PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Kirsty Squires

Can you believe that we are heading towards the end of the year? This term is certainly flying, and as usual things are hitting a very busy time. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for information and dates.

Assembly

This Friday is our last whole school assembly and it is going to be a busy one. We have Year 5/6 camp photos to show and Year 5 students will be presenting their Year 6, 2015 Leader speeches. We look forward to listening to our future School Leaders tell the school community how they will contribute to the school in a positive and responsible manner next year.

At the assembly you will find a quick survey on your to complete. As part of our Annual School Report we need to survey the community to get your thoughts and opinions as they are important to the school running in a positive and efficient manner. We will also use this information to help direct our 2015-2017 School Plan. Please take the time to fill it in as we value your thoughts and opinions. Somersby is not just a school, but a community where we are all working towards the common goal of producing successful lifelong learners.

During the assembly Year 6 will be holding their annual car wash as their final fundraiser for the year, so come along and support the students by giving them plenty of washing to do! Year 6 will need to bring old clothes to get changed into (no singlets and they must have covered footwear), buckets, sponges and car wash.

Intensive Swimming Scheme

Students from Years 2-6 have the wonderful opportunity to participate in two weeks of intensive swimming lessons or obtaining lifesaving certificates beginning next week. As the weather warms up and students spend a lot of time in and around water it is vitally important that children have this opportunity. Notes were sent home a few weeks ago and are due in now. Mr Mitchell will provide details of the scheme in his report. Students not participating will be given work to complete in the K/1 classroom.

P&C End of Year Festivities

The P&C are ending their year with a fun night of barefoot bowls at Ourimbah RSL on Thursday, 4 December. You don’t need to be a regular at our meetings to come along for a fun night out. I hope to see you there!

Carols Night

Our fantastic Carols Night is on again this year on Friday, 12 December featuring Tempo Terrific and the school band. It is promising to be another wonderful night so put it on your calendars! Don’t forget to bring your blanket and picnic.
School App
The school is looking at the development of its own school app. This will be available for both Apple and Android phones and will provide parents with school basics, such as the newsletter, calendars, facilities to explain absences and send reminders for upcoming events. This is an exciting development for the school and more details will be provided in coming newsletters. A big thank you must go to the P&C who have agreed to fund the app for all families.

Movie Day
Our annual trip to the movies at Avoca Movie Theatre will be happening on Wednesday, 17 December. This is a nice way to celebrate the end of the year and will be followed by class parties when we return. A permission note with further details will be sent home shortly.

Scrap Paper
We are looking for scrap paper for our students to use in class. If anyone has, or knows of someone, who has scrap paper they are wanting to get rid of please send it into school.

Kirsty Squires

Environment
We did it! Somersby Public School retained the title of Small School Environment School of the year. A huge thank you to everyone who helps make our school the wonderful environmental school it is. Another big congratulations to the Year 5-6 performers for doing a wonderful job performing their Reduce, Reuse, Recycle song at the ceremony. Well done, everyone!

Christmas Tree Competition
Yesterday Michael and Nathan accompanied Mrs Cranstone to Erina Fair to decorate a Christmas tree for the Christmas Tree Decoration Competition. The tree is decorated with paper lanterns, paper cranes and painted babushka dolls made by students in all classes with Mrs Knight in the theme of ‘Celebrations Around the World”.
Please vote for our tree the next time you’re at Erina Fair and tell your friends and family too.

Can Collection Depot
A very big thank you to Mr Green for constructing our new can collection cage. This will be placed at the front of the school for the community to deposit cans for recycling. All money raised from can recycling is used towards funding resources and equipment for our environment group.

Christmas Choir
Just a reminder to return permission notes for our Christmas Choir performances. We will be performing at Erina Fair next Wednesday between 10-10:30am. We would love to see you there.

K/1/2 News
This will be the last week of Literacy groups with parent helpers. We would like to say a very big thank you to all of the parents who were able to help us this year. We have loved having you in our room.

Jade Cranstone
**Band**

Information notes regarding the school’s 2015 band program have been sent home with those Year 3-6 students who have expressed an interest in participating. Please return if you wish your child to take part.

If your child didn’t receive a note and you’re interested, please let me know.

There will not be a morning rehearsal on Tuesday but tutorials will be on as usual.

**Basketball**

Thank you to Cory and Angie Gerard for their work with the boys’ basketball teams. The boys did extremely well, especially when their limited experience is taken into account.

Somersby 1 vs Somersby 2 drew 6–6 in their grudge match. The attitude and sportsmanship show by all teams present was very pleasing.

**Swimming Scheme**

Swimming Scheme runs for two weeks commencing on Monday for Years 2-6. Students not attending will be staying at school working on material provided by their class teacher in Mrs Cranstone’s room.

Students are to bring a towel, sun smart shirt, slip-on shoes if required and a plastic bag for carrying wet clothing. Please ensure all clothing is labelled.

**“Calling All Cars”**

Friday is Year 6 Car Wash Day. Have your car looking almost brand new after a wash by Year 6 students. The cost per car is only $5 and 4x4wd only $8. It will run during the afternoon’s assembly (2:00pm) until approximately 4:00pm. All proceeds go towards Year 6’s gift to the school.

**Year 5/6 News**

Thank you to the parents who have brought in tools for our sculpting. Now we just have to find the time during this busy period of school.

Year 6 need to keep in mind that Wednesday, 3 December is Orientation Day for public high schools.

Year 5’s will be planning this week’s assembly. Current Year 6’s will be showing them the ropes. Year 5’s who aspire to be school leaders in 2015 will be presenting their speeches at this assembly.

Neil Mitchell

**Library**

Just a reminder that this is the last week of borrowing for 2014. All books need to be returned at the beginning of Week 10.

A huge congratulations to the following students who have all borrowed every week of 2014! **Olivia, Charlotte, Teela, Alara, Sarah, Maddison, Mackenzie and Sophie**. That is a huge achievement. Well done.

Laura Knight

**P&C News**

**Christmas raffle**

The P&C will be holding a Christmas raffle which will be drawn at the Carols night. If you have items you would like to donate as raffle prizes, please leave them in the basket in the school office.

We hope to see you all at The Carols Night Friday, 12 December.

**P&C News**

Weeks 8 & 9 Pizza (Ham & Cheese or Ham Cheese and Pineapple) or Nachos. Please remember to clearly mark what your child would like. Week 10 Party Food.
Somersby PS P&C
Christmas Raffle

The much anticipated Christmas Raffle will once again be drawn at the

Carols Evening - Friday, 12 December 2014

The P&C are asking for donations of non perishable Christmas items to be included in the Christmas baskets. Items such as; crackers, nibbles, soft toys, serviettes, Christmas decorations, Christmas puddings/cakes, confectionery. Any donation would be greatly appreciated and be left at the school office.

PBL Wall of Fame

Congratulations to last week’s Happy and Friendly Bathany (Week 7)

OURIMBAH SURGERY
IS OPEN TO NEW PATIENTS!

Dr. Heather Reid and Ourimbah Surgery would like to announce they are now taking new patients.

We Bulk Bill all Health Care Card Holders, Pensioners and Children aged 16 years and under.

For enquiries and appointments please call (02) 4362 3162

Our friendly staff look forward to welcoming you and your families to our practice!