13 May 2014

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY EVENT
The district cross country was held at Bangalow last Friday and saw fine performances by our students.

Individual results on the day included:
8/9 yr boys - Lior Dadon 5th, Joel Holt 10th
10 yr girls - Mairse Fitzgerald 7th
10 yr boys - Finley Neylan 1st
12/13 yr girls - Mackenzey Ormiston 1st, Jahla Ferguson 2nd, Vindi Ferguson 4th
12/13 yr boys - Kel Shaw 2nd, Oliver Cronin 9th.
AWD – Charlie Ormiston 1st, Jacob Quinell 2nd
AWD – Lawrence Croft 1st, Xavier Jacobsen 2nd

Congratulations to all our runners for their efforts.

The Far North Coast Cross Country takes place on Friday 23 May at Bangalow. Students who qualified will receive permission notes soon.

NAPLAN
These national assessment tasks began today. 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.
Please ensure students in years 3 and 5 are present for all days of testing. Students who miss a day of testing are able to do a catch up test on Friday.

P & C Meeting
Our first P & C meeting for the term will take place tonight 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.

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 with correct 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.
Afternoon tea will be provided.

TOTALLY WILD
Next Wednesday 21 May we will have the crew from the TV series ‘Totally Wild’ at school to do a feature on our wetlands and the Mitchell’s rainforest snail. Students will demonstrate how we use our wetland curriculum and be involved in a range of activities on the day.

Do Your Best
STUDENT LATE ARRIVAL / EARLY DEPARTURE
Schools are accountable in regard to reporting all aspects of student attendance so we need systems to track and monitor student arrival and departure out of normal hours.
If your child is late coming to school parents need to first attend the school office to register arrival at school and receive a slip to take to the classroom.
If your child is leaving school early parents need to first attend the school office to register departure and receive a slip to take to the classroom.
Your cooperation with this procedure will assist us in ensuring student attendance is correctly recorded and we know where students are.

ASSEMBLY
Mr Gibbons’ class hosted the assembly last Thursday with assistance from buddy class KM. They performed a great musical drama to the John Williamson song, “Rip Rip Wood Chip.” Kindergarten also showed us their dancing skills with a great rendition of the Mexican Hat Dance.

Principal’s awards went to Sebastian Bungate, Arabella Lackey, Lily Ulrick, Tiger Bampton – Loria and Juvi Cvetkovic.

The school leaders award went to Xavier Jacobsen.

Our next assembly takes place on Thursday 29 May commencing at 1.00pm in the school hall, with 3/4W hosting.

MARKETS
3/4G will attend the markets next Tuesday 20 May. The cost for this great program is $6.00 which covers their bus fare and lunch on the day.

CYBER BULLYING
We have had a few reported cases of students using technology out of school hours to send inappropriate messages to other students. This type of bullying can cause serious harm to children. Staff at school will be discussing this issue in class this week and we ask parents to also talk with children about the correct use of email and social media.
It is important that parents monitor students internet use and have access to material that students are using, sending and receiving.
If you are aware of issues that relate to cyber bullying please let us know and we will try to assist in resolving the problem.

RUGBY UNION
Congratulations to our students who attended rugby union trials last week. Sebastian Bungate, Sam Hope, Willum McVeigh, Dylan Powell and Nathan Dixon were selected in the Brunswick Valley team to attend Zone trials at Casuarina on Wednesday 21 May.

KINDERGARTEN AT CURRUMBIN
Kindergarten students, parents and staff had a great day at Currumbin yesterday and certainly enjoyed all the activities. The train, bird and animal shows and playgrounds were very popular and kept everyone fully entertained. Thanks to Mrs Griffin and staff for their organisation of the event and to all the parents who came along to assist.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT
Students are becoming involved in a new environmental project at school lead by Mr Gibbons and some year 6 students. We propose to build a feature wall using enviro bricks. These bricks are made by cramming plastic products into a 1.25 litre plastic bottle. The filled bottles are then used to fill the wall frame and are then cement rendered. The project will be focused on sending a strong recycling message and raising understanding about the damaging effects of plastics on our environment.

WETLANDS DAY
Please keep Friday 23 May free for an environmental Meeting and maintenance of our wetlands. More info to be sent home.

Thanks Chris