Our parent forum last Tuesday night was a great opportunity to discuss school priorities and plans for 2013 and discuss key areas for parent involvement and input. The P & C will support the school’s key targets in mathematics and literacy with particular emphasis on the operation of the school’s “Multilt” program. Multilit assists students by providing intensive reading support at key times. Funds raised in our term 1 Beachathon will be used to support this program.

The P & C have also supported the provision of touch screen TVs for the support unit and library. These units operate in a similar way to interactive whiteboards and are already being well utilised.

Other areas for continued development are the operation of the school science program, provision of reading resources, library improvements and creative arts.

Our Wetlands project should be completed this term with the completion of our film and the development of learning stations and drainage improvements.

Other events discussed included the whole school concert on 31 July, The Festival of the imagination and the school’s 20 year celebrations.

It was very pleasing to see some new faces at our meeting and we welcome a new executive member to the P & C with Gina Brough agreeing to take on the role of treasurer. Thanks Gina!!

A very busy and productive year ahead.

SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION
There will be an induction ceremony on Friday 22nd February for our school captains and vice captains, members of the school parliament, sporting house captains and vice captains and library monitors. The ceremony will commence at 2.30pm in the hall.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our students were all very impressive at the district swimming carnival. They all put enormous effort into their events and displayed high levels of behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day. We are still waiting on official results. Our own carnival results have been now posted on the school website.

Please note that the Zone Swimming carnival takes place on Tuesday 26 February at Alstonville.

PARKING AND BUS ZONES
We have a very concerning issue at the moment with many drivers around our school failing to observe road laws and parking or stopping illegally.

Please note – There should be no parking or stopping to drop off students in the school bus zone during designated restriction times. The safety of all our students depends on all drivers following the law. Please do this.

Please note – The in school car park is for staff only. It cannot be used as a means of dropping off or picking up students at any time. This area is particularly busy for students accessing bikes and our special transport bus.

SCRIPTURE / ETHICS
We commenced classes in scripture and ethics today.

There is currently no teacher for Yr 5 ethics as we await completion of training. Mrs Lengyel is supervising these students.

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 a $100 school voucher.
DISTRICT CRICKET
Four of our students attended district cricket trials on Thursday and all were selected in the team to attend Far North Coast trials this Friday 22 February. Congratulations to Oliver Cronin, Jake Hayes, Josh Brett and Max Miekle on making the team.

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
- Curly Cousins concert
- 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.

BRAVEHEARTS – DITTO PERFORMANCE
On Thursday 7 March students in years K-4 will be involved in a presentation called Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventures which is run by Bravehearts. Bravehearts is sponsored by Rotary Australia and offers educational programs that give students basic principles of personal safety. A flyer and permission note re this will be sent home later in the week. The performance costs $4.00 per student.

ELECTIVE CREATIVE ARTS CLASSES
Our elective creative arts program commenced this afternoon. Students were engaged in a wide variety of creative arts activities and seemed to thoroughly enjoy their lessons.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO MULLUM HIGH
There is a special community evening planned for Tuesday 12 March at Mullum High to discuss secondary education and transition programs. This will commence at 7.00pm in the hall.

CANTEEN NEWS
PIZZA DAY
This Friday the canteen is having a special day making pizzas of all sorts. See the attached menu. Students order as normal in the morning.

ROSTER
Feb 22nd – Mandy Borthwick, Felisha Irby, Louise O’Boyle, Karla Albert
Mar 1st – Leanne Wallace, Natalie Porter, Rebecca McVeigh, Jennah Browning
A helping hint.
How to order lunch from the canteen
Please make sure your child's name, class and lunch order are written clearly on a paper bag, you can pick these up from Coles. It does help volunteers if lunch bags can be completed at home. NO recess items to be placed with lunch order, children will order these from the canteen window during recess. Lunch bags, with money to be placed in basket at canteen window before the bell goes at 9.15am. Change can be given, it will be taped to lunch bag and returned with order at lunch time. Lunches will be picked up from the canteen by members of each class and taken back to class to be distributed by class teachers. Thanks Mandy

MRS CAMBRIDGE’S STAR WRITERS
(Some excerpts from students writing)
Should students be the teacher for a day?
Teachers deserve a rest from school. I mean, come on people, can you imagine teaching a large amount of kids 6 hours a day, 5 days a week? Let’s get serious, we should take their job for a week! Giving kids the responsibility to teach their class would help to take the stress off the teachers and relax them. What teacher wouldn’t like massages while they stretch out their legs on the desk without a care in the world?
Louis Lamont 5/6E

Snakes versus spiders: which is more dangerous?
“Mooooo!” That is the sound of a whole cow being devoured by an anaconda snake. What spider can make that much damage? The snake can dislocate its own jaw and can eat prey up to three times its own size!
Toby Forster 5/6L

MARKETS
The New Brighton Farmers markets were cancelled today. Mrs Lengyel’s class will now attend on 9 April.

OTHER UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS
28 Feb Cricket Knockout v Brunswick Heads
6 – North Coast Swimming Coffs
6 March – 10 a side rugby – Casuarina
12 March – Rugby 7s – Brunswick Heads
15 March – Winter Trials
26 March – Rugby league Gala day – Tweed.

Thanks
Chris