Dear Parents and Community Members...

We are already into Week 3 - how quickly this year has started! I have been visiting classrooms and have been most impressed by how settled and hardworking our students are.

Congratulations to those students who competed in our annual swimming carnival last Friday. It was great to see students getting in, having a go and supporting each other and their house teams at the pool. Bad luck to the teachers who came last in the teacher/parents/student race, and well done to the parents for beating them!!

Best of luck to those students who have qualified for the zone carnival being held at Glen Innes next Friday.

Our dance program begins today. Let’s see how our students can get their dance moves happening, and learning some new skills.

Next Tuesday, as part of the ‘Oracles of the Bush’, visiting poet Marco Gliori will be at our school. The theme of the Oracles events this year is ‘Down Memory Lane’. Marco will be presenting a short recital, followed by a concentrated workshop with a group of selected students. I am looking forward to reading some of our students’ poetry following this event.

Our weekly assemblies begin this Friday. K-2 assembly begins at 11:30am and 3-6 at 12:15pm. Parents/Carers are most welcome at our assemblies. Please come and help us celebrate our students’ learning and achievements each week.

Anna Starcevic, Principal

Bookclub

Issue 1 booklets was given out to students last week. All of the book clubs ie Wombat, Lucky Arrow and Star are in one booklet this year.

If you want your child to order please complete the form and return with money in a sealed envelope/zip lock bag to the front office.

The due date for orders to be placed is 9am Monday, February 15.

The orders will be placed that day and should return the following week.

“STAFF MEMBER OF THE WEEK”

Dennis Hillery (6A)

I was born in Urunga, NSW in 1965, eldest of four children. At 5 yrs of age we moved to Dorrigo, where I did all my schooling. After completing year 12, I worked for a couple of years at a fruit & vegie shop in Coffs Harbour, then I got a job working with Commonwealth Bank at Bellingen. Four years later I got married to a Woolgoolga girl, moved with the bank to Lismore for two years, where we had our two children, then moved again to Tenterfield. After three years here I decided the bank was no longer for me, but we loved Tenterfield, so we bought 20 acres at Sandy Flat and I built our home (I’m still building it in fact, will I ever finish!). 2003 I started work at the school as a groundsman / gardener/maintenance man 2 1/2 days a week. I also work a few hours a week at Jennings School. I am a volunteer fire fighter with the Sandy Flat/Bolivia rural fire brigade since 2002 and volunteer treasurer for our school canteen since 2007.

I have absolutely loved my time here. We have a great staff, who are completely dedicated to educating and caring for your children, it’s a privilege to be part of the team!

DID YOU KNOW??

For the safety of all students, toddlers, babies and adults, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Some children have a genuine fear and it can be quite distressing for them as well as for parents, particularly those with very young children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Anna Starcevic, Principal

Week 3, Term 1, 2016
**Meal Deal**

"Cheese Burger McFeast"

Fresh bun with a meat patty slice of cheese and tomato sauce, popper and a choc coated ice block $5.50

Other choices: Lasagne $3.50
2 chicken strips $2.60

**Community Notices**

**AK4C (Aussie Kids 4 Christ)**

Held every Wednesday at the Presbyterian Hall, Manners Street starting at 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Fun, games, afternoon tea and Bible lessons

Please contact Merelyn Gibbins on 0447 387 921

**Parking**

Please keep in mind about parking where the buses turn to enter the school bus lane. This is not only hard for the drivers but can also occur a fine. Thank you

**Canteen Roster**

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| | | | *Dance Program begins
*P&C meeting 5:30pm | | *Parent Helper induction 5pm
*Assemblies | | Happy Valentine’s Day |
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| | | | *P&C Welcome BBQ/Interviews 5pm onwards | *PLP Parent meeting & interviews 3:15 | | |

**Homebake**

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**Donations (This Week)**

- **Cruskits**: Kaela Kelly
- **Mayonnaise**: Kris McCowen
- **Block Cheese**: Bec Ebbern
- **Sliced Beetroot**: Dawn McCowen

All class teachers value the contribution of classroom helpers. These volunteers enrich the learning environment through enabling teachers to plan additional support and instruction in their classrooms.

In 2016, our school is improving the process for engaging classroom helpers by providing an induction on **Thursday, February 11, at 5pm** prior to commencement of work.

If you wish to volunteer, please read and return the note attached to this newsletter.

These notes should be returned by this **Thursday, February 11,**
It has been a busy first couple of weeks of the year in 5/6M and we are just getting started. We have all had fun getting to know each other better and getting used to the new routines.

A new thing everyone is learning about this year is PBL. This stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning and we are discovering the positive expectations we have to work towards to make our time at school the best it can be. As a part of PBL we have been receiving special awards when we do the right thing called Henry’s. The students in 5/6M have received so many this week already that we have to write it down on a chart just so we remember what we are up to.

In Literacy, students have learnt so many new things already. The term started off a bit slow with lots of assessing, but has been non-stop since the abilities of each child has become clearer. We have been reading a novel called “The Next Finder” which looks like it is going to be very interesting. We are also learning lots of new skills in Literacy rotations, including how to type quicker and with more accuracy with a program called “Typing Tournament”. Students have also been showing off their skills by reading to Mrs Makings and answering the questions she asks.

This week we started the assessment that was set last week. Students have to find a Newspaper article to read to the class and ask questions to make sure everyone is listening. We have 4 articles to read all up and are due on special days every 2 weeks. This task came home with us with our homework last week. Speaking of homework, this is due every Tuesday and is recommended that it is completed. If this is unable to be done, please be sure to bring the book provided for homework back to make sure your child gets the homework for next week.

Mathematics has been really interesting too. Yesterday most of the class completed their first assessment task to see how much we have learnt about Whole Numbers. We have also started practising out times tables by playing fun games to help us remember the number facts.

There has been so much happening that we would love to mention, but it just cannot fit on one page. Any questions that parents and/or carers have, feel free to come and see me or call me via the school phone number at any time, I’m always happy to have a chat.
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