Principal’s Report

You Look Great!
When our students line up at assembly each morning it is great to see the sea of red and black uniforms. Thank you to families for ensuring your children are in uniform. They all look like they really belong at our school! We do have a No Hat, No Play policy so students need their hat every day. Light weight, washable school hats are available at the office for $10.00. If you have any school uniform items you no longer need we would welcome them as emergency clothes or to assist families who arrive at short notice and need assistance to get started.

Information Sessions
Staff have been pleased to meet many parents at the Parent Information Meetings with 2-3AB and K-1M meetings tomorrow at 2.15pm, 2J at 2.15pm on Monday 16 February, 3F and 4K at 5.00pm on Tuesday 17 February and 4-5M, 5-6H and 5-6JW at 5.00pm on Wednesday 18 February at 5.00pm. If you are unable to make the Information Session you are most welcome to contact the school on 6568 6411 to make an appointment with your child’s teacher at a mutually convenient time.

Special Guest!
Next Wednesday 18 February will be a busy day as we host a visit from Mr Glenn Pleasance, our Director of Public Schools, in the morning and then our P&C Meeting at 6.00pm Wednesday evening. We encourage all families to join us at the P&C Meeting to share info about our school as we work towards learning, living and participating in our school community.

We are all Learning Maths
The new NSW Mathematics Syllabus is being implemented by all schools this year. We are fortunate to have our Instructional leader Ms Kim Attenborough working with our staff and students as we implement this new policy. Ms Attenborough has vast experience as a Maths Consultant and willingly shares her knowledge with us so that we are well placed to keep our learning program very current and relevant. Staff Professional Learning this term has a Mathematics focus.

New Times
We have been trialling a slightly longer morning recess break to give students an opportunity to burn off some energy ready for the middle learning session. Recess has been extended by 5 minutes from 11.00-11.25am and lunch play reduced by 5 minutes from 1.10pm until 1.45pm. Staff report the new times are achieving our goal and will continue, with a review at the end of term.

Official Enrolment
Our official enrolment stands at 277 students in our 11 class groups. Everyone has settled well to their new class and work is well underway. Congratulations everyone to a great start to the year.

Keeping In Touch
Cheryl Banks

Calendar of Events

February
12 Parent Info Afternoon
K-1M 2.15pm
2-3AB 2.15pm
16 District Swimming Carnival
Parent Info Afternoon
2PJ 2.15pm
17 Parent Info Afternoon
3F, 4K - 5pm
18 Parent Info Afternoon
5-6H, 5-6JW
18 P & C Meeting
26 MNC Swimming Carnival

March
4 NC Swimming Carnival
18 School Photos
Helping Kinder get started – learning through play

The activities below will help your child develop reading, writing, talking and listening skills.

- Share rhymes and songs with your child.
- Save safe cardboard and household items for your child to build with. Ask your child to describe what they are building.
- Have a dress-up box for your child to use for imaginative play.
- Listen to your child and respond to their ideas with questions and ask for more information.
- Write down your child’s stories as they tell you and encourage them to read it back to you.
- Point out and talk about letters and words all around you. For example, on cereal boxes, car number plates, signs.
- Cook simple things together. Read out the recipe, talk through what you are doing.
- Enjoy toys together.
- Look at junk mail and talk about the things for sale.
- Provide materials and create a comfortable area for writing/drawing.
- Talk about family photos and histories.
- Encourage your child to listen and follow directions, make a game of it.
- Read to your child regularly and discuss books. If you are a dad with a son it is very important that you model a love of reading.

Reading ideas for older students

- View and try quizzes together – there are plenty on the internet or at the newsagency.
- Write down what your child is telling you about an experience or have your child write it themselves and then read it back together.
- Visit your local library or encourage borrowing from the school library to select and read books together.
- Find out facts about the world or things your child is interested in – books and the internet are good sources of information.
- Draw or paint pictures about the scenes or characters in much loved books. Why did the author select this scene for the story?
- Explore words using a dictionary.
- When reading with your child check they understand the meaning of words. Ask for another word for the one in the text.
- Talk about what authors and illustrators do. Discuss the illustrations. Point out important things about a book – for example, the front cover, the spine, the contents page, the appendix or the title.
- Encourage your child to read the blurb on a book to check whether it is the type of book they would enjoy reading.
- Encourage your child to have some quiet reading time each day. The more practice they get the better readers they will be.
- Remember children are never too old to be read to.

Morelle Makinson (Learning and Support Teacher)
School at the Pool 2015

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Canteen Roster
Thursday 12th
Helen

Friday 13th
Rhiannon Weaver

Wednesday 18th
Helen

Thursday 19th
Helen

Friday 20th
Mel Jarrett

A NEW CANTEEN PRICE LIST WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK DUE TO SOME PRICING CHANGES

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffs Harbour & District Baseball Association
Players of all ages and abilities are invited to come and try baseball at the annual sign on days.
New and returning players can register at the sign on days to be held at the Bray Street Sports Grounds in Coffs harbour on March 14th, 21st and 28th between 9am and 12pm.
The season will commence on Saturday 11 April at the Bray Street grounds and then will shift to the Stadium Drive fields in early May 2015.
For further information, please contact Bill Langler on 0421 553 093

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Soccer Registrations for season 2015 now open!
Registrations for all North Coast Football players is open this week. These days, registrations are taken online at www.myfootballclub.com.au, however, most clubs have sign on days at their local ground or a shopping centre so players can meet their coaches or buy socks etc.

Macksville SC - Saturday Feb 14th & 21st 9am – 12noon at Macksville Playing Fields, Bellevue Drive. For more info Penny Moran 0407 241 468

Nambucca Strikers FC - Saturday February 14th at Nambucca Heads Bowling Club 10am - 3pm. For more info Brendan Goswell 0413 411 400.

Macksville Girl Guides
MACKSVILLE GIRL GUIDES invites girls 5-14years to come and see what Guides can offer for after-school activities. Girls learn life skills, cooking, camping opportunities, crafts, badge challenges and more, and enjoy the company of other girls their own age in a safe, friendly environment under the guidance of qualified Leaders.

We meet Tuesday evenings 5pm – 6.30pm at our Guide Hall, Cnr Briner and Park Streets, Macksville. For further information, phone Leonie 65687013.

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Swimming Carnival – Stage 2 and 3 - School at the Pool

The Annual Swimming Carnival was held at the Macksville Pool last Friday 6th February. We were very lucky to have such a great day to hold the carnival.

Thank you to the parent helpers - Claire Daniel, Tracy Welsh, Bruce Kelsey, Glen Jones, Shane Eadie, Darren Haigh, Michelle Coleman, Angela Holladay and Mark Sanders. Without your help the day would not have been as successful.

Thank you to the teachers for making the day a great success. Cook finished first this year with 181 points, Bass were second with 107 points then Flinders 99 and Phillip 88.

To qualify for the District Swimming Carnival children had to finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the school carnival and their time be less than 60 seconds for 50m. The following children have qualified for the District Swimming Carnival to be held at the Macksville Pool next Monday 16th February.


District Cricket Trials

Liam Jones, Will McKinney and Koelby Welsh attended District Cricket Trials yesterday. All 3 played well with Liam being selected for Mid North Coast Cricket Trials.