go to Stewart House.

Parent assistance will be greatly appreciated.

ELECTIVE CREATIVE ARTS CLASSES

Elective Creative arts takes place on Tuesday afternoons commencing on 19 February. The K-2 session is from 12.50 to 1.50pm. The 3-6 session is from 2.15 to 3.15pm. A note will go home tomorrow with a description of the options available, costs, teachers and requests for assistance. At this stage the options for students in K-2 are:

- K-2 Dance (Selected Group) - Mrs O’Donnell
- Fun Dance /Body percussion - Miss Bashforth K only
- Paper Mache / Beading – Mrs Griffin K only
- Mixed Media - Miss Essery
- Art – Mrs Greenlaw
- Ukulele – Miss Morris (maximum of 10)
- Keyboard – Mrs Sloane
- Creative Technology – Ms Seymour

**Options for 3-6 are:**
- Wakkakirri Dance – Mrs Lengyel & Miss Christian
- Weaving – Mrs Ensor
- Creative Technology – Ms Seymour
- Drama – Mrs Woods
- Stitching and puppet making – Mrs Hargreaves
- Drumming – Mr Stephens
- Flag making – Mrs Prendegast
- Ukulele – Miss Morris (maximum of 10)
- Keyboard - Mrs Sloane

Notes need to be returned by Friday as we must complete organisation to commence on 19 February.

Keyboard/piano lessons are on offer at school to children during creative arts sessions. Classes are held in a fun creative environment where children learn to read music, compose and play by ear. African drumming lessons will also be held on a Tuesday afternoon after school. Children and Adults are welcome to join.
To enrol or for enquiries contact Joanne Sloane on 0422 562 179 or email musicforkids.oz@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Brunswick Valley Junior Rugby Union
SIGN ON
Friday 8 & 15 February at Brunswick Sports Fields
Ages 8 – 17 Years
Games Friday night – Train Wednesday night
Contact Matt on 0404771031

Thanks Chris