Principal’s Report

Camp & Canberra
No news is good news! With both Stage 2 and 3 away on their major excursions we are pleased that we haven’t heard from them so all is well! We have had a few positive messages from the staff to confirm they are fine. Messages have been posted on the Skoolbag App which parents can download to get the latest news. Stage 2 students are experiencing the Aussie Bush Camp which includes archery, canoeing and rock climbing. Stage 2 students are expected back at school tired but happy at 6.00pm this evening.

Stage 3 students are in Canberra and have included a visit to the snow which is a first time experience for many! We expect Stage 3 students to arrive back on Friday evening at 7.00pm at the Nambucca Tourist Information Centre.

NAPLAN Results
The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results for Years 3 and 5 were received by families last week. This information is one of many data sources used by our school to determine learning priorities and school directions.

We also ask lots of questions of our students, parents and staff so that everyone has input into our School Plan.
This week I’m asking parents – What are three important things you want your child to learn at school? Fill out the tear off slip or reply by email or on Skoolbag App and let us know. Please attach more information if needed.

Holidays
Spring vacation starts soon with holidays starting on Saturday 20 September 2014. School starts again for Term 4 on Tuesday 7 October 2014 following the Queen’s Birthday long weekend.

We’ve met many of our 2015 Kindergarten students during pre-enrolment interviews this week. If you know of any 5 year olds who are yet to make contact, encourage them to do so soon on 6568 6411.

Keeping in touch
Cheryl Banks
Principal

What are three important things you want your child to learn at school?

1. ........................
2. ........................
3. ........................
Vocabulary Development

This week some students were asked for their most interesting word or a word that they find difficult to read or write, or a word that they have been learning about in class. Development of an interest in vocabulary is very very important. Parents checking for meaning and understanding in reading, writing and talking is very helpful.

Ava - homophone
Rowan - knowledge
Marli - terrify
Allan - because
Zeke - humungous
Saffron - before
Wilson - scowl
Zoe - reeks
Kaylen - dinosaur
Lily - multiplication
Denzell - mountain

How much screen time?
‘Screen time’ used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex. Find out more: http://bit.ly/QFlqyz

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10 tips to help your child build vocabulary through new words

Learning new words helps children read more complex books and stories. Children learn new words when someone reads to them and they read on their own. The more children read, the more words they are likely to know.

Here are some things you can do with your children to help build their vocabulary.

- **Make sound effects.** Use different voices and sounds to keep your children interested in the story’s words. If a word sounds like its meaning, e.g., splash or splot, point this out—it makes the word more interesting. Hearing different sounds also helps your children develop better listening skills.

- **Make connections.** Help your children make connections by linking books read with commonalities with other books read. Talk about experiences that your child shares with the characters in the books. Point out the pictures in the book and talk about what you see and link it to known information.

- **Talk about daily events.** Talk with your children about past and future events, using the special words that go with these activities. For example, making breakfast could be associated with words like omelette, spatula, bowl, cereal or toaster. Taking a holiday would mean using words like ticket, schedule, suitcase and so on. Every once in a while, use a new or more difficult word and talk about its meaning.

- **List new words.** Encourage your children to keep a list of the new words they have learned. Ask them to listen for new words as people talk. Have your children find new words in newspapers, books, flyers, and magazines. Talk about the meanings of these new words with your children as they add them to their list.

- **Build sentences.** After talking about a new word and its meaning, ask your children to write their own sentences using the word.

- **Look up words.** As your children start to understand written words, get a children's dictionary. Whenever they need to know the meaning of a new word, they can look it up in the dictionary and talk to you about it.

- **Listen to music.** Songs introduce new words, especially ones that rhyme or repeat, which makes them easy to learn and remember. Music helps with learning languages and developing listening skills.
Stars of the Week Friday 5th September 2014

Joshua Monaghan, Isaac Martin, Christian Spence, Kenny Buchanan-Close, Jundamir Sultan-Georges, Ryan Faulds, Lily Hollister, Paige Jackson, Trey Sampson, Chloe McCarthy, Tarli Davies, Jeff Locke, Sonny Breckenridge, Josh Daniel, Aidan Ahearn, Aaliyah Hodnett-Daly, Jinarli Breckenridge, Hannah Sharp, Jackson Purcell, Grace Holladay, Lydia Peterson, Nick Davison, Sammy Spokes-Langenbaker, Mark Robinson, Tarryn Cook, Alexi Reynolds, Lucy Green, Bella Ronan, Chloe Keppie

School Awards
Jay Fuller, Xy Brookes, Daisy Neuvonen

Students of the Week
Kyuss Steele, Zari Clarke, Axel Peterson, Lily Lhuede, Logan Donovan, Caldyn Powlesland, Roxanne Donovan, Emma Bournes, Ava Hodnett-Daly, Nika Lowe

Assistant Principal’s Award
Dominic Lambie, Xy Brookes, Jay Fuller, Harrison Chapman, Connor Green, Grace Noonan, Mia Gudgeon, Patrick Noonan

Principal’s Award
Will McKinney, Amy Gooch, Jay Fuller

Premier’s Debating Challenge
Taylor Adair, Hannah Donnelly, Chloe Keppie & Domynique Byrt.

SASS Recognition Week
Last week was a special week for our SASS staff when they were recognized in SASS Week. The teaching staff would like to recognize the fantastic job Mrs Woodhouse, Mrs Argent, Mrs McCullagh, Mr Lester, Mrs Wood and all our School Learning Support Officers do. Often their hard work goes unnoticed. However, without them we would not function as efficiently and effectively as we do. They support everyone in the school from the littlest Kinder student, to all the staff, parents and visitors to the school. They show a welcoming and friendly face each day and show great professionalism in everything they do. I feel sure you join with me to applaud the great job they do for us every day. Happy SASS week and a big thank you!
Have you bought your School Hat yet?
$10

Where’s Seemore Competition

Answer: 14

…..and the Winners are:
ONE WINNER THIS WEEK
Wilson Baade Yr 2

Competition will run each week so get your entry in!

$2 Canteen Voucher will be given out at Friday’s Assembly following result in Newsletter.

When lunch comes home ... again

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/K7loJD

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We have started our pop up dinners!

If you would like to know the dates, location and menu for our up coming pop ups simply visit our website and join our Food and Wine Club.
Have you downloaded the ‘Skoolbag’ App yet?

It is a great way to stay in touch with upcoming events, notices, newsletters and notifying the school of absences or change of family details.

Just search for our school name in the App store and download. After the app is installed make sure you click on “OK” to allow push notifications and also select “more” then “setup” to select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.

1H inspect the fast growing vegetable garden which has taken off with the recent rain.

Macksville Ex-Services Junior Cricket Club

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Registration Day: Saturday 4.10.14 9am at Donnelly Welsh Playing Fields or at training.

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