From the Principal

Welcome Back

Welcome to Term Three. Although there is a chill in the air the term is already warming up with the Athletics Carnival on Friday; and Week 3 will see us combine our NAIDOC celebrations and Education Week celebrations. The theme this year for NAIDOC is ‘We all Stand on Sacred Ground’: ‘Learn, Respect and Celebrate’ and the theme for Education Week is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. Thank you to those parents who have contributed ideas to our celebrations. If you have any ideas about how we can make the most of this week please let either myself know or speak with Mrs Caszandra Fitzgerald.

Through our recent successes we have discovered the power of our school and have decided that ‘We are a Small School that does Big Things.’ Help us continue to grow and shine by getting involved in everything that we do.

School Athletics Carnival

This Friday is our School Athletics Carnival. It will be a wonderful day that will be made even more successful through parent involvement. If you are available this Friday and can help us out please let Mrs Sharan Houston know so that we can give you a job on the day. Even if it is for only a short time your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered, your help is greatly appreciated. Those who haven’t volunteered yet there is still time to put your hand up. Unfortunately we will not be running a canteen on Friday. We haven’t had the numbers volunteer to make it happen successfully. Thank you to those who put up their hand, I appreciate your help and commitment.

Attendance

Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education. Your child’s attendance at school is very important to us and we would like to see your child in our classroom everyday. We understand that there are times when your child cannot attend due to family emergencies and illness but we ask that you keep these to a minimum as absences impact heavily on your child’s ability to achieve success at school. Should your child be unwell and not able to attend school we ask also that you return a note to school when they return to explain their absence, or please call the office and give a verbal explanation.
Premiers Spelling Bee
We have entered two students from years 3/4 and two students from years 5/6 in the Premiers Spelling Bee Competition this term. The word lists are now available from your classroom teacher and in the coming weeks we will be holding our own spelling competition to select our school representatives.

Premiers Sporting Challenge
We are in the final weeks of our Premiers Sporting Challenge with many students excelling and achieving the Diamond level of success. Watch for the newsletter in a few weeks time to see the names of those awesome students who have had outstanding success in this challenge. Also we will recognise those staff members who have all achieved a high level of success through participating in this challenge.

Earn and Learn
The Woolworths Earn and Learn has begun today and we look forward to earning more rewards this year than previous years. So save your stickers, talk to relatives, neighbours and friends to get their stickers. This reward system allows us earn some wonderful resources at no cost to the school. So get on board and help us make it count. The Earn and Learn box is located in the 5/6 Yabbies classroom. It doesn’t matter if you don’t have a sheet to put your stickers on we will have spares at school that we can fill up.

Quote of the day: Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.
Arthur Ashe

Lynne Takacs
Relieving Principal
Sport

Our school Athletics Carnival will be held this **Friday 17th July**. The children will walk to the Bodalla Oval under teacher supervision with the events commencing at approximately 10.00am for the children 8 years and above. The Infants classes (the 5, 6 and 7 year olds) will arrive at the oval at approximately 11.00am. There will be **no barbecue or canteen** so children will need to bring recess, lunch and plenty of water. They are to wear house colours. We will need some parents to assist with timekeeping so please let us know beforehand if you are available. If we have to postpone due to rain the carnival will be held next **Monday 20th July**. If you have a concern about your child walking to the oval please contact the office.

Sharan Houston

News From the Garden

Over the past few months we have been very busy in the vegetable garden planting a range of vegetables including carrots, beetroot, peas and broccoli. We have also been looking after the compost bins to create compost that we will be able to use to grow seedlings. At the end of last term the shade house was moved to a more suitable location and the shade cloth was removed. In the coming days plastic will be put over the structure to create a greenhouse. We will then be able to start growing a range of seedlings ready to plant in spring. We are hoping to grow enough seedlings that we will also be able to sell some to raise money for more jobs in and around our vegetable garden. If you would like to help in the garden or would like to donate materials particularly 4 inch pots, please feel free to contact me at school.

Kim Campbell