Dear Parents and Carers,

ValleyFest

Congratulations to all of our students who performed last Tuesday and Wednesday in our ‘Yellow Submarine’ musical. Students, teachers and parents were committed to a rigorous rehearsal, set design and costume schedule. It all paid off with a fantastic performance that received rave reviews.

Kindergarten 2016 Orientation

Two Parent Information sessions will be held on this Wednesday 5th August at 2pm and 7pm (identical sessions) in the hall. If your child turns five before 31st July 2016, they are eligible to enrol at school next year.

Our extended Kindergarten Transition Program will run weekly on Wednesday’s from 26th August (Week 7, Term 3) until 28th October (Week 4, Term 4). Initially the program will run from 9:15am until 11:00am each Wednesday. As we assess the children’s progress the timing may alter to cater for identified needs.

Student and Family update of records

We are currently updating our student information to make sure that we have the most current phone numbers and other pertinent details. A note went home last Thursday. Please complete and return to the office.
We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

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BRONZE: 6P ELIA JONES

Mullumbimby Public School
PBL Lesson
Low level physical contact
Keep your hands, feet and other objects to yourself

RECOGNIZE YOURSELF
Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself
Be kind and considerate.

RECOGNIZE OTHERS
People feel hurt when I am unkind. People can feel hurt physically and socially when I make physical contact.

RECOGNIZE THE ENVIRONMENT
Playing and working in a safe environment

Focus concepts:
- I can play safely.
- I respect others personal space.
- I take responsibility for my actions.
- I let a teacher know when I have been hurt.

Seeing Daylight

Why is short-sightedness ("myopia") becoming so common in many countries? 30 - 40% and rising in the US, Europe and Australia? Too much reading? Too much screen time? It would appear that myopia, once rare in human beings, is the result of too much artificial light and not enough natural daylight, which is a thousand times stronger and has more blue and green wavelengths. Children who spend more time outdoors have sharper eyesight than those who play indoors, research from Queensland, Taiwan and Denmark have all revealed, and the mechanism is that artificial light weakens the eyeball’s focussing mechanism. The answer: get your children outdoors for an hour a day, which is enough to improve eyesight in the growing years.

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

SWIMMING LESSONS: Have your children swimming well this summer? Time to book them into Swim For Your Life swim school in Billinudgel. Indoor heated pools with Austswim qualified and experienced instructors. Phone: 6680 1614

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.

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. All enquiries are welcome.