Principal’s Writing Competition

Each year students are invited to submit their writing for the Principal’s Writing Competition. The top entry from each stage will be printed in the school Yearbook. This year I am inviting students to write a poem which includes the word ‘red’. Your poem might include some alliteration, a metaphor or a rhyme. It might be about something red or just include the word red. Have fun, write and get your poem to me by Wednesday 10 December 2014!

Where In The World Premiere

The “Where In The World is Mrs Joske” DVD will have its World Premiere tomorrow with a screening for students in the hall. The DVD will be available for purchase and orders will be taken soon! This is a wonderful example of cooperative learning with all of our students and staff working together to achieve a common goal!

PBL Celebration

Yesterday our whole school celebrated with Seemore, the school mascot, to recognise the way our students have embraced our school values. We regularly see and hear students demonstrating they are safe, honest and respectful learners in the playground and in the classroom. Students enjoyed a lunchtime disco and a cooling ice block as recognition of their contribution to our safe, happy school. Students are also learning that things can go wrong as well when 300 people are working and playing together and they need to solve these issues appropriately. Well done to everyone – Seemore has seen you all trying to be safe, honest and respectful!

Keeping in touch
Cheryl Banks
Principal

Have you bought your School Hat yet? $10
We Celebrated PBL with a Disco

1H Scientists

Last week our prac student, Miss Sarah White, helped 1H investigate movement as part of our unit about toys. We made predictions about rolling and sliding and carried out some tests to see which objects would travel the furthest down our ramps. 1H have had a fantastic time learning with Miss White and this week we are making picture graphs with the data we collected.
Get Ready for Holiday Family Fun Time

With the holiday and Christmas time fast approaching it is a good time to do some planning for the time together.

- **Games are always fun.** Try and pick the ones that won’t end in tears. Games can help with teaching children to win and lose graciously and is a great way to exercise your brain and have some fun. I like to model being a good loser but at times I like to model being a good winner. Family favourites like card games (Snap, Fish, Uno etc) are great fun. What about Monopoly, Scrabble, Upwords, Boggle, Hungry Hippos, Tumbling Towers, Operation, Chess, Dominos, Checkers and the list goes on. These can be great stocking fillers for Christmas and provide hours of fun for the whole family.

- **A family picnic** at the beach or park. We have lots of lovely spots to enjoy a meal out. Take a salad or some sandwiches. Early evening can be a cool and relaxing way to have a family meal.

- **A day at the beach** swimming and making sandcastles can get the family out of the house. If you have a fishing line for the keen fisherman not only does it provide hours of fun but may provide dinner as well with a catch. Don’t forget the sunscreen and hats!

- **Go exploring** and have a family drive on a rainy day to somewhere you haven’t visited for a long time. An ice cream or some shared hot chips at the end can make the day special. You could call it a mystery tour and get the family guessing where they are going.

- **Camping out** can be fun. If you don’t have the equipment for an outdoor adventure what about camping on the lounge room floor or on the back deck. Bring out the party food and the cards and the giggles will start.

- **A movie night** with popcorn can bring the family together. Take the phone off the hook, put the technology away and spend some fun time enjoying a movie together. Don’t forget the cuddles. A kids DVD can be great stocking filler at Christmas.

- **A bike ride or walk** can be a fun way to get out and about and have some exercise after all the food we eat at Christmas. This could be a short walk or ride after dinner of an evening when it is a bit cooler using the new Christmas bike. This is an activity that costs nothing but has enormous benefits.

- A good idea is to negotiate with your children what things they would like to do. I’m sure you have some family favorites that you can use for quality family time together. Plan for one activity a week during the holidays, I’m sure your children will look forward to the outings.

Morelle Makinson

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**Choosing a book for your child**

What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.


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**Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?**

Lots of parents question the violence in many of today’s cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence?

Stars of the Week 22nd November 2014

We apologise that there are no award photos this week. We had a camera malfunction.


Students of the Week
Landon Brown, Jacob Monaghan, Jamie Keppie, Makayla Cook, Jack Houliston, Jorden Brown, Will McKinney, Ben Mander, Isaac Martin, Lily Hollister, Mia Kelsey

School Awards
Taya Legend, Anna-Lee Jarrett-Crooks, Isaac McCudden, Kyan Gregory, Josh Daniel, Forest Aiken-Hooler

Assistant Principal’s Award

What’s Growing in the School Garden?

Zade Wright, Denzell Greenup-Stokes and Trey Sampson harvesting the lettuces that they grew in the school garden. They are looking forward to harvesting the radishes next week.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nambucca Exhaust & Brake
For all your Mechanical Repairs, Services & Pink Slips
See Jim or Wayne
Nambucca Industrial Estate, Monro St, Nambucca Heads

Nambucca and Macksville Vacation Care Program - December 2014 & January 2015
(Buildings or more information phone 65681474 or email vaccare@tigliop.com)

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| YIPPEE! It's holiday time | Tattie, Face Paint & Making Pet Rocks | **Christmas Activities** | Christmas Cooking | Monday only - more new services added soon!
| Free Play Day | Make a Snow Globe - Cost: $5.00 | **Christmas Xmas Eve** | Christmas activities & Free Play | Only one more aboard!! |

Thursday 18 & 19 December are paid half days for NSW Government Schools. From 18 to 24 December we will open the Nambucca Centre (Frank Partridge VC Primary School) ONLY. Macksville Centre will operate from Monday 5 January 2015. All children who are registered with Macksville Vacation Care are very welcome to attend the Nambucca Centre prior to 5/1/15. To assist Macksville children to settle into a new environment, staff from Macksville centre will be working at our Nambucca Centre during that time. Tuesday 27 January is also a paid half-day for NSW Government Schools - care will be available at Nambucca ONLY.

FCGS - Fees owing over $20.00 need to be paid before a booking can be accepted. Fines may be required to pay upront if there have been issues with accounts previously. Fees owing under $20.00 are to be paid on the first morning of care. Fees are to be paid daily unless an agreement has been made between parent and coordinator for an invoice to be issued at the conclusion of holidays. Occasional activity costs must be paid on or before the day. Non-attendance on excursion days will attract an extra charge of up to $10.00 per child if we have not received or at least 24 hrs notice.

Please remember that we must close both centres at 4pm prompt. Late fees of $20 per 10 min will apply. Contact GM on 65681474.

FCGS INCREASE: Due to increasing costs we have had to increase daily fees to $48.00/day. This is not taking into consideration Child Care Benefits and Child Care Rebates which will reduce the cost of care to as low as $39.84 per child per day. After School Care fees will rise to $140.00 per 2 hours in 2015.

CLOTHING: Please ensure your children are prepared for the hotter weather - no minis; no cheesy 80s costumes; no boxer shorts; a hat and sunscreen.

The centre also supplies sunscreen. Children will be directed to play in the shade between the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm as much as possible.

EXCURSIONS: Children will be transported to the Nambucca Centre for these activities - new information can arrive any day so your children will not be engaged in anything not suitable for them.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA: As a precaution to possible privacy issues arising through photos or videos posted on social media sites, staff and management made the decision that iPods, Spuds, mobile phones and SOs are not to be brought to Vacation Care. Monitoring the content, care and use of these devices by children as well as other children wanting to borrow them is causing difficulties for staff. The centres have their own iPods which have been loaded with age-appropriate games for the children to access within monitored timeframes. We provide and encourage children to engage in a variety of physical and creative activities to promote their health and wellbeing.

Several Policies & Procedures of the Nambucca Valley Children’s Group Inc (our management group) have been recently updated. Anyone wishing to access a copy is very welcome to contact us on 65681474 for more information.

We hope the kids enjoy the holiday programmes we have developed and that all families have a wonderful & safe break.

Monday 6/1/15
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More of the PBL Disco

We have started our pop up dinners!
If you would like to know the dates, location and menu for our upcoming pop ups simply visit our website and join our Food and Wine Club.
You will receive a newsletter via email with all the details.

dine@jaanningtree.com.au       www.jaaningtree.com.au
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend
29th & 30th
November

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

LUKE HEIGHINGTON
TILING & STONE

‘All aspects of wall & floor tiling and bathroom renovations’

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