TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
We enjoyed a lovely teddy bears picnic on Sunday that was well attended by students and parents. A morning of hall games, kites flying, bubble making, parachute games and races was followed up by a fantastic concert from the “Curly Cousins” and our teddy bear parade and cake. Thanks to everyone for coming along and making it such a happy event.

EASTER BEACHATHON
We will again be holding an Easter Beachathon. This involves students collecting sponsors for a long beachwalk to be conducted on the last day of term 1, ie Friday 11 April. Everyone taking part in the walk will get a ticket in the major draw of $2000 worth of sporting / health related prizes eg bikes, scooters, tennis racquets, kites, body boards etc
For every $5 they raise they get an extra ticket in the draw and increase their chances of winning a prize. Eg $20 = 4 tickets. This will be drawn after the beach walk commencing at 1.00pm in the school hall. In this way we raise funds through promotion of health. This is a major fundraiser for our P & C with funds raised being used to support our school’s Solar project.
Sponsor sheets and further information will go home on Monday.

SCRIPTURE / ETHICS
Scripture and ethics classes commenced today. We thank the teachers of these classes for their volunteering throughout the year. These lessons take place every Tuesday at 10.30am.
**DISCO**
We are very excited to announce our first disco for Term 1 2014. It will be held on Thursday Week 8, so come along for some dancing, music and fun! If you are in Years K-2 dress up as a heroic superhero or a beautiful fairy. Years 3-6 theme will be past or future. The cost for this event will be $5.00. This will include a packet of chips and a popper. This event will be held in the school hall, so remember come on down to this amazing night full of fun, don’t miss out, we will see you there. From your media ministers!!!

**K-2 MUSIC PROGRAM**
Our K-2 music program commenced today with the support of the conservatorium of music. Teacher, Rochelle, will work with a variety of classes each Tuesday afternoon that will focus on percussion, playing, rhythm, singing and movement.
All classes in K-2, as well as having time with Rochelle, will rotate through a variety of music and creative arts activities with their class teachers.

**ATTENDANCE**
It is a legal requirement that students attend school each day and that all absences or partial absences be explained as our school rolls can be subpoenaed by a court. After 3 unexplained absences the school is required to contact parents formally in regard to attendance concerns. We will conduct our termly attendance review next week. Please send in absence notes if you have not already done so. Absence note booklets will be sent home this week for your convenience.

**CRICKET REPORT**
Last Friday on the 21st of February the school cricket team travelled to Brunswick Heads to play Mullumbimby Public School in a friendly match.

Oliver Cronin our team captain won the toss and chose to field first. All the boys bowled extremely well resulting in Mullumbimby making 51 runs. Will Crossley lead the way with four wickets, Luke Holt and Corban Thomson backed him up with great performances. Sam Hope, Sebastian Bungate and Kel Shaw took three fantastic catches as well.

Oliver Cronin starred with the bat scoring a marvellous twenty-five runs not out. Sam Hope, Nathan Dixon and Kel Shaw supplied valuable runs as our team made it over the line with ten overs to go. Everyone played brilliantly with Will Crossley getting man of the match for his great bowling.

Well done boys! We would also like to give a big thank you on behalf of the school cricket team to Mr. Stephens for organising and umpiring the game.

By Sam Hope and Oliver Cronin

**ASSEMBLY**
We will have our first assembly for the year commencing at **1.00pm in the hall on Thursday 6 March.** The assembly will be hosted by 5/6C with assistance from buddy class 2J. The assembly will feature items, display of student work and class and principal awards. Assemblies are run by our school leaders and the host class.

**CHOIR**
Mrs Woods will again be teaching our choir this year. Choir takes place on Wednesday afternoons. Students not involved in choir participate in other music based activities. This year the choir will be involved in supporting the Anzac Dawn Service in Brunswick Heads.

**GARDENING**
We are extending our involvement in gardening programs this term. Each Wednesday (weather permitting) a class will head down to assist in activities at the Community gardens in Shara Boulevard. We will also continue to develop our own gardens with our super gardener, Nectar, helping students to learn about organic gardening methods.

**BASKETBALL**
The after school basketball program commenced yesterday. The timetable is as follows:
- K-3 – Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm
- 4-6 – Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30pm
- Secondary - Monday 5.00 – 6.30pm

**TRESSLE TABLES**
We have a number of old timber tressle tables available to give away. If you are interested come in and see Rob Brough on a Wednesday or Thursday.

Thanks
Chris