I was very proud of our school and students leaders last Friday. They did a wonderful job at our school Centenary of ANZAC Assembly. This ceremony and acknowledgement provides students with a greater understanding of the ANZAC story and the significance of the commemoration.

Hope all students have been practicing their tent setup before School Camp this Thursday. Fingers crossed this glorious weather continues until then! Angela has been working hard on pulling it all together, so we really need all responses received to plan catering. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us.

I am mindful of how busy Term 1 was and have taken on board your comments and feedback. We are doing our best to keep costs down and time away from our classroom routine to a minimum. Hopefully we will feel a little less hectic this term with more time to focus on our Literacy and Numeracy. Yay!

NAPLAN will be happening in Week 4 for all Year 3 and 5 students across the country. This is not to place undue pressure on children, it is simply a snapshot of where they are at. We will be practicing for these tests each morning, so it is important for students to arrive to school on time.

Good luck to our qualifiers May, Felix, Tarquin, Andres, Peter and Nicky for District Cross Country in Bangalow on Friday, 8 May. Go team!

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 5 May. Please come along and join in with our dedicated team of parents.

Shoes! Unfortunately in this age of bureaucracy and workplace health and safety, we must insist that ALL students wear appropriate shoes to school. In a perfect world they need to be covered shoes however appropriate sandals would suffice. “Appropriate shoes” implies that students are able to run and participate in fitness activities without shoes coming off. Thongs and ugg boots are really not appropriate. If the weather is kind to us we will be having fitness and skill activities every day. I am happy for students to take their shoes off in the classroom but they need to be on in the playground. NO hat NO play! NO shoes NO play!

Important Dates

- Thur 30 Apr to Fri 1 May: School Camp – Rummery Park/Minyon Falls
- Fri 8 May: District Cross Country, Bangalow (for qualifiers)
- 12-14 May: NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5
- Fri 22 May: Zone Cross Country (for qualifiers)
- Mon 8 Jun: Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday
Stewart House is next Friday, 8 May. Stewart House provides certain students with an opportunity for a break from their current circumstances. Over the years, more than 150,000 children have benefited from a stay at Stewart House, including students from our school. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Thank you for your support.

Tracey Barnes, Principal

K-2 Corner

Back into it for Term 2 after a nice Easter break. During the term children will be learning about recycling and environmental issues. We will all be visiting the Tip in Week 8 to reinforce these lessons.

Writing focus will be on “informative writing” which ties in nicely with learning about recycling and sustainability.

We are all looking forward to our school camp this Thursday/Friday and anticipate plenty of fun for everyone.

Keep up the fantastic learning K-2, its great to see everyone trying their best!

Happy day!

Mr Squires

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students for:

‘Rapid Response’ impressive return of notes Felix

‘Thanks for Coming’ perfect attendance Amy

‘Good on You’ great school citizen Nicky

K-2 Star Student to Manaia for always listening and trying her best.

3-6 Star Student to Yemaya for awesome writing.

Happy Birthday

2nd May Angela ☺

NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK due to School Camp.

Great reasons to be active for children and parents

- boosts confidence
- improves fitness
- makes bones and muscles stronger
- improves posture
- helps maintain a healthy weight
- lowers the risk of heart disease
- reduces stress
- improves sleep
- reduces the risk of cancer
- improves self confidence
- teaches you new skills
- develops better motor skills
- makes a person happier with their body

Do something active every day!
Newsletter Briefs

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016
If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015. The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner

Help with ratios
Homework is full of tricky maths questions. Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. This glossary gives straightforward explanations and illustrated examples. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z

QUICK CHECK:

☐ School Camp note/payment/dietary needs ASAP
☐ BV Cross Country note/payment for qualifiers
☐ Finalise Term 1 accounts
☐ Practice Times Tables!

Celebrating our Student Leaders 2015

Bella, Kia, Andres, Felix, Nicky & Peter
Community News

The Northern NSW Local Health District would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers FREE dental care to ALL children under 18. Oral health is essential for health and wellbeing.

- It is recommended that children have regular dental checkups starting at 1 year of age.
- Regular dental checkups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress.
- Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.

Police from the Richmond Local Area Command are celebrating 100 years of women in policing. There will be a baton relay in Ballina on Friday, 12 June 2015. In addition to this, we are running a colouring in competition for the local primary school kids. The sheets will need to be completed and handed into police by Friday, 29 May 2015.

Colouring in entry forms are available in the school office.

The winner of the competition will receive a Sony Play Station 3

Schoolkids Bonus

Important update about the Schoolkids Bonus

Legislation has passed to end the Schoolkids Bonus payments. The Schoolkids Bonus will continue until the end of 2016. This will allow families time to adjust to the change. The last instalment will be paid in July 2016.

An income test will also apply to the Schoolkids Bonus starting on 1 January 2015.

Any updates and news will be published here on the DSS website and the Australian Families Facebook page.

The Schoolkids Bonus aims to help eligible families and students with the education related costs of primary and secondary school studies, such as school fees, uniforms, books and sports, music or other lessons.

Each year, eligible families and students will receive up to:

- $422 for each child in primary school (two instalments of $211)
- $842 for each child in secondary school (two instalments of $421)

Half is paid in January and half in July


P&C News

P&C Annual General Meeting next Tuesday, 5 May at 3.15pm. Followed by regular meeting.

Don’t forget to set up your child’s Music Program contributions and advise the Committee.

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Thank you.

This could be a big help to low income families trying cover the cost of the music program for this term and into next year: