P & C AGM
Making a difference
Our school has a strong focus on the partnership between the parent community and the staff. Parents, through the P&C have been instrumental over the last 5 years in seeing a range of programs introduced into the curriculum (particularly in the areas of environmental education, creative arts, ethics and science), in attracting over $120,000 in grant monies for specific projects, and contributing funds for much needed resources and infrastructure.
There is always scope to improve the school experience for our children, and you can make a difference. Last year’s Library update, the purchase of Ipads and technology resources, the K-2 Music program, the Aboriginal Cultural program and the installation of hall cooling are great examples of how our P & C enrich your child's school experience. We invite you to become a member of the P&C and contribute what you can, whether it is a day here or there, or more. The health of the school community relies on new parents putting up their hands to be active participants, as other parents move on to high school. We need you now.
If you are not a 'meeting' person, that's okay, let us know how you would like to be involved.
Our AGM is tonight, Tuesday 10 March, 7pm. Come and hear an overview of the year that's been and where we are heading. Please consider how you can be part of our vibrant school community. Child care is available

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO MULLUM HIGH
There is a special community evening planned for Thursday 12 March at Mullum High to discuss secondary education and transition programs. This will commence at 6.00pm.
Join us for a night of:
• Information
• Entertainment
• Questions and Answers
• Super Yummy Pizza (fresh from our pizza oven)
Representatives from Mullumbimby High will also be visiting the school at 10.30am on Wednesday to talk with year 6 students.

NORTH COAST SWIMMING
Congratulations to all our school swimming team who attended North Coast Trials at Lismore last week. In a great performance three of our students qualified to attend state trials in Sydney later in the term. Congratulations to Amber Borthwick, Eve Porter and Meg Porter.

ART PRIZE
Congratulations to Ruby Collings who took out a prize in the Les Peterken art competition. Ruby is a keen and talented artist. She is pictured with her gift pack.

DISCO
Our disco is next Thursday 19 March.
The K-2 disco runs from 5.30pm till 7.00pm. The theme for all students is multicultural to fit in with our Harmony day activities.
The 3-6 disco runs from 7.00pm till 8.30pm.
The cost for this event will be $5.00. This will include a packet of chips and a popper.
MUSIC PROGRAMS

It is great to see our music programs going so well. Year 2 are loving their sessions with Rochelle on Tuesday afternoons. This program is mostly funded by Splendour in the Grass who partner us in encouraging students to be involved in music. This sponsorship of $5000 per year allows us to employ quality music teachers such as Rochelle and our instrumentalists are showing great skills. Students in K-2 will rotate through 5 week music sessions throughout the year. We have just purchased ukuleles to support this program. If you have one at home we can have it would be appreciated.

Jesse, Bella and Maddie showing some of their skills.

It is also not too late to join programs being offered by the Conservatorium of music. Parents, if you would like your child to learn an instrument at school this year, please enrol them by going to their website www.nrcac.edu.au and clicking on ENROL at the bottom of the page.

For more information about Music in Schools or to request a new instrument at your school, you can contact Zoe at zoe.abbott@nrcac.edu.au

BAND

We are going to trial a session each week where interested students in years 3-6 can bring their instrument to school to take part in a school band/ensemble. We are still not quite sure what this will look like or if it will fit into our already full programs but want to give it a go. This session will be from 2.15pm – 3.15pm on a Thursday afternoon and be supported by Mr Gibbons and parent helpers.

If interested students can come along this week, bring their instruments and give it a go.

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thankyou to the families that have already paid their school contributions. This is greatly appreciated. The winner of the early bird draw was Kai Albert. The family win a $100 school voucher towards school events and excursions.

Payments of these contributions can still be made at the school office.

ASSEMBLY

Our assembly last Friday was hosted by 5/6E with assistance from buddy class 1B. We were entertained with some great dancing, interesting costumes and fantastic artwork.

Principal’s awards went to:
Nori Arundale for being a kind, helpful student and a great role model.
Rani Van Gramberg for being well mannered, helpful and a delightful student.
Max Harnell for always giving 100% in all areas.
Meg Porter for working hard in all areas and qualifying for state swimming.

The school leader’s award went to Eve Porter for taking out the zone swimming championship.

Our next major assembly will be on Thursday 26 March at 1.00pm with 5/6L hosting the assembly with assistance from 2J.

ZONE WINTER TRIALS

We have a number of students attending winter trials this Thursday 12 March in rugby league, soccer and netball at venues in Mullumbimby and Bangalow. Parents should have received notes re this event. Travel will be by private transport so this needs to be organised as soon as possible. Please ensure permission notes and money for PSSA levy have been returned to school.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

We will soon have a school crossing established at the front of the school. The crossing will have flags to further remind drivers to slow down and be aware of children crossing. There can be no parking in areas close to the crossing so please take note of and obey signage advice.

PBL REWARDS DAY

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning program we have regular rewards days throughout the year. Rewards days recognise the positive behaviour of students over a 6 week period. This Friday will be our first rewards day of the year and our focus for each stage will be water fun and games.

Students can bring their swimmers and a towel to school with them so they can fully enjoy the activities planned.

CREATIVE ARTS

Parents please let me know if you are interested in being involved in our elective creative arts program next term. It takes place on Thursday afternoons.

Thanks
Chris