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Principal's Report
Next year's Kindergarten students have enjoyed their first taste of big school over the past few days. The atmosphere inside the classrooms was very settled and happy, and our Kinder teachers were impressed with the children's readiness to start school. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at the start of Term 1.

Year 3 are conducting an audit of the school’s energy use by inspecting classroom practices with air-conditioning, lighting etc. This may be something you’d like to have a chat about at home to identify your family’s energy usage habits. So far Stage 1 are proving to be the most environmentally conscious, leading the school by turning off electrical appliances and lights when not in the room, as well as following the recycling rules our school has in place.

A few students have been bringing lollies to school, with some stopping at the shop to stock up in the morning. This can lead to problems with energy levels in class, as well as long term health issues. I urge parents to ensure that students only bring healthy food each day – lollies can remain a treat at home.

The P&C have decided to cancel the proposed Bingo Night that was scheduled for November 6. Instead, there will be a Waterslide night at the Big Banana on Friday November 13th. A detailed note will be coming home with students.

Award Winners
Congratulations to the following students:

Principal's Award – Liam Wellington, Miah Hopwood, Anthony Buttel, Ruby Nulty, Jemma Saggus, Jessica Franklin, Reagan Popplewell, Chad Bullock
Bronze Certificate – Chloe Irwin
Silver Certificate – Emily McCann, Max Ellison, Liam Wellington

Assembly Items
K-2 Assembly Friday October 23rd at 10.40am
There will not be a K-2 Assembly this week.

3-6 Assembly Friday October 23rd at 11.40am
3G will be presenting a class item at this week’s 3-6 Assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

2016 Prefect/Captain Speeches
The speeches for students to vote for our 2016 captains and prefects will be held in Week 5.
- Girls – Wednesday November 4th
- Boys – Thursday November 5th
Parents of students involved in these finals are welcome to attend.

What's On!
Oct 21st Final day for inclusion in Intensive Swimming
Oct 22nd Surf Safety (Yr 5 and 6)
Oct 23rd Surf Safety (Yr 5 and 6)
Oct 26th Kindergarten Orientation Group B
Intensive Swimming Program commences
LCOS Concert 7pm C.ex Coffs Harbour
Oct 27th Kindergarten Orientation Group A
Nov 3rd NSW Library Show (Yr 3 and 4)
Nov 11th 2016 Kinder ‘Story Time’ Session
Nov 13th P & C Waterslide Night at Big Banana
commencing at 5.30pm
Nov 20th Last day to hand in awards for 2015
Nov 25th Year 6 Bike Ride
2016 Kinder ‘Story Time’ Session
Nov 30th Medallion Ceremony
Dec 1st Final Student Banking for 2015
Dec 3rd Yr 6 Orientation Day (Coffs HS & Orara HS)
Dec 7th Narranga PS Presentation Assembly
(Canteen closed all day Dec 7th)
Dec 9th K-2 Social 5pm
Dec 14th Yr 6 Farewell
Final Canteen lunch order day
Dec 15th School Picnic Day (No Canteen)
Dec 16th Last day of term for students
Canteen: snacks available – no lunch orders
Jan 28th Students Yr 1 to 6 return to school
Best Start appointments begin - Kinder 2016
Feb 4th Kindergarten students first day

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Canteen
Thurs 22nd K Gray, Neville
Fri 23rd A Buckley, E Gardner
Mon 26th Debbie
Tues 27th K Ruhle
Wed 28th Susan

HELP! The Canteen is in desperate need of more helpers, especially on Thursdays and Fridays. If more volunteers are not forthcoming then the fresh food menu may not be available on these days. Please consider helping out, even if only for a few hours. Please see Alison at the canteen for more information or to add your name to the roster.

Parent Online and EFTPOS Payments
A reminder to parents that there is a $20 minimum for Parent Online Payments and EFTPOS Payments. Please remember this when making these payments as the bank fees for small transactions are unaffordable.
Have your details changed?
It is important to let the school know of any changes to your student’s details as soon as they occur. This is not only required for school records but also is necessary when the school is trying to contact parents of sick or injured children. To assist you, a checklist is provided for you to consider. Please call in to the office to advice of any changes.

- Phone numbers: home, work, mobile, emergency
- Address
- Family arrangement (separation, reconciliation, etc) and associated changes to address and contact details for both parents.
- Medical conditions, doctor, medications
- Custody issues and any associated court papers

School Fundraising Opportunity
Local Farm Fresh has kindly offered to donate 5% of all Milk Home Delivery sales to our school.

They partnered with Big River Milk to support local schools. Big River Milk comes straight from the Farm “What the cow gives us! We give to you!” they don’t add anything and you get the wholesome fresh goodness of a local product.

Supporting our school has never been easier. All you have to do is sign up on line to have Local Farm Fresh deliver Big River Milk to your door on a regular basis and 5% of all sales will be sent as a donation to the school. There are no lock-in contracts; you can start and stop whenever you wish.

Please check out the details at milkdrive.localfarmfresh.com.au

Student Banking
Children who have completed their savings mission by making at least 25 School Banking deposits in 2015 are now in the running to win a family trip to Disneyland. The winner will be announced on January 12th 2016.

The final day for Student Banking in 2015 will be Tuesday December 1st.

Bus Pass Applications for 2016
Parents of students in Year 2 2015 have been sent bus pass applications for 2016. If your child is progressing to Year 3 in 2016 and you reside more than 1.6 kilometres (radial distance) from the school your child is entitled to free bus travel if you complete and submit the new bus pass application. Please return completed forms to Narranga office as soon as possible.

NSW Health Child Dental Services
All children under 18 years of age can receive free dental care through the Mid North Coast Local Health District. Parents do not need to hold a Pension or Health Care Card for their children to be eligible. Please call 1300 651 625 if you would like your child to have a FREE check-up. The Coffs Harbour Clinic is located at the Coffs Harbour Health Campus.

Let’s Look at Lunches
Inspiration for fresh, fast and budget friendly lunchboxes from your local health service.

Take the challenge out of packing a healthy lunchbox thanks to a new initiative from Northern NSW Local Health District. They have created a fortnightly e-newsletter that will be delivered straight to your inbox full of lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes, ideas and competitions. Our school encourages healthy lunchboxes so we recommend you subscribe if you haven’t already. All you need to do is send us your first name, email address and postcode by:

- Email to lookatlunches@gmail.com or
- Text to 0429 033 517

Coffs Harbour High School Important Dates

**Parent Information Night- November 10th – 5.30 to 7.00pm**
- This is your chance to learn more about the school, our programs, structure and activities, as well as a chance to meet key staff. Afternoon tea provided.
- If parents would like to purchase uniforms or book packs the canteen will be open from 4.00pm
- Tours of the school will be provided by the SRC from 5.00pm

**Orientation Day for ALL students – December 3rd**
- Students will engage in activities with their peer support teams and have sample lessons
- Please ensure students bring morning tea, a drink, (lunch is provided) and covered shoes
- Parents are welcome to join children from 9.00 – 9.30 in the hall
- Students may be collected from 3.00pm or go home on the bus from 3.20pm

**Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2017 Government Primary Schools**
Important Information:

- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between October 13th 2015 and November 16th 2015
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday March 10th 2016.

An information booklet is available from the school office.

Family Day Care Vacancy
Small groups with one on one care. Lots of outdoor play in a lovely garden. Excursions to Library, playgroup, etc. Place available now on Mondays. Bookings being taken for 2016. Close to Narranga PS for pick up. Child care benefits available. Contact Anne on 0409 512 343.