Hello All,

We are looking forward to two weeks of the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. Students will be placed into one of five groups depending on their swimming ability. This is an excellent program, one that is taught sequentially over a two week period. Groups include:

- Starfish
- Stingray
- Seal
- Dolphin
- Marlin

Thanks to those parents who have volunteered to help out over the two week period! I will not be able to attend all of the sessions this year. This Thursday, for example, I have an appointment with Mr. Youngblutt at 9.30 a.m. which is unable to be rescheduled. There are other Principal commitments which have also cropped up which I will need to attend to. The staff involved in this program have been trained and are all qualified to teach the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. Students will be made aware of their responsibilities and understand that rules surrounding Pool Safety are to be strictly followed.

SCHOOL EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK AND ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

I will be attending a Principals Meeting at Port Macquarie Primary School on Tuesday afternoon which takes place from 3:45 – 5:00 p.m., the agenda surrounds using the School Excellence Framework to write the new Annual School Report, which is to be completed by me before the term’s end.

MELBOURNE CUP

Hope everyone enjoyed the Cup Carnival Celebrations!

VAUDEVILLE UPDATE

Boys will need their black long pants again for this production. Girls, you’ll need bike pants (just above the knee).

Mr. Youngblutt will visit on Thursday at 9.30 a.m.

Remember!...The next couple of weeks are out of routine. It is coming into that time of the year when everyone is very busy, and extra pressures are put upon everyone, so we all need to be aware that some things will not go entirely as expected. Be patient.

P&C MEETING 13 NOVEMBER

Please note the change of time to 1.30 p.m. (due to Swimming Program) for this meeting which will be held in the playground and be completed by 3:00 p.m.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

An INVITATION was sent home with Rivah for next Assembly – Friday 4 December.

Thanks for your help and support everyone!

Pam Everingham
Teaching Principal
On Friday we harvested zucchini, rhubarb, cucumbers, kale, spinach, lettuce, radishes, and assorted herbs! The Kitchen Group cooked up a spinach and zucchini risotto, zucchini muffins, rhubarb and apple tartlets (yum!) and a tasty salad! The gardeners did a fair bit of mulching and weeding, however, the heat got to us a bit, and we spent some time in the classroom making placemats for future lunches! Kitchen Garden will not be taking place for the next two weeks because of our Swimming Program.

Our Value of the week last week was FAIRNESS! Star of the Week is Lexi Whitaker of Year 5!

So Lexi how do you feel about being chosen star of the week? I was surprised.

Why were you chosen for this award? For being fair to all students and playing nicely with everyone.

What is your favourite subject? Sport.

What is your favourite home activity? Riding my bike.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I’d like to be a landscaper.

Ok, Lexi, thank you for being interviewed by HV Press.

By Reporter - Laura P
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
We have been given two gift vouchers from Kew Corner Store. Thank you Stefan! Please keep these prizes coming in. A box will be placed in the office this week for your donations.

Lunch Orders
Canteen will be running this Thursday. Order forms are included in the newsletter. Please return ASAP.

P&C LUCKY PICK
There is no winner this week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

NEXT MEETING
Friday 13 November 1:30pm
As always, Thanks for your support.
Michelle Dennis
P&C President

UNIFORMS
Just a reminder to anyone who wishes to purchase a tunic I will be placing an order this week.

For all other uniform items, I will be available most mornings after school drop off.

Thank you
Donna White
Uniform Coordinator

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 6 NOVEMBER 2015

SPECIAL AWARDS
Sturt’s Desert Pea Award Level 10 Award Elen Miller
Blue Gum Award Jasmine Trafford
Blue Gum Award Piper Darcy
Eucalypt Award Joshua Trafford

ACADEMIC AWARDS
Matty Ferguson Maths work on Shapes
Declan Whitaker Terrific Journal Writing
Emily White Fantastic Reading
Skyla Cabot Terrific Reading Activities
Peyton Schuster Moving along quickly with Reading
Jorja Fletcher-Griffiths Excellent Stylcks Animation
Lewin Miller Insightful Comprehension Work on National Geographic Magazines.
Joshua Trafford Improved Maths effort in Multiplication and Division
Jasmine Trafford Great work on Reading Comprehension
Lexi Whitaker Great work in Reading
Sam Thornton-Collins Inference in reading activities
Connor McInnes Extensive answers to Highwire Magazine Questions
River Cabot Splendid Spelling Results

SOCIAL AWARDS
Mark Kompara Getting involved and participating in Whizzy the Waterdrop Visit.
Ellsie Schuster Demonstrating her great social skills with students and staff.
Declan Whitaker Playing Dodge ball with vigour! Great Melbourne Cup Pick!
Laura Partlett Getting involved and participating in Whizzy the Waterdrop Visit.
Emily White Building new friendships and being very responsible.
Peyton Schuster Making friends and helping others!
Lewin Miller Helping out in the Garden at Hannam Vale Gardens Day.
John Brockbank Being a very responsible class member.
Bailey Bartlett Playing nicely with our new class members.
Adam Partlett Helping others.
Lexi Whitaker Supporting younger students, and helping everyone!
Elen Miller Interacting with students in a very positive way!
Connor McInnes Getting the SRC ACTIVE!
River Cabot Helping others in the playground.

SPORTING AND CULTURAL
Mark Kompara Making a great effort in our vaudeville practices.
Matty Ferguson Making a great effort in our vaudeville practices.
Ellsie Schuster Making a great effort in our vaudeville practices.
Declan Whitaker Getting the dance thing going!
Skyla Cabot Great Dramatic performance!
Peyton Schuster Lovely singing in our vaudeville Performance.
Adam Brockbank Excellent Artwork for Vaudeville
Jorja Fletcher-Griffiths Enthusiastic Drama and Dance performances.
John Brockbank Excellent commentary in Vaudeville!
Adam Partlett Commitment to our vaudeville performance!
Joshua Trafford Terrific dancing!
Jasmine Trafford Great clarinet performance!
Lexie Whitaker Picking up dance routines REALLY quickly!
Elen Miller Super Vaudeville catch up effort!
Connor McInnes Enthusiasm for our Musical performance.
River Cabot Starting to get the hang of the dance steps!!!
**BUS ZONE**
8:30 - 9:30 AM
3:30 - 4:30 PM
SCHOOL DAYS

**NO STOPPING**

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8:30 - 9:30 AM
3:30 - 4:30 PM
SCHOOL DAYS

**SCHOOL ZONE**
40km/h
8:30 - 9:30 AM
3:30 - 4:30 PM
SCHOOL DAYS

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**A road safety initiative from Greater Taree City Council**
www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au

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Kids look to you to keep them safe...
Know the signs. Know the rules.

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Phonological Awareness Skills for Reading and Spelling

**FREE - PUBLIC TALK**
with CAROL BAKER
Member of Speech Pathology Australia (MSPA)

**Inviting parents, teachers, uni students, tutors...**

**November**

**30**

**EVENT DETAILS**
Monday 30th November 2015
5.15pm - 7.00pm
Port Macquarie Library
Grant Street, Port Macquarie

- 5.15pm - All welcome - tea/coffee
- 5.45pm - Carol Baker
- 6.30pm - Q&A

For more information:
Jo McNamara 0403 423 621
Kelly King 0416 850 555

Tickets are **FREE** and available NOW!
Follow the link on Eventbrite to register.

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Carol Baker trained as a speech pathologist in London in the mid ‘70s and is a Licentiate of the College of Speech Therapists in England. She has worked with children for nearly 40 years in England, Zimbabwe and Australia.

Carol found that many children who had speech problems as 3 and 4 year olds returned to the clinic with reading and spelling difficulties as 6 and 7 year olds.

However, when phonological awareness training was incorporated into their speech therapy in the preschool years, then most children learnt to read and spell without difficulty once they got to school.

The benefit of phonological awareness training for all children is now supported by a growing body of evidence.

What is phonological awareness?
And how can you teach it to your children at home and in the classroom?

Come along and gain an understanding of how our alphabet system works and learn some practical strategies you can use to make reading and spelling easier for your children.

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PORT MACQUARIE TRIATHLON CLUB
Enriched Health Care-
CAMDEN HAVEN TRIATHLON FESTIVAL

19th and 20th of March 2016

More info on entry fees etc in early 2016

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**ATTENTION- DATE CHANGE DUE TO MAJOR ROAD WORKS ON BIKE COURSE**

Plus new race distances.

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**LIBRARY STOCKTAKE**

All Library books need to be returned by Monday 30 November for stocktake.
SCHOOL CANTEEN ORDER FORM

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2015

Please return by Wednesday 11 November 2015

NAME: ______________________  YEAR: ______

This week we will have:

○ Bacon & Egg Roll

OR

○ Egg & Lettuce Roll

Plus

○ Popper and Treat

I HAVE ENCLOSED $5

Thank you!

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