MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are currently in week 4 of term 1 and we are as busy as usual. Our kindergarten students have settled well and are enjoying all that big school has to offer. Next week, their school day will be extended to 3.10pm and we anticipate few problems with the full time attendance of this group.

Our parent sessions are on this week. This is an opportunity to find out what is happening in each stage of schooling. Another great way of being involved in the school is through the Parents and Citizens Association. Our next meeting is this coming Monday February 25 in the school library beginning at 6.30pm.

I have had to postpone the induction of our student leaders. Originally I set the date as Wednesday February 27 the same date as the zone swimming carnival. I will advise of the alternate date very shortly.

I would like to emphasis how important it is to be alert to the potential dangers which exist when small children and motor vehicles are mixed. There was a close shave last week when a child crossed Wynter Street near the post office after being dropped off on the western side of the road.

Regards,
Phil Rees, Principal

P&C

Next Monday night February 25 sees the return of our monthly meetings. We encourage you all to come along to hear what is happening in and around your child’s school. The meeting will be held at 6.30pm in the library.

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ROSTER
FEBRUARY/MARCH

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News from the Brush Tuckerbox

Our Special Day today was a great success. While it was a close race Sweet and Sour Chicken proved to be the most popular meal choice on the day!

Don’t forget the salad promotion! We have had a great response so far. It will run until next Friday March 1. There are some great prizes available! All you need to do to be in the running is order any salad from the canteen. Prizes will be drawn on Monday March 4.

We thank all our volunteers who have put their names down to work in the Tuckerbox! We would love to have an ‘on call’ list. If you can’t offer regular days but can be on standby for the odd occasion we need extra hands, please contact Di Stewart via the Front Office to put your name down.

News from the Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that our opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.45am-9.30am. We are located in The Brush Tuckerbox.

If your child has outgrown any school uniforms that are marked with our school logo, please consider donating them to the uniform shop for our second hand uniform pool.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Manning Zone Swimming Carnival is to be held at the Wingham Pool on Wednesday February 27. Congratulations to the following boys and girls who were selected to attend as a result of excellent swims at our school carnival.

50m Freestyle Age Races: Josephine Stewart, Bree Urquhart, Brody Kriss, Cameron Oliver, Amelia Hansen, Tynesha Fernance, Harrison King, Zali...
Baker, Bella Handel, Grady Lewis, Hayden Kriss, Allie Clarkson, Zoe Clarkson, Sam Diehm, Griffin Hearn, Jayden Fernance, Lily Murray, David Diehm, Callum Berry and Talea Fernance.

100m Open Freestyle: David Diehm, Talea Fernance and Jayden Fernance.

Senior Medley: David Diehm, Talea Fernance and Jayden Fernance.

12/13yrs Butterfly: David Diehm, Talea Fernance, Georgie Moss and Jayden Fernance.

1yrs Breaststroke: Imogen Zanardi and Zoe Clarkson.

12/13yrs Breaststroke: David Diehm, Talea Fernance, Georgie Moss and Jayden Fernance.

1yrs Backstroke: Allie Clarkson and Sam Diehm.

12/13yrs Backstroke: David Diehm, Talea Fernance, Lily Murray and Jayden Fernance.

Relay: Josephine Stewart, Zali Baker, Amelia Hansen, Tynesha Fernance, Grady Lewis, Hayden Kriss, Lincoln Harrell, Connor Debono, Talea Fernance, Jayden Fernance, Allie Clarkson, Lily Murray, David Diehm, Sam Diehm, Griffin Hearn and Callum Berry.

SCHOOL DISCO
The first Disco for this year will be held next Wednesday February 27 in the school hall. The theme for the disco is “Favourite Pop Star”. For details please see attached flyer.

SPORTS NEWS AND EVENTS TERM 1 2013
Rugby League Coaching Visit
To be held at our school on Monday March 4 and Monday March 11. Conducted by Kylie Holder, the Rugby League Development Officer for the Australian Rugby League. There will be 3 sessions on each Monday.

5-a-side Soccer
To be held on Wednesday March 6 at Zone Fields, Taree. Years 3/4 students are eligible and we have entered a Boys, Girls and Mixed team. We also need to provide 3 Year 6 students to act as Team Leaders. Cost will be bus fare.

Zone Rugby League Trials
To be held on Wednesday March 6.

Netball Gala Day
To be held on Friday March 15 at Taree Netball Courts.

Rugby Union 7’s Gala Day
To be held on Wednesday March 27.

Zone Winter Trials
To be held on Wednesday March 27 for Hockey, Soccer and Netball.

School Cross Country
To be held Friday March 1 from 9.30am to 12 noon at Wingham Brush School. A Presentation Assembly will follow from 2.45 – 3.10pm in the afternoon.

School Athletics Carnival
The Athletics Carnival will be held over 2 days. On Monday April 8 we will hold our Field Events Day which will cover Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put and Ball Games. On Wednesday April 10 we will hold the Athletics Carnival where the running races will take place.

Zone Cross Country
To be held at Wingham Complex Sporting Fields on Friday April 5.

Hunter Dates
Swimming Carnival – March 7
Rugby League – March 22
Winter Trials – April 12
Cross Country – May 10 – Term 2

All these dates are subject to weather conditions and school calendar changes.

THE SMITH FAMILY SAVER PLUS PROGRAM
$500 to help pay for education costs
Do you have a child at school and would $500 help cover your education expenses? The Smith Family is running a Taree savings program that can help you save for your children’s education. Saver Plus rewards your saving efforts by matching every dollar you save with another dollar from ANZ, up to $500. It also offers 4 FREE Financial Workshops. To be eligible you must:

- be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be intending to attend accredited vocational training yourself
- have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card
- have some income from work (even a few hours will count)

For more information contact Mark Norris, Saver Plus Coordinator on 6557 8284 or 0429 820 974 or email mark.norris@thesmithfamily.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS
DANCE AT CAFFREY’S FLAT HALL
To be held on March 2. Music by Ross Fahey, country style supper and raffles. All welcome. For more info phone 6550 7593.

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS
To be held at John Wright Park, Tuncurry on Saturday March 23 from 5.30pm. Bring along your picnic and picnic rug, or purchase some food from one of the food stalls. The movie screening will be ‘Brave’. Further info phone 6550 1219.

TAREE AUSKICK AFL CENTRE, FREE ‘COME AND TRY’ DAY
Being held on Sunday February 24 at Taree Rec Grounds, adjacent to the Rotary Park where activities will begin at 10am and conclude at 12pm. A BBQ will be available and we encourage all boys and girls aged between 5 and 12 years old to come along to experience what AFL Auskick is all about, learning the fundamental skills of Australian Football and taking part in a modified game while having a lot of fun! Registrations will be taken on the day for the 2013 Taree Auskick Season which begins on Sunday April 7. For more information please contact Taree AFL Auskick Centre on 6553 3345.

School Security Number: 1300 880 021
To report unauthorized visitors to the school after hours or on weekends