Dear Parents / Carers

The first full week of school was certainly a busy one! Here were some of the highlights:

Welcome Kindergarten!

Last Monday saw our newest and youngest students complete their first day of ‘big’ school. It is perfectly normal for all students to take some time to re-adjust to school life at the beginning of a new school year, but it has been a very smooth start for Kindergarten and all other classes.

I have been most impressed with the way in which students have settled in to the new year. Welcome to Kindergarten and indeed to all of our new students and families.

Swimming carnival

Congratulations to all involved in our swimming carnival last week. Unfortunately a long standing commitment which I could not avoid did not allow me to be present, but it was great to hear of some extremely impressive performances, including new records being established courtesy of fantastic swims from Charlotte Archibald and Tom Cheek. Also most pleasing to see was the amount of boys and girls simply ‘having a go’, even if swimming is not their strength. There were many points gained simply through participation. A carnival needs a large team of helpers, and I would like to acknowledge and thank those parents and older students who assisted in some capacity on the night, whether it was as a time keeper, judge or assisting with setting up / packing up. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

A special mention also to Mr Towner who organisation was again first rate. He has a report elsewhere in this newsletter.

NRL and AFL visit

We were fortunate to have local NRL and AFL Development Officers and representatives from the Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs work with our students last week. Mark and Julian from the AFL participated in some kicking and marking drills at lunch time whilst Moses Mbye and Mike Donnelly spoke to Primary students about the importance of healthy eating, hydration, sleep and daily exercise.

Many thanks to all for providing our students with these great learning experiences.

Principal’s report continued over page .....
This week there are also a number of activities taking place. Please consider the following as you plan your week:

**Visiting Performance – Snaketails**

Mrs Austin has sent information home about a very special performance coming to our school this Wednesday 10 Feb. Snaketails aims to deliver an insight into our Australian reptiles through a safe, interactive and fun performance that will create a greater understanding of the role of our reptiles in the environment today. It proudly features Australian reptiles and delivers customised presentations for all year levels. It is important for children to learn about safety around and care of these amazing creatures. So as we can finalise organisation for this, please ensure the permission note and payment of $7 is returned by tomorrow if you have not done so yet.

**P&C meeting**

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held this Wednesday commencing at 6:00pm in the staffroom. All new and existing members are welcome to attend.

**Captains and Ministers induction**

This Thursday 11 Feb marks a very special day on the school calendar with the official induction of our 2016 school captains, vice captains and ministers. Mr Towner has made contact with parents of these students and we are looking forward to you joining us at 10:15am on Thursday.

**Brunswick Valley PSSA Swimming Carnival**

As a result of their performances at our school swimming carnival last week, 41 students have been selected to make up our school team at the BVPSSA carnival this Friday 12 Feb. Mr Towner, Mr Lindsay and myself will be the staff members in attendance from our school. Best wishes to all competitors.

**Uniform shop**

A reminder that the uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8:30am until 9:15am.

**Parent - teacher information sessions**

Parent – teacher interviews will be held next week, commencing Monday 15 Feb. Information is coming home today advising of dates and available times for each class teacher. I encourage all parents / carers to take the opportunity to talk with their child’s class teacher.

If you have any questions, issues, enquiries or you want feedback on any aspect of your child’s schooling please ring to make a mutually convenient appointment time with your child’s teacher, or myself.

Regards

David Lees

Principal

**School Environment News**

Let’s start off the year with our Waste Free Lunch Box program that helps to reduce, re use and recycle our lunch waste. This programme runs side by side our Waste Warrior program.

These 2 programs help students to understand the importance of protecting and looking after our environment.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Friday:** Menu misprint Cheese & Spinach Rolls are $3.20

**ASSISTANTS:** Adela & Karen Roberts

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Open Wednesday 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
Swimming Carnival Thankyou

Last Tuesday night we held our annual swimming carnival at Petria Thomas Pool. We had an excellent attendance with many boys and girls trying their hardest and enjoying participating in their events. We would like to thank the many parent volunteers who helped make our carnival a success. We would especially like to thank those parents who time kept, some for the whole night. Thank you to: Kelly, Stuart, Sasha, Rebecca, Helen, Rod, Sarah, Dave, Chris and Tamara.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the children on the night, parents, grandparents, siblings etc. We had quite a large crowd, making for a good atmosphere. Thank you to Craig from the pool for your assistance, before and during the carnival.

Swimming Carnival Results

The champion swimming house for 2016 is BLIGH who won both the pointscore and the participation competition.

The War Cry was won by KING narrowly from the other three houses.

Individual Champions

The Individual Champions are

Snr Girl  -  Charlotte Archibald
Snr Boy  -  Aymeric Chevalier
11yr Girl  -  Madison Wearne
11yr Boy  -  Tom Cheek
Jnr Girl  -  Zara Morris
Jnr Boy  -  Cooper Nelson

Records

We had a record number of records broken this year with many outstanding times swum.

Tom Cheek broke the record in every event he swam in, breaking some of the records by huge amounts.

His new records are:

Open 100m freestyle  1:13:50 breaking Bill Duffy’s 1997 time of 1:16:95
11yr 50m freestyle  32:80 breaking Josh Mudges’ 1998 time of 37:30
11yr 50m breast stroke  47:00 breaking Shane Andertons’ 1999 time of 48:16
11yr 50m back stroke  41.69 breaking Josh Mudges’ 1998 time of 44:60
11yr 50m butterfly  36.89 breaking Shane Andertons’ 1999 time of 44.24

Charlotte Archibald set four new individual records
Her new records are:

Open 100m freestyle  1:11:68 breaking Mollie Cheeks’ 2014 time of 1:11:86
12yr 50m freestyle  32:84 breaking Mollie Cheek’s 2014 time of 32.93
Snr 50m backstroke  37.95 breaking Mollie Cheeks’ 2014 time of 41:27
Snr 50m butterfly  35.70 breaking Mollie Cheeks’ 2014 time of 36:97

Bligh Relay Team


Raife McKenzie broke two records on the night as well but finished second to Tom in these events. These were also outstanding swims. His times were 36:15 in the 11yr 50m freestyle and 47:85 in the 11yr 50m breast stroke.

District Carnival

The Brunswick Valley PSSA District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday at Mullumbimby. The following children have qualified for that carnival. Good Luck!
OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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

REGISTRATION is also available online for ages 5-10 years www.netsetgo.asn.au or 11-100 years www.mynetball.com.au
If you are interested in playing but are unable to attend the Sign on day or unable do your Registration online please contact your club official so you do not miss out. Thanks Janine Burger Secretary Brunswick Byron Netball Association

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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Mullumbimby Junior Golf
starts next week.
Feb 9th 3:30-4:30.
Cost is $4.
Need parent/guardian for first session at least to sign permissions.
Enquiries:Neil Farquhar and Steve Ryan

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P&C MEETING 6PM

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE - $5 DONATION PLEASE
In an attempt to build our P&C parent support we are offering childcare in the Library from 5:30pm - bring food or have Pizza provided. Excellent service and care from Amelia Bradbury and Kaytlyn Campbell - our locally employed and fully qualified early childcare workers. FYI - We aim at running our meeting for 1 hour.

Numbers of children attending must be confirmed by 9am Tuesday 9th FEB.

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We understand that commitments prevent some parents from being able to attend however just one parent representing each class is a small request.

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