PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Kirsty Squires

Staffing
Next term Mr Mitchell will be taking leave to have his shoulder operated on. At this stage he will be absent for the whole term. During this time Miss Ebert will be running the programs Mr Mitchell has been responsible for this term. The band will be tutored by, funnily enough, another Mr Mitchell. Neil’s brother is a highly experienced musician with extensive experience in teaching students. A note to band members has been sent home detailing tutorial times etc.

Small Schools’ Cross Country
The Small Schools’ Cross Country will be held at Central Mangrove PS on Wednesday, 29th April (Week 2 Term 2) for all students K-6. Last week a lunch order went home and is due to be returned tomorrow and today a permission note will be sent home.

NAPLAN
A note has been sent home today for students in Years 3 and 5 explaining the testing schedule. The dates for the exams are 12-14th May.

Kiss and Drop Zone
Yesterday our car park became extremely dangerous for our students. The Kiss and Drop zone is designed for parents to collect their children quickly and move on. For those parents who are wanting to catch up with others or talk to the teacher there is ample room across the road at the shop or in the staff car park. Please ensure the Kiss and Drop Zone is used just for that - the quicker we can get children into cars, the faster the car park is cleared alleviating the problem of cars banking up outside on the road. It is for the safety of your children that we are asking for your cooperation.

I will be walking students to the end of the path for collection and hopefully this will speed things up.

3/4
This Thursday I will be attending the Primary Principal’s Association Meeting. Miss Kimpton will be teaching Year 3/4.

A reminder to all, that students were set the task of writing a narrative (make believe story) for homework. This is due Thursday.

Kirsty Squires

5/6
NAISDA
Tonight, Kirra has the fantastic opportunity to audition with the NAISDA (National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Development Association) Dance Studio. Should Kirra be successful she will have the chance to be trained by and perform with the NAISDA dance company in the Central Coast Dance Festival. I’m sure you will join me in wishing her the very best of luck.

Milkshake day
Year 6 Milkshake Day was a great success raising $136.30. Thank you for such wonderful support.

Masters BBQ
Thank you to all parents involved in Sunday’s Masters BBQ, whether you attended, sliced onion or donated drinks, it all contributed towards our fundraising efforts. Despite the weather not being on our side we managed to raise over $500.
Year 6 will be hosting a sausage sizzle on Thursday 2nd April. Sausage sandwiches will be $2 each. Please see lunch order note attached.

Debating
Tomorrow, I have the pleasure of attending a debating workshop with some of 2015’s debate teams. Please remember to be at Narara Public School, no later than 9.15am. I will wait for you all near the school office and we will walk in together. Students are expected to wear their full school uniform, including a hat. They will need to bring their own lunch, recess and water bottle as usual. Students will also be required to bring a pencil and note pad. I have no doubt you will all have a fantastic day.

Dance
Our dance audition will be recorded on Thursday during recess. Any students who have not handed in their recording permission note will not be permitted to be in the recording for the audition.

Costume Ideas
Usually the Dance Festival would contribute some funds to help us with costuming each year. Unfortunately due to the increasing cost of hire for the Laycock Street Theatre and Gosford Musical Society Shed, they are no longer in a position to assist us with funding. I am looking for some budget effective ideas for costuming this year’s dance piece and would greatly appreciate anyone who would be able to make our costumes or have any links to hire companies. Our theme will be the ocean so we would like something blue and white. Please contact Mrs Knight if you can help in any way. Laura Knight

Band
A note explaining changes to the rehearsal regime accompanies this newsletter.
On Wednesday week, 1st April, I will be holding additional band tutorials. Could all students bring their instruments and music on this day.

Library
There will be a change to borrowing days this week only for Years 3/4 and 5/6. Years 3/4 will borrow/return on Friday and Years 5/6 on Thursday. Try to remember those library bags.

P&C News
Easter Raffle
Thanks to everyone who has donated prizes for our Easter raffle. It’s not too late if you haven’t placed something in the basket yet. Just drop it into the school office.
The children will bring raffle tickets home today. Let’s see who can sell the most!

Election Day baking
Cake boxes are being sent home today for those who would like to bake for Saturday’s Election Day stall. Our cake stall usually sells out, with whole cakes being particularly popular. So please bake up a storm if you’re able to, and don’t forget to include an ingredients list with your cakes (food laws say we must have this). Additional boxes are available from the school office.
Please return all baking to the school on Friday.

Cookbook surveys
Thanks to everyone who has returned the cookbook survey form and to those who have expressed interest in helping with the project in some way. If you haven’t filled in your form yet, please do so and return it to school this week.
If you would like more information, please call Jenny Tinworth on 0411 443 555 or email somersbypandc@gmail.com.

Canteen vacancy
We’re still looking for a canteen officer to take on the role from Term 2. Please consider whether this kind of work is within your capacity. Without someone to lead the team of canteen volunteers, we won’t be able to run the canteen, which each year raises a lot of
money to support out school. Not to mention that many of the students love their weekly lunch treat from the canteen!
If you would like to know more about what’s involved, please talk to Pia Cartwright or Leanne Jones, or email somersbypandc@gmail.com.

Next meeting
Wednesday, April 1
The P&C will meet next Wednesday at 7pm in the school library.

HEALTH ALERT
Impetigo (School Sores)
Symptoms
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.
School or home?
Keep your child home from school until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I prevent the spread of Impetigo?
- Careful hand washing especially after changing dressings
- Avoid sharing toilet articles i.e. towels, clothing or bed linen
- Considering using anti-bacterial soap for bathing for two to three weeks
- Avoid scratching or touching lesions to prevent spread to other parts of the body
- Completing the recommended antibiotic course is very important

Parents of children who may have had contact with impetigo should look for signs of infection and seek medical treatment if symptoms develop.


Mufti Day

Last day of Term 1, April 2nd.
Theme will be Hero’s and Princesses.

Come dressed as your favourite superhero, fictional hero or someone who is a hero to you.
Please bring a gold coin donation for the Year 6 fundraising.

For Sale:
FRESH EGGS
$3 per dozen.
See office.

TERM DATES 2015

| Term 1          | 27 January - 2 April |
| Term 2          | 20 April - 26 June   |
| Term 3          | 13 July - 18 September|
| Term 4          | 6 October - 18 December|

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School Security Number
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Last Day of Term
We are having fun filled afternoon for the last day of term. We would like to invite all parents and siblings to come along and join us with our;
BBQ Sausage Sizzle
Easter Egg Hunt
OURIMBAH SURGERY IS OPEN TO NEW PATIENTS

Dr Heather Reid and Ourimbah Surgery would like to welcome Dr Mary Graham to our Practice!
We are now accepting bookings for new patients. 😊 We bulk bill all children 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!

Student Banking
Class Winner
Week 9
K/1/2

PBL Wall of Fame
Congratulations to last week’s
Happy and Friendly Playground
Award Winner
Week 9
Laura

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
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Cody
Max

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