P & C AGM
A very successful AGM was held last Tuesday and a new executive was appointed. Congratulations go to:
President – Donna McFadden
Vice President – Laurel Cohn
Vice President – Venessa Skye
Secretary – Linda Hope
Treasurer – Gina Brough
Other important positions decided included:
Canteen Coordinator – Mandy Borthwick
Fundraising - Jennita Gay
Science Committee – Len Cronin
Creative Arts Committee – Laurel Cohn
For Shore (Dune care) – Trish Crossley

Many thanks need to be passed on to our outgoing president Laurel Cohn for the outstanding job she has done leading the P & C for the last 3 years. Laurel’s ideas, energy and hard work have lead to wonderful learning opportunities for students and significant gains for our school. Laurel provided an extensive president’s report to the meeting which can be viewed on the school website.

In the general meeting there were a wide range of discussions and items passed for approval. These included:
* Provision of support for our 5 students travelling to state swimming at $70 per head
* Discussion around our boys education program
* Discussion of the new English Curriculum. There will be two development days because of staff training next term. Students will return on Wednesday 1 May.
* Fundraising approval for the multi –lit program.
* Wetland filming to take place on 3,4,5 April
* Discussion around the Gonski review. The support of parents is vital if we are to ensure public schools get there long overdue fair share of funding.

If you want to register your support for changing the way education is funded you can go to www.igive agonski.com.au

The next P & C meeting takes place on Tuesday 14 May.

MUFTI DAY
Thankyou for your support of our swimming team at last weeks out of uniform day. We raised $320 to assist them to get to Sydney. The state trials are on next Tuesday and Wednesday. Good luck to Shaun, Josh, Julian, Jake and Hunta.

EASTER BEACHATHON
Our beachwalk will take place this Thursday 28 March. High tide will be at around 10.00am so we propose to leave after recess at 11.25am. We expect to return for a slightly later lunch at 1.00pm. We will walk down to the Fern Beach entrance then head north as there is a greater area of beach in this section.
Students may come out of uniform for this day. They need to wear a school hat or their Easter beach hat.
All students need to bring a water bottle with them. There will be a refilling station at the Fern Beach park. Students will be able to take their shoes off once they reach the park and put them back on when returning.
The prize draw will take place in the hall starting at 2.15pm.
Please ensure all money and sponsor sheets have been return by tomorrow morning so we have time to get the major raffle organised.
Parents are welcome to take part in all the day’s events.

ASSEMBLY
5/6L hosted a terrific assembly on Friday afternoon. They entertained us with a traditional Aboriginal dance/story. They also showed some of their great artwork as did students from 1M.
We also watched the national award winning film produced by 5/6W last year.
Principals awards were given to some of the outstanding writers from 5/6L. They were Lily McVeigh, Kiah Richmond, Oliver Bungate and Toby Forster.
The school leaders certificate was awarded to Mrs Ensor and Mr Stephens for organising winter sports trials.

AFL
We had four students attend AFL trials last week. Congratulations to all of them on their efforts and to Bo Browning who was selected in the zone team.

Do Your Best
WETLAND FILMING
We commence the creation of an educational film about our schools wetlands next week. Filmmaker Annie Benzie will be working with our students to produce a film highlighting our wetlands and related environmental programs. This is the final part of our wetland project which was funded by the NAB community partnership grant.

ZONE WINTER TRIALS
We have a large number of students attending winter trials on Friday representing in district girls and boys soccer, rugby league and netball teams. Good luck to all our students.

CANTEEN NEWS
ROSTER
5 April – Christine Booth, Karla Albert, Yvette Simmons, Melissa Paron Clarke.
12 April – Kate Horsley, Tegan Quinnell, Jo Fletcher, Jennah Browning

BASKETBALL
Jessica Tree, Chloe Lopatecki and Bo Browning attended the Regional basketball trials in Grafton last week. They represented their school with distinction.

CREATIVE ARTS
Next week is our final creative arts day for this rotation. We will look at any changes to term 2 options over the next few weeks and then reform our groups. Our 6 week term 2 program will commence on 14 May. Keyboard continues each week and instrumental programs with the conservatorium will also be ongoing

DISCO
Our first disco for 2013, run by the student parliament will be held on Thursday 4 April in the school hall.

The theme for the K-2 Disco is “Pyjamas”
Time K – Yr2 5:30pm – 7.00 pm

The theme for the 3-6 Disco is “Opposites”
Time Yr 3 – Yr 6 7.00pm – 8:30 pm

Cost:- $5 – covers DJ, prizes, popper and chips at the break and a treat at the end.

Please be prompt in collecting your child/ren.
These discos are for Ocean Shores school children only and the funds raised by the parliament will be used to support our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
There will be a performance at school on Monday 8 April. This performance will be very entertaining and educational based around an anti bullying theme. More information and permission notes will go home next Tuesday.

ATHLETICS
We commence our school athletics program next Thursday 4 April. This will enable us to run a 10 week series of skill development and practice before our track and field carnivals in the last week of term 2. These sessions run on Thursday afternoons from 2.15 to 3.15pm for primary students. If any parent would like to assist with this program please let me know.

PHOTOGRAPHY WINNER
Congratulations to Jessica Tree who won the local U3A photography competition. Jessica won the Years 5 - 6 competition and the popular vote on the day of the Mayors Morning Tea. She is now $50 richer for the experience. It was a lovely photo of Ray Ellis coaching students in basketball and really captured the theme of the competition. Well done Jessica!

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS – HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE
Our first High school experience day was very successful. Our next date is Wednesday 3 April with the same organisation in place. Students will travel over by bus leaving the school at 12.20pm. Students bring their bags and lunch with them. The bus to Mullum High costs $2. Students who do not have a bus pass will need to bring an additional $3.20 for the trip home.

Please note – We are still waiting on forms from year 6 students in regard to high school placement next year. If any parent would like to discuss the Mullumbimby High summit class with me please call to make an appointment.

COMMUNITY NEWS
BASKETBALL
Because of the Easter break there will be no basketball on Wednesday 27 March (Yrs 4-6) or Monday 1 April(K-3)

Have a great Easter Break!

Thanks Chris