Principal’s Report

Here we are in the final week of Term 3 – how did that come around so quickly? We’ve had the Musical, Education Week, school camps, heaps of sport, concerts, excursions and much more. As always, students, teachers and parents have all worked hard to make these programs a success, and the school has been a busy and happy place.

This success continues to be reflected in strong demand for Kindergarten enrolment places in 2015. If you know of anyone who hasn’t contacted us about their children starting next year, please encourage them to do so, so we can continue our planning next term.

Speaking of Kindergarten, there is much excitement amongst our youngest students as they prepare for their visit to see the dinosaurs at Park Beach Plaza tomorrow. Great stuff.

Congratulations to our Year 3 students on their participation in their first overnight camp – to Yarrahapinni last week. It sounds like everyone got fully involved and had a most enjoyable time.

On behalf of the school I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday break with your children, and we will see you back at school from Tuesday October 7. Don’t forget that our School Fete is now looming large on October 17 – it will be fun for one and all.

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Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with awards in the last week:

- Principal’s Award – Sebastian Williams, Maddison Robb, Cooper Marshall, Miranda Holmes
- Bronze Certificate – Maddison Robb

2014 K-2 Gymnastics Program

Notes have been sent home to KC, KF, KM, KN, K1/A and 1N regarding their 8 gymnastics sessions which commence on October 13th. Payment of $18 needs to be finalised by Friday October 10th (end of first week of Term 4) to ensure inclusion in this program.

What’s On!

- Thurs Sept 18th O Sessions Kinder, K/1A, Yr 3, Yr 5
- Thurs Sept 18th Kinder +K/1A Dinosaurs Alive Excursion
- Fri Sept 19th Last Day of Term 3
- Fri Sept 19th Mufti Day for Stewart House
- Fri Sept 19th Stewart House Handballs available $3
- Tues Oct 7th First Day of Term 4
- Fri Oct 17th Narranga School Fete

Lost Property

We are having large amounts of un-named lost property (including jackets) coming to the office on a daily basis. Could you please ensure that all your children’s belongings are clearly labelled with their full name.

Term 3 ‘O’ Sessions

‘O’ Sessions involving the following classes will be held tomorrow. This activity is for children who have remained on Level ‘O’ for Term 3.

- Thurs Sept 18th - Kindergarten, K/1A, Year 3, Year 5

There is no cost involved for this activity. Children in Years 1-6 who are participating in ‘O’ Sessions may wear mufti to school on this day (sensible closed in shoes and sun smart clothing). As Kindergarten and K/1A are going on an excursion on Thursday they will be required to wear full school uniform. Please note: Students who are not eligible to take part in the ‘O’ Session have been given letters to notify parents of their exclusion from the activities.

Stewart House Mufti Day – September 19th

Friday September 19th is Stewart House Mufti Day. Children are asked to donate a gold coin for the privilege of not wearing school uniform.

Have you had a change to your details???

It is important to keep the school updated on any changes to your child’s records at school. This may include such areas as: Medical, Address, Phone, Parent Name, Family changes, Custody, Emergency Contacts.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015 Due Now!

Don’t miss Orientation

Invitations are being sent out soon. If you have a friend, neighbour or relative intending to enrol their child for Kindergarten 2015, please pass this information on to them as soon as possible. Enrolment applications must be completed and returned to school to ensure your inclusion in the Kindergarten Orientation sessions. Please collect enrolment applications from the school office as soon as possible.

STEWART HOUSE HANDBALLS $3.00 EACH

A limited number of Stewart House handballs will be available to purchase for $3.00 each on Friday September 19th.
University of NSW – English Competition
Students in Years 3 – 6 recently participated in the University of New South Wales English Competition. The following students achieved some very pleasing results.
Credit – Lily Atkin, Emily Nielsen, Lilli Varley
Merit – Clover Bourne, Joshua Milne
Congratulations to these students and the other participants for their efforts.

Narranga Boys Soccer
Last Wednesday the Narranga Boys soccer team travelled to Lismore to play Wyrrallah Road Public School in the North Coast Final of the boy’s soccer knockout. The boys knew it would be a tough match in hot conditions in front of 200 students from Wyrrallah Road who came to support their team. The Narranga boys started strongly and dominated the game early. Harry had a great chance which was saved and the rebound shot from Oscar hit the base of the post. In the midfield Jake and Christian dominated the game with many crunching tackles. Wyrrallah Road had just one shot in the first half and it was brilliantly saved by Tyler. Half time came with the score locked at 0-0. Narranga flew out of the blocks in the second half and put their opposition under pressure. Braith, Blake and Danny were creating opportunities but couldn’t quite put the ball in the net. Oscar made a great break and again had his shot hit the post. With just a minute to go Troy smashed a ball from 25 metres that nearly broke the crossbar. The game ended with a 0-0 scoreline and it was off to extra time. Knowing that we were leading on corners the defence knew they needed to play smart and we would be through to the next round. Extra time was played at great pace as both teams searched for that elusive goal. Jacob had his shot pushed onto the post again before a ball from 25 metres that nearly broke the crossbar. The nil all draw resulted in the referee blown full time. The nil all draw resulted in

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News from the Library
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P & C Father’s Day Stall
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Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday September 19th at 10.40am
KM will be presenting the class item at this week’s K-2 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

3-6 Assembly Friday September 19th at 11.40am
There will not be a class item at this week’s 3-6 assembly. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

Canteen
Thurs 18th N Yeoman, K Gray
Fri 19th S Bray, M Duckett

Urgent Message from the Canteen – The Canteen is in desperate need of more volunteers if it is to remain open 5 days per week. If you are able to help out in our School Canteen please contact the school office on 6652 1106 or the Canteen Supervisor.

P S. All lolly donations will earn you a stamp in any box on your Fete Passport.

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KC Fete Request
KC are selling lolly cups at the fete. Our class has bought in bags of lollies to fill the cups however more lollies are needed! If you are able to donate a bag of lollies for our lolly stall we would be very appreciative. Donations can be delivered to the KC classroom or the school office. Thank you!
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At the appointment:
• The dentist must discuss your child’s treatment and associated costs before starting treatment.
• You will need to sign a consent form before treatment begins.
• Some dentists may bulk bill or you will have to pay the account and claim the refund through Medicare.
Benefits could include – examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canal and extractions.

**P & C FETE – FRIDAY OCTOBER 17TH**

A big thank you to all the families who have donated items for our Fete. Please keep donations coming as this is a major fundraiser for our school.

**Fete Competition – Car Spotto**

Last week your child brought home a poster promoting the Narranga School Fete. Put your decorated poster onto your car window for a chance to be spotted and win a prize! At each morning assembly from October 7th our Narranga spotter will announce the winning make, model and registration of the winning car proudly displaying their fete poster. Remind your child of your car details and look for the winners in upcoming newsletters.....It’s getting exciting!!!!

**Cake Box Decorating Competition:** This year we will be conducting a Cake Box Decorating Competition as part of our Cake Stall. All students in K-2 have been given a white cake box to decorate by painting, drawing, covering in stickers etc. The cake box is to be returned filled with baked goods for the Cake Stall i.e. cake, biscuits, slice etc. Students in Years 3-6 also have the opportunity to decorate a cake box, should they wish to participate. They will need to collect a cake box from the office. There are 4 prizes: 1 Kinder, 1 Yr One, 1 Yr Two and 1 Yr Three-Six.

**Coffee Stall:** A qualified barista is needed to volunteer to make beautiful coffee at our Fete. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

**Bottle Bingo:** Thank you for your donations for the Bottle Bingo Stall. We also need empty, clean 1.25lt or 2lt soft drink bottles with lids. If you can help please send your empty bottles to the school office.

**Second Hand Clothing, Book/DVD/CD, White Elephant Stall:** During the holidays you may be having a clean out. When deciding what to do with your second hand goods, don’t forget that our Fete is happening early next term. All donations can be left at the office. Donations of used coat hangers for the second hand clothing stall would also be appreciated.

**Fete Passports:** Students have been given Fete Passports. Donations of nail polish are no longer required but we would really appreciate more coloured hairspray donations instead. Kindly send your donations in and get your passport stamped to get your five free turns on a Side Show Alley Game. Please return items to Mrs Maybury in KM.

**Face Painting:** This is always a very popular stall and we need any talented parents who are able to assist at the stall. Please leave your name at the office.

**Wristbands:** Pre-purchase Wristbands are available for $20 to cover admittance to the following rides and activities. Chair-o-plane, mechanical bull, dolphin slide, jumping castles and disco room. Order forms available at office. Orders close Friday October 10th and bands will be distributed via the eldest child in the family on Thursday October 16th.

**Support Conakry – School Fundraiser**

Looking for a fun cultural experience in the heart of Coffs? How about a dinner surprise for the family or the love of your life?

Join us for an African style Meal and Entertainment and support the worthy cause of child learning in Africa.

**When – Saturday September 27th** at 6.30am

**Where –** Coffs Baptist Church, 211 Harbour Drive

Coffs Harbour

**Cost -** Adults $15, Concession $10, Family $40

Bookings & RSVP by Tuesday September 23rd

Margaret Fox 0402 264 715 or rkmifox@gmail.com

**Summer Junior Touch Football Competition**

Touch Football is a non-contact sport that both boys and girls can participate in together. Teams consist of 7 players plus reserves (10 to 12 team members is ideal) and the competition is divided into three age divisions 7 to 9, 9 to 11 and 11 to 13. Teams are supplied with playing uniforms the cost of which is included in the $60 registration fee. This also covers Christmas and a Grand Final BBQ. Each team plays in a grand final and every child receives a trophy. The summer competition starts on Monday October 13th with the registration afternoon starting at 4.30pm and the trial matches commencing the following week. If you would like further information please contact the following:

Secretary – Donna Reeves 0419 970 095 or reeves-family@bigpond.com

President – Barry Gardiner 6652 6934

**Kids Art Club – Coffs Regional Gallery**

The Kids Art Club focuses on supporting children’s natural impulses to immerse themselves in a creative process. The children receive individual guidance and age related challenges and activities. They will be introduced to different techniques and materials and to drawing, painting, simple graphic processes and three dimensional work. We approach art through play.

**Holiday Program –**

**Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th October** from 10.30am – 12.00pm, create a three dimensional space building with foam board, clay, textiles, sticks, paint, recycled materials and what you bring. The cost is $60 materials included.

**Term 4 Drawing and Painting –**

**Saturdays 18/10, 25/10, 1/11, 8/11, 15/11 and 29/11** from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We will draw with lead and coloured pencils, textas, crayons, charcoal and paint with bright acrylic paints. The cost is $90 or $18 per session. All enquiries and bookings for these activities to Inger Lenau 0439 912779 Or www.ingerlenau.yolasite.com

**Oral Health Contact Centre – 1300 651 625**

All children aged 0-18 are eligible to receive FREE general dental treatment through the Mid North Coast Local Health District. Parents do not need to hold a pension card or health care card for their child to be eligible. Please call the Oral Health Contact Centre on 1300 651 625 if you would like your child to have a check-up. If they are having problems or pain they will be prioritised – just ring 1300 651 625 to be triaged. The Coffs Harbour clinic is situated at the Coffs Harbour Health Campus, Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour.