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Principal’s Report
Welcome back to our final and perhaps busiest term of the school year. As always there will be lots of news coming home about upcoming events, so stay tuned to the newsletter to keep up to date. First cab off the rank is next Monday’s P&C meeting in the Library at 7pm. Following that is our 2016 Kindergarten Expo next Wednesday from 6.30pm – which will give lots of information to the parents of next year’s youngest students.

As a child’s most important teacher, many parents are looking for ways to boost their ability to help their children learn. On Friday morning next week the school is offering a 2 hour session in the Library that will provide ideas and strategies for parents to utilise at home. Details are included later in this newsletter – if you have time to attend, I recommend it highly.

Our Maths Master finals at the end of last term showcased the skills of some outstanding young mathematicians. Following some nerve wracking competition the winners were Molly Williams in Stage 1, Max Ellison in Stage 2 and Emma Wellington in Stage 3. Congratulations to all competitors – and remember, it’s never too early to start practicing for next year.

Please keep in mind that students are not permitted to keep mobile phones with them at school. If your child needs a phone to contact you before or after school they are required to hand it in at the office when they arrive, and pick it up as they leave. This will not impact upon bus arrangements, and overcomes potential issues around security and inappropriate use.

The Office of The Children’s Guardian has asked that schools provide information to parents regarding the Working With Children Check. Accompanying today’s newsletter is a flyer with this information.

2016 Kindergarten Enrolments – Due Now!
A reminder that enrolment applications must be completed and returned to school now to ensure your inclusion in the Kindergarten Orientation sessions.

What’s On!
Oct 9th Payment due for Kinder and Yr 1 Gymnastics
Oct 12th Kinder & Year 1 Gymnastics commences
Oct 14th Kindergarten 2016 Parent Expo 6.30pm
Oct 19th Kindergarten Orientation Group A
Oct 20th Kindergarten Orientation Group B
Oct 26th Kindergarten Orientation Group B
Oct 26th Intensive Swimming Program commences
Oct 27th Kindergarten Orientation Group A

Parent Workshop
You are invited to attend a workshop on Friday 16th October in the School Library from 9.30 – 11.30am. The workshop will be split into two sessions,

Session 1: Sami Small (Movement Practitioner) will explain the importance of the schools move to learn program and how the mind and the body connect when children begin to learn at school.

Session 2: Melissa Fenton and Julie Moore (K-2 Assistant Principals) will guide you with some helpful hints and tips to help your child to read with fluency, expression and comprehension.

These sessions are aimed at parents with students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2, but all parents are welcome.

We hope to see you there.
Melissa Fenton and Julie Moore
K-2 Assistant Principals

Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday October 9th at 10.40am
There will not be a class item at this week’s K-2 Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

3-6 Assembly Friday October 9th at 11.40am
There will not be a class item at this week’s 3-6 Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

Award Winners
Congratulations to the following students:
Principal’s Award - Kirra Hall-McCarthy, Lara Parmenter, Jake Wright, Layla Olive, Luke Gough, Whyatt Eggins

School Swimming Scheme
The Department of Education and Narranga School are providing swimming classes over 10 days, October 26th to November 6th. The cost is $56 which covers daily bus fare and entry to the pool. There is no cost for the lessons. The scheme concentrates on those students in Yr 2 to Yr 6 who can’t swim at all, through to children who can only swim a short distance in shallow water. If your child’s ability falls within this range then the Intensive Swimming Scheme is appropriate for your child. It is expected that all Yr 2 students will attend. Advanced swimming abilities will be catered for. If you are interested please see the office or Mr Weiley for a permission note.

Melissa Fenton and Julie Moore
K-2 Assistant Principals

Gymnastics
Students in KC, KF, KH, KM, 1A and 1P will commence their sessions on Monday October 12th. If you have not already paid, Friday October 9th is the final day for payment. Please contact the school office if you need to make alternative payment arrangements.
Music Tuition Program Term 4 Organisation
The following information is provided to assist students/parents involved in our music tuition program. This term students will only be invoiced for 7 lessons. Lessons will not be conducted in weeks 4 and 5 (October 26th to November 6th) due to the many students involved in the Intensive Swimming Program during this period. Lessons will also finish in week 9 (November 30th to December 4th) of this term.
R Johnson – Organiser

Canteen
Thurs 8th J Watkins
Fri 9th M Duckett, S Bray
Mon 12th Debbie
Tues 13th M Lynch
Wed 14th C Leggett

The Canteen is in desperate need of more helpers especially on Fridays. If you can help out for a day or part day please contact the canteen supervisor or the school office.

University Of NSW Mathematics Competition
Last term students in Years 3-6 took part in the University of NSW Mathematics Competition. The following students achieved some very pleasing results.
Credit – Noah Hubbard, Jake McMillan, Sadie Williams, Emily Nielsen, Sam Bleechmore and Harry White
Merit – Mahayla Gardner, Emma Wellington
Congratulations to all participating students. Certificates are being presented at morning assemblies.

P & C Bingo Night
“Save the Date” for a fun filled night at the Narranga P & C Bingo. November 6th is the date to enter into your diary. More information will be sent home with students shortly.

Junior Touch Football Competition
If you are aged between 7 and 13 and would like to play Touch Football on Monday afternoons this is a great opportunity to make up some teams with friends and have some fun after school. Registration afternoon is October 12th from 4.30 to 5.30pm. The cost is $60 per person. Games are played at Geoff King Oval from 4.30pm and all uniforms are supplied. Go to www.chtfa.org.au for further information or call Donna 0419 970 095.

Family Relationship Skills Program - Free Workshop
Who’s in Charge? (4 Sessions)
How to deal with aggressive teens and preteens
Toormina Public School on Tuesdays 20th, 27th October, 3rd, 10th November from 9.30am to 12.30pm.
Toddler Tantrum Toolbox (1 Session)
Urunga Neighbourhood Centre on Thursday November 26th from 9.30am to 12.30pm.
Understanding Your Child’s Brain (1 Session)
Ulong Public School on Tuesday November 17th 9.00am to 1.00pm
Free childcare available – Bookings Essential 6642 7257

Christmas Shoeboxes
A big thank you to those who have contributed items. If anyone still wishes to donate, we can accept items until this Friday, October 9th.
Jo Butler (Scripture Teacher Representative)

GIFT IDEAS - (Please send in as many items from the list below as you wish.)
Something ..........
To Love
Small teddy bear, doll, soft toy.
Special
Sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers
For School
Exercise books, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, eraser, sharpener, chalk
To Play With
Tennis ball, toy cars, skipping rope, marbles, slinky, musical instrument, yo-yo, finger puppets
For Personal Hygiene
Soap, face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hairclips, scrunchies (no toothpaste please)
To Wear
t-shirts, shorts, underwear, cap,

How You Can Help Your Child Read
Tuesday October 20th at C.ex Club Coffs Harbour.
Parent Talk: 1pm to 2pm – ‘The Parent Perspective’
Teacher Talk: 4pm to 5pm – ‘The Teacher Perspective’
Public Talk: 7pm to 8.30pm – The above 2 topics plus ‘The Dyslexic Perspective’.
Registration: Online at dyslexia.com.au/register OR on the day at the event.

UnitingCare Burnside Term 4 Courses
Term 4 courses include 1-2-3 Magic which encourages good behaviour, independence and self-esteem – a simple discipline program that really works! This course runs for 1 session a week for three weeks.
When: Thursdays 29th Oct, 5th & 12th Nov
Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm
Where: Burnside Family Centre
7 McLean Street, Coffs Harbour
To enrol phone UnitingCare Burnside on 6659 2800.
Places are limited so book early
Further information on Term 4 courses will be in future newsletters.

Family Day Care Vacancy
Small groups with one on one care. Lots of outdoor play in a lovely garden. Excursions to Library, playgroup, etc.