Dear Parents and Carers

FNC Cross Country Carnival
Congratulations to Menna, Ryan, Giles and Connor who are all going on to participate at the Far North Coast Cross Country in Murwillumbah this Friday. We wish them the best of luck!

Disco
Last Thursday night we held our first Disco for the year. I have had a great deal of feedback from parents, students and staff, and we all agree that it was a fantastic night. I was so impressed by the enthusiasm of our students and amazing outfits that the students dressed up in.

Thank you to our very busy P&C for organising meals to be on sale and Aleasha who runs our canteen for making sure that our students had drinks and snacks on the night. We were also very fortunate to have a mother and son team (Min and Reuben) volunteer to rig up our hall with lighting to create a fun 80’s atmosphere. These events are a team effort and I would like to acknowledge and thank our staff who also volunteer their time to run the Disco. Without them these events would not be possible.

Transition to high school
Last Wednesday Ms Barrett and I walked our Year 6 students to Mullumbimby High School to participate in a transition to High School program. Our students were very excited and a little nervous as well.

I received wonderful feedback from our students who enjoyed their experience and from staff at the high school about how our students represented themselves and our school on the day. The next transition day will be on 10th June (Week 8) this term.

Thank you Brunswick Valley View Club for supplying sick bay with a hand crafted rug.

Principal’s report continued over page.....

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) AWARD WINNERS TERM 2 WEEK 4
Congratulations to these students for demonstrating respect to self, others and the environment.
Attendance
Regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their potential. We are required to record the reason for any absence as a way of ensuring that students are absent from school only when they are sick or have another good reason for missing school. Attached to this newsletter is the ‘Compulsory School Attendance’ flyer which explains what is accepted by the Department of Education and Communities as justified reasons. We are unable to accept an explanation given by a student and therefore require a parent or authorised adult to accompany their child/ren into school to provide an explanation if arriving late to school or leaving early.

Letters are coming home today with students who have unexplained absences. Thank you for your support in completing and returning these notes.

School Contribution Fees
This year we are asking for a contribution of $45 per child. The contribution is used to provide much needed resources such as classroom equipment, subsidising some whole school activities and new library books. We appreciate your support of this contribution and thank you to those families who have paid their fees.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
As part of our updated School Wellbeing Policy we are now implementing a mid-term reward day. This means that any students who weren’t eligible for the mid-term celebration have an opportunity to make positive choices in the second half of the term and be invited to the end of term Reward Day. This Friday 22nd May students who have been identified as supporting our school values; Respect Yourself, Respect Others and Respect the Environment will be celebrating by participating in stage activities during one session of the day. Students involved in the activities will receive a note inviting them to their stages activities.

Have a great week
Daniel Haywood
Relieving Principal

District Cross Country 2015
Congratulations to all the District Cross Country runners who did a fantastic job representing the school last week.
The school would also like to congratulate:
Connor M 3rd (12/13yr boys)
Ryan D 7th (10yr Boys)
Giles H 10th (10yr Boys) and
Mena Davies 5th (8/9yr girls)
These students will be competing in the FNC Cross Country at Murwillumbah High School on the 22nd of May, GOOD LUCK.

North Coast Rugby League Trials
Jackson C headed off to Grafton last week to trial for the North Coast Rugby League side. There were sides competing from Port Macquarie to Tweed Heads and the talent on show was excellent. Jackson made it to the possibles and probabiles which is a huge achievement, however was unsuccessful. The school would like to congratulate Jackson on a terrific effort.
Cheers, Craig

CanTEEn News
FRIDAY: Open this Friday
ASSISTANTS: not confirmed

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Open Wednesdays 8:30am to 9:15am. Donations of second hand uniforms greatly appreciated. School hats $5.00 each available from the front office as well.
Email: mpsuniforms@yahoo.com.au
Classic Shield Rugby League PSSA Knockout
On Monday the 11th of May our boys rugby league team travelled just down the road to the Mullumbimby Leagues ground to take on Lennox Head in the 1st round of the PSSA Classic Shield Knockout. Under beautiful skies the team played really well and at half-time the scores were locked at 10-all. After half-time the game sped up and the boys moved into overdrive tackling and running like men possessed. With 2 minutes to go Jack Oliss sprinted wide of the defence and crashed over sealing a 26-20 victory to Mullumbimby. We now either take on Ballina or Southern Cross in Rd2. Thanks to all the parents who came to support on the day, Zac the referee who did a fantastic job and Rod and Andrew who coached the team. Congratulations boys and good luck in the next round.

Boys PSSA Soccer Knockout
On Thursday the 7th of May the boys PSSA soccer team played Brunswick Heads P.S in our 1st rd soccer knockout game. It was a beautiful day and the ground was in excellent condition. The team played a very structured first-half and led 3-0 at half-time after a couple of excellent goals. In the second half Brunswick Heads P.S put up an awesome effort, however, our boys really dug in and put another 3 goals past the Brunswick defence. The final score being 6-0 and our boys now move into the next round to face Ocean Shores Public School. I would like to thank all the parents for their support and help during the day. Cheers, Mr Lindsay

ENVIRONMENTAL HERO AWARD
Congratulations to these students who respect our environment by working tirelessly as Waste Warriors.
EARTH BENEATH OUR FEET 4/5C 5/6L & 6P

THE LEARNING CENTRE CLASSROOMS HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE UNIT “EARTH BENEATH OUR FEET” AND LOOKING AT HOW EROSION AFFECTS OUR ENVIRONMENT. THE STUDENTS HAVE STUDIED SOIL, ROCKS AND LANDSCAPES AND HAVE COMPLETED EXPERIMENTS INVOLVING THE USE OF WATER AND OTHER WEATHERING EFFECTS ON OUR WORLD.

Weekly Gardening

Last Wednesday 4/5C received a gift of vegetable seedlings from Byron Council. The students then went out into the garden and planted the seedlings in the U shaped garden near the potting shed. Students learn how to plant, water in, mulch and compost during our weekly Wednesday gardening lessons.

Our school and vegetable gardens also received a fantastic gift from Bunnings in Byron Bay last week. As part of Bunnings Sustainability Program the company supplied free to our school 30 x 2.4 treated pine sleepers. This is to help the school revitalise the vegetable gardens near the netball courts. Then in August, Amy from Bunnings is coming to plant out the vegetable gardens with seedlings, donated by the company.
SCR NEWS

WE HAD OUR “BACK TO THE 80’S” DISCO LAST WEEK AND THE SRC WANTS TO GIVE A BIG THANKS TO MIN AND REUBEN FOR THE AWESOME LIGHTING; MR “DJ” STANLEY AND “DJ LILY” FOR THE GREAT MUSIC; THE P&C FOR THE YUMMY FOOD AND TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING OUR 80’S THEME WITH ALL THOSE FANTASTIC COSTUMES……….WE REALLY TRAVELLED BACK IN TIME AND HAD LOADS OF FUN. WE ALSO MANAGED TO RAISE JUST OVER $600 FOR THE SRC. THIS MONEY IS USED TO HELP STUDENTS TRAVEL AWAY, REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL AND PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL EVENTS.
JOIN MULLUMBIMBY SCOUTS: Want to build catapults, climb rope bridges? Interested in survival skills and first aid? We have games nights, hiking, canoeing and camping activities. Learn about astronomy, orienteering, make bush craft and lots more. Develop Leadership Skills and make new friends at Mullumbimby Scouts! 6.30-8.30 Wednesday evenings Open to kids aged 10 -14 yrs (Mullum Scout Hall behind the post office) Recruiting now...Come and have a free try out!
Phone Stephen Oliver (Scout Leader)
Ph: 66801237 for further information.
Check out the Scouts website on www.scouts.com.au

MULLUMBIMBY PUBLIC SCHOOL: “Playgroup” for Parents and kids (under school age). Every Tuesday morning 9am-11am, during school terms. Join us for a relaxed and friendly morning of interaction and fun activities for the kids.

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 2 MUSIC FOR KIDS: Offer your child the gift of learning to play a musical instrument. Lessons are held at school during school hours. Keyboard/Piano lessons are on offer as well as African Drum and Dance. Lessons consist of music reading, ear training, music creativity, composition, performances as well as training and preparation for AMEB exams. For all enquiries and to enroll email musicforkids.oz@gmail.com or call Joanne on 0422562179.
All enquiries are welcome.

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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AFTER SCHOOL AND VACATION CARE: This service is Government subsidised & operates Mon-Fri (3.00pm-6pm) during School Term & Holidays (8am-6pm). Contact Jamie or Zahra: Ph: 0437 860 614.

Bangalow Billy Cart Derby
It was exciting to see Beau one of our year 5 students representing our school in the Home Grown Schools race at the Billy Cart Derby. Beau came 2nd in the first heat and went on to compete in the semi finals. It was a close race and looked like a lot of fun as Beau came flying down the hill in 3rd place. Thank you to Beau and his family for making this possible and competing on behalf of our school.
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 22 MAY 2015

Well it's that time of year when our school really starts talking about walking! Not only is walking a wonderful way to get you where you want to be, it's also good for your health - and your child's health, on the right track too. So that's why this year our school is participating in National Walk to School Day on 22 May 2013. We look forward to seeing you and your child enjoy this fun and healthy activity!

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with health care providers to support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Department of Education and Communities requires that your child attends school and that you provide the school with a written explanation for any absence. The explanation must be given within 7 days of the absence.

The Department of Education and Communities, in consultation with the School, the child and the parents, will develop an Attendance Improvement Plan. This will build on the school’s learning and support team work and the child’s attendance at school.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unverifiable medical appointment
- attending a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. If an absence would be recorded as unexplained, what the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reason why.

Principals may require medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Parents are encouraged to speak with medical specialists to obtain information on collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absence as unexplained.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. Travel during school term is a necessity, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Exclusion of Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel and marked leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 30 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.

Further information regarding school regulations, school amenities, school closures and school resources can be found on the following websites:


For further advice and questions, contact your educational services specialists.

Let’s Look at Lunches

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 newsletter that will be delivered straight to your inbox full of lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes, ideas and competitions. The feedback has been amazing so if you haven’t already subscribed, simply send us your first name, email address and postcode by:

- Email to lunch@nswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au
- Test to 0429 033 517, or
- click here

We look forward to lightening your load and sharing ideas!