THE P&C EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARENTS
The first P&C meeting of the year will be held TONIGHT Tuesday 10 February commencing at 7 pm in the staff room. This is a great opportunity for new parents to find out more about our school community and become involved in shaping the future of our school. Mr Stephens will represent me as I am unfortunately away.

The key focus of our P & C is to provide a forum in which parents can talk about needs and aspirations for their children and contribute to a developing partnership with the school.

Fundraising activities have contributed towards reading materials, school welfare and special needs.

Our first meeting will focus on planning, priorities for 2015, programs to be offered, fundraising, creative arts programs, the school canteen and upcoming events.

A reminder that our AGM takes place on 10 March. To be able to vote at this meeting you must be a financial member of the P & C prior to the meeting. ie You need to join before the AGM.(Membership is $2)

MATHEMATICS CLASSES
We will commence our graded maths classes for students in years 3-6 in two weeks. Students will be placed according to assessments conducted last year and in the first weeks of school this year. We have set up structures to support students in all classes and placements will be reviewed on a regular basis. If you wish to discuss maths classes please contact Mrs Lengyel or Mr Stephens.

PARENT READING PROGRAMS
We value highly our reading programs where parents and friends come in to support students with literacy.

These programs have commenced and are running smoothly. It is vital that all our students K-6 have the opportunity to read as regularly as possible. If you would like to be involved in a reading support program please contact your child’s teacher. Training and assistance provided.

In 2015 we will continue to run additional reading support programs such as multilit and storydogs where we depend on parent and community assistance. Please contact our Learning Assistance Support Teacher Debbie Timms if you would like to know more.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our swimming carnival last Friday was a great success. Thankyou to staff and parents for your work and assistance on the day and particularly Miss Christian for her excellent organisation.

Many students qualified to attend the district carnival at the Mullumbimby pool this Friday 13 February. Miss Christian, Mr Gibbons and myself will accompany our team. The bus will leave school at 9.00am sharp as the carnival is scheduled to commence at 9.45am. Please ensure permission note and levies have been returned to school by Thursday. There will be a special assembly on Thursday 12 February at approximately 1.30pm to present ribbons and trophies to our fantastic swimmers. This will follow our school leaders induction ceremony.

Please note that the Zone Swimming carnival takes place on Friday 20 February.

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
Our Teddy Bear’s Picnic is set for Sunday 23 February 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
- Music and Dancing
- 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.
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 6 will go into a draw for $100 school voucher.

OTHER COSTS
Different grades will also have other costs for different workbooks and subscriptions that can be accessed at home. These costs are:

Kindergarten - $27
Years 1 and 2 – $30 or $33 for new students
Years 3 and 4 - $27 or $30

These amounts will be detailed in class letters.

MARKETS
Our markets program starts again on Tuesday 3 March with Mrs Lengyels Yr 5/6 class attending. This program has been very successful and involves a different class each week travelling to the markets to shop for fresh produce. They return to school and then make a delicious, healthy lunch. It costs $6 per student which covers food costs and bus travel. We get fantastic support from the New Brighton Farmers Market and look forward to continuing that relationship.

STAGE 1 – HOME READING VOLUNTEERS
Thank you to the parents already volunteering and listening to the children read each day. We would also love to involve any grandparents or relatives who may be interested in helping with our home reading program. For the program to be a success we rely on lots of helpers. In Stage 1, home reading is in the last session from 2.30pm – 3.15pm. Please come and see the classroom teacher if you are interested. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

STAGE MEETINGS
We have scheduled stage meetings to allow parents to connect with teachers and each other early in the year. Parents will receive specific information about meetings from stage leaders.

The first meeting takes place tomorrow night(Wed 11 Feb) and is for parents of students in years 5 and 6 and we would like as many stage 3 parents as possible to attend as you will get valuable information. The meeting starts at 6.00pm in Mrs Lengyels classroom. Refreshments will be available.

Next week’s meetings are:
Kindergarten – Tuesday 17 February
Stage 2( years 3 & 4) – Wednesday 18 February
Stage 1( years 1 & 2) – Thursday 19 February

SCRIPTURE AND ETHICS CLASSES
Scripture and Ethics classes begin on Tuesday 24 February. A letter re ethics is being sent home today. Parents need to choose for students to be involved in non denominational or catholic scripture lessons, non scripture lessons (a period where students read and complete class work) or ethics classes.

Scripture classes are organized locally and taught from K-6 using a prescribed curriculum.

CANTEEN
Our first day of canteen for the year will be this Friday 13/2/15. Jodee had been busy during the holidays making some exciting changes to the menu such as replacing the Cheese Burger with a homemade Chicken Schnitzel Burger and replacing Spaghetti Bolognese with Nachos.

We are always looking for volunteers to help at the canteen. If you are available on a Friday please see the attached volunteers form and return it to the office as soon as possible or contact Michelle directly as she is working on the roster for this term now and is in great need of more volunteers.

SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION
There will be an induction ceremony this Thursday 12 February for our school captains and vice captains, members of the school parliament, sporting house captains and vice captains and monitors. The ceremony will commence at 1.00pm in the school hall and be followed by our swimming presentation.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Giants Rugby League
Next Giants Rugby League Sign on is this Saturday 14 February between 10.00am and 1.00pm at Mullumbimby Leagues Club.
Players are to register and pay online prior.
For more info contact 0403503087

Thanks Chris