From the Principal

Eurobodalla Environmental Calendar

Congratulations to Brody Colburn for your wonderful artwork that is to be included in the 2016 Eurobodalla Environmental Calendar. We have an amazing art program running here at the school and it is wonderful to see the work of our students and teachers, especially Mrs Sue Parry who coordinates the program. Brody’s artwork was awesome and very deserving of inclusion in the calendar. We look forward to seeing the calendar with his artwork later this term.

Chess Competition

Congratulations to our school Chess team. Max, Bradley, William and Toby were an awesome force at the Eurobodalla Learning Community Chess Competition. The dream team placed second out of the schools in our area. This is a magnificent achievement as they were only beaten by a high school team. Our boys are all Year 5 students and will have a bright future ahead for them and we look forward to next year’s competition. Also a special congratulations to Max and William who did not lose a single game of chess on the day. We are very proud of this team and the great result gained on the day. Well done boys!

University of NSW English and Mathematics

Congratulations to Aiden Shaw for receiving a Credit in the University of New South Wales English Competition. Aiden finished in the top 39% of Year 5 students Australia wide. This is a wonderful achievement and shows the great talent we have. Congratulations to Toby Gmur, Jordan Gmur and Joshua Gmur on achieving Credits in the University of New South Wales Mathematics Competition. Joshua finished in the top 13% of Year 2 participants in Australia, Jordan finished in the top 20% of participants in Year 4 in Australia and Toby finished in the top 17% of participants in Australia. Also a special congratulations to Max Robinson for receiving a Merit certificate. All students who participated in these competitions achieved success and we as a school are proud of all of them and their achievements.

Cutty Sark

A special thank you to Lionel Mongta for his donation of a model of the Cutty Sark. This boat played an important part in Australia’s history and the wood trade. We are grateful for this donation and look forward to seeing it on display in our library. Thank you.
Life Education

Next week the Life Education Van will be at our school. This is a wonderful program and experience for our students. Our wonderful P&C is using funds raised by our school community to subsidise the cost of this program. P&C is providing $5 of the $10 cost to participate, enabling us to offer the program to students for $5. Many students have returned their permission note and money but we would like to see all children attend the van, so if you haven’t returned your note and money or lost your note there is still time to return it or grab a new note from your teacher.

2016 Reminder

In last week’s newsletter we informed parents that the school is beginning organisation for the 2016 school year and asked that parents notify us of any changes that will affect our organisation. Thank you to those parents who let us know the changes including if your family intends leaving the school or if you know of children intending to enrol in the school in 2016. We have started planning classes and knowing who will be here is important. If you have any concerns or questions about what is happening in 2016 please make an appointment and come and discuss your questions and concerns with us. We would like to support every child in having a successful education and parent/school talk is a critical part of this. Our Kindergarten class is growing and we will begin Kindy Start in one week. If you have not let us know you are starting school in 2016 this is the time to do it so that we can make sure your school life is started in a fun and positive way. If you know of someone who has not yet enrolled their child for 2016 please get them to come to the school and talk with us.

Selective High School

If your child is in Year 5 and you are thinking of them gaining placement in a Selective High School in 2017 you need to begin the process now. An information book is available from the school about the process. Next year will be the first year that the Virtual Selective High School will operate out of Moruya High School and is called Aurora High School. This allows your child through video conferencing and use of technology to access the virtual high school as well as interact with classes locally and live at home. Selective High Schools are an opportunity for students who are high achieving academically gifted students to gain specialised support and learning. The process includes an application, supporting documentation from the school and a placement test in March 2016. Applications are now open and will close on the 16th November. If you are unsure please talk with myself of the class teacher about options and opportunities.

School Swimming

Our school swimming program finishes up this week and our swimmers are having an awesome time. Each student has made great progress and the weather has been kind. At the end of the week each child will receive their certificate showing the progress they have made. I would like to congratulate all students on their progress and their wonderful behaviour at the pool. You are great ambassadors for the school and we are proud of your efforts and achievements.
Learning Labs

The University of Wollongong is again offering Learning Labs for Gifted and Talented students. These sessions will operate in January and are for students who demonstrate academic brilliance in many areas. If you are interested in child participating in one of the labs please speak with the classroom teacher for more details and suitability for your child. Applications close on November 3rd.

Principal Gold Star Awards

Jessica, Jesse

Quote of the Day: Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing. Theodore Roosevelt

Lynne Takacs
Relieving Principal

P&C News

Canteen

is open this Friday. If anybody would like to help out on a Friday for a few hours in the canteen that would be great. Please leave your name at the office. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 28th October and Wednesday 4th November from 9.15am till 10.30am due to Kindy Start being on those days. Orders can still be placed on our order form (please see new form attached to this newsletter) and handed in at the office and they will be filled on those days.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 28th October at 6.30pm in the staff room. We would love to see some new faces at our meetings, so come along and join in.

Bodalla P&C Association

Contact Michelle Robinson if you have any questions 44735131 or email: bodallapandcassociation@gmail.com
Community News

Foster Carers Wanted

Anglicare are currently looking to recruit Foster Carers in the Eurobodalla Shire.

Foster carers provide a safe home for children and young people who are unable to live with their families. This can be overnight, for a few days or longer including permanent full time care.

Anglicare provide training and ongoing support to our Foster carers. If you are interested in learning more please contact Edith Ishadi on 4475 0901.

Narooma Preschool
40 Year Celebration

Come and help Narooma Preschool celebrate 40 years of being in our community.

Saturday 24th October - 10am - 2pm

Come have a bounce on the jumping castle or get your face painted. There’s also a sausage sizzle, live music and ice cream!