EASTER BEACHATHON
Sponsor sheets and information for our Easter Beachathon were sent home last week. The Beachathon involves students collecting sponsors for a long beachwalk to be conducted on the last day of term 1, ie Friday 8 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.

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE
Year 6 students will be travelling by bus to Mullumbimby High School tomorrow Wednesday 16 March. They will be involved in a range of lessons to build their understanding and confidence around what is offered in secondary education. Students return on the normal high school buses. Mr Stephens will accompany our students.

ASSEMBLY
Our assembly this week has been postponed. Mr Gibbon’s class assembly will now take place on Thursday 31 March. 1A and K/6M will be supporting 5/6G.

Last week’s assembly featured some fabulous dancing from 5/6E.

MARKETS
On Tuesday the 8th 2N made delicious Burrito wraps from the fresh foods they collected from the New Brighton farmers markets, they also made a fresh fruit platter. They had a wonderful experience with money and cooking in the canteen.

By Amali Hazelwood

DISCO (FUN, LAUGH, SING & DANCE)
Our disco will be held on Thursday Week 10 which will be 31 March, so come along for some dancing, music and fun! The student parliament have conducted surveys and determined the theme for the disco. It will be, “DREAM”.

Students can wear a costume that relates to the theme. It could be about something you dream to be or do, a dream you have had etc etc.

The cost for this event will be $6.00. 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.

The K-2 Disco is from 5.30 pm to 7.00pm
The 3-6 Disco is from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

We will be considering options to change disco times and allow for a K-6 option in term 2.

DROP IN EVENING
Whilst your children are at the disco come to the staffroom for a drop in cuppa and snack. I will be available to talk about any aspect of school so far this year. I would also love some feedback from you re things like connect evenings, parent training/information options, creative arts and our school goals.

Do Your Best
P & C and CENTRELINK
If you are a job seeker who is required to meet certain requirements with Centrelink to receive payments you can now meet these requirements by volunteering through our P & C. Hours can be accrued through work in the canteen, classrooms and gardens. A flyer on this was sent home last week. Please contact me if you want further information.

NORTH COAST SWIMMING
Seamus, Eve and Amber competed at the Regional Carnival in Kempsey last Wednesday. All swimmers put in great times in their heats and finals. A big congratulations goes to Amber who qualified to attend the state carnival in Sydney in April in the butterfly event. Well done Amber!!!!

ELECTIVE CREATIVE ARTS
Notes re creative arts electives will go home on Thursday. These are due to be returned by Thursday 24 March. Some groups have a limit to numbers so students need to select 3 options. Some activities attract a fee to help cover costs. These are indicated on the note. Elective Creative Arts commences on Tuesday 3 May.

FROM MISS CHRISTIAN
"As part of our Creative Arts Program, the school will be offering Graphic Design as an option for students. We are looking to source the use of a 3D printer for the final weeks of the program so students can print out their creations. If anyone can help in this area, it would be greatly appreciated."

ON LINE SAFETY
Schools are often approached by parents wondering what options there are to filter internet access at home. At school, access is filtered for students according to their year group so that undesirable and inappropriate websites cannot be viewed. This is achieved through the department’s enterprise filtering solution provided by Blue Coat. But did you know the same company offers a free domestic filtering service? K9 Web Protection is a free web filter and parental control software for home Windows or Mac computers. K9 “puts parents in control of the Internet to help them protect their children”.

Julia Christian

ZONE WINTER TRIALS
We have a number of students attending winter trials this Friday 18 March in rugby league, hockey, 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.

CANTEEN
Thank you to Asri Duman, Corli Claassen Luther, Sigge McKinley and Steve Cooper for the wonderful job you did in the canteen on Friday. The canteen is running well however we are still on the lookout for a new coordinator.

MY TIME PARENT GROUP
Just a reminder that "My Time" Parent Group begins on Friday 18th March 2016. MyTime Groups provide support for mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition.
It’s a place for you to unwind and talk about your experiences. It’s a world away from appointments and therapy. It's support for you.
Day: Friday
Time: 9:15 - 11:15am
Venue: Ocean Shores PS Library
Contact
Shaping Outcomes Byron Zoe Cluff 0438 771 912
Thank You
Sarah Mortimore

P&C HEALTHY EATING GUIDELINES
I would like to draw parents attention to this document that we use to guide healthy eating in our school. It was developed in 2014 and is available for viewing on the school’s website under the P & C Tab.
It clarifies things such as the use of nuts, lollies and fizzy drinks at school and school events.
One practice we would like to suggest relates to birthday cakes. We love to celebrate children’s birthdays and often cakes are brought in to school to share. We request that these cakes be nut free and lolly free. Lollies can easily be replaced with berries or other fruit. We also have students that have allergies to food colourings so if these could be avoided in icing it would be very helpful.
If you have a child that suffers from allergies etc we are able to freeze items for you so they have something to share when class celebrations take place.
I will also remind staff that lollies are not to be used for rewards for students and to also be aware of the elements of our Healthy Eating guidelines.

Cooking after the markets is lots of fun.

Thanks, Chris