SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT
The school cross country was held last Friday with wonderful participation shown by students. There were many great runs and personal bests on the day in all divisions. We also had some very enthusiastic K-2 students take part in their event after recess.

The winning house on the day was Wattle. House captains Bijou and Sam are pictured with the Cross Country trophy.

NAPLAN
These national assessment tasks take place next week. They affect years 3 and 5. Tests are:
- Tuesday 13 – Language and Writing
- Wednesday 14 – Reading
- Thursday 15 – Numeracy

Please contact me if you wish to discuss any issues relating to NAPLAN.

MULLUMBIMBY HIGH – SUMMIT CLASS
A reminder that applications for the Summit class at Mullumbimby High School are due by this Friday 9 May. These are submitted to our school office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our school photos for this year take place on Thursday 22 May. Information re this was sent home last week. Please read carefully and respond accordingly.

- Please ensure you have returned your photo envelopes and money to the school office by Monday 19 May.
- envelopes to have sibling photos taken are available at the school office or on request.

Students will need to wear their summer school uniform for photos. Year 6 students wear their normal green shirts.

School parliament and year 6 graduation photos will also be taken on the day.

PARENT FORUM
On Tuesday 20 May we will be conducting a parent forum at school. The purpose of the forum is to look at our school plan for the next 5 years. This process has already commenced with staff and will also involve the students of our school.

We need to develop a plan, that is agreed to by our school community, that provides direction and purpose. This will help us to continue to provide fantastic learning experiences for our students, that are relevant, in line with our values and structured to prepare them for life in the 21st century. We would really value your input and hope you are able to attend this initial forum.

Later this week there will be a feature on the school’s website about the forum and the school’s current plan, key priorities and values.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

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ASSEMBLY
Our next assembly takes place this Thursday 8 May commencing at 1.00pm in the school hall. Mr Gibbons’ class will host the assembly with assistance from buddy class KM.

P & C Meeting
Our first P & C meeting for the term will take place next Tuesday 13 May. Items on the agenda include the parent forum, reports and interviews, iPads for the library, solar power, a new environmental project, excursions and coming events. Please contact the school if babysitting is required.

MARKETS
3/4W were off to the markets today. I’m sure they will be preparing a scrumptious lunch. From next week we will need to raise the price of attending the markets to $6 due to an increase in bus costs.

3-6 ELECTIVE CREATIVE ARTS
Elective Creative Arts commenced last week with students enjoying the variety of options available. Please remember to send in payment for activities that have a cost. ie Pottery, Public Speaking, Tye dying and Macrame.

KINDERGARTEN TO CURRUMBIN
Kindergarten students are getting very excited about their upcoming excursion to Currumbin Wildlife Park on Monday 12 May. Please ensure permission notes and money have been returned. Parents are welcome to join students on the day but need to travel in their own transport as our bus will be full.

BRAVEHEARTS PERFORMANCE
There will be a performance for students in years K-4 on Tuesday 20 May. Braveheart focuses on positive relationships and the development of skills and understandings to prevent bullying and sexual assault.

SCHOOL SORES AND HEAD LICE
We have had a few reported cases of school sores and head lice. Please be aware of this and treat as needed.

YOGA
Shane would like to let all parents know that there will be no after school yoga this term.

EVACUATIONS AND LOCKDOWNS
The school has in place systems to be used in emergencies. These systems could involve evacuation of the buildings due to things like fire or gas leaks. It could also include a school lockdown where all on site get inside due to things like wild storms or intruders. We have drills of these procedures throughout the year and the next will be conducted soon. In any drill or emergency parents need to follow procedures. For an evacuation a continuous bell is sounded and all on site assemble in the K-2 playground. Rolls are marked and all remain in this area till dismissed. For a lockdown an intermittent bell is sounded and all on site assemble in classrooms or stay in their current interior location. All remain in this area till an all clear is sounded. Please follow these procedures if you are on site at the time of such an event.

There was great atmosphere at the K-2 school run and plenty of support from older students.

Happy faces from Bilby Day last term.

Our Beachathon on the last day of term was blessed with glorious weather.

Thanks Chris