Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Arriving late to school**

School starts at 8:50am and it is important that all children arrive at school on time. If a child does arrive after 8:50am, they are required to sign in at the office, accompanied by a parent. Sleeping in, running late etc are not legitimate reasons for being late to school and will be recorded as an unjustified partial absence. We do understand that there will be occasions when you will be running late and that things happen at home and on the way to school that can affect your ability to get your child to school on time. Thanks for your co-operation.

**Assembly Awards**

Regarding children that are receiving an award at assembly, your child’s teacher will notify you so you can attend. Normally, the children don’t know they are receiving an award. If you are notified that your child is receiving an award, try and keep it a nice surprise for them at assembly!

**Morning Duty**

A teacher is on duty from 8:20am every morning. Please do not send your children to school before that time because they will be unsupervised. Upon arrival, the children are asked to make their way directly to the hall with their bags and sit with their friends. At 8:30am, upon teacher instruction, two games of handball will be established for students to participate in. One game for K-2 students and one game for 3-6 students. The emphasis will be on participation. Students not wanting to play handball are to remain seated in the hall.

We do encourage parents to drop children off at school, say your goodbye and then leave. If you are needing to stay on school grounds for longer than the normal drop off, it is a workplace health and safety requirement that you sign in at the front office and wear a visitor’s badge. If your child is experiencing difficulty with you leaving in the morning, please discuss with your child’s teacher so that a solution can be reached. We do encourage parental participation at school and if you are able to volunteer your time, please contact your child’s teacher to discuss further.

**Sandpit Toys**

Our new sandpit has been an overwhelming success! Students are starting to bring in toys from home and if your child wants to bring in a toy from home, please make sure it is clearly marked with their name and class. Please remember that all care and no responsibility will be taken for toys brought to school. If it is a toy that is precious to your child, we suggest it is not brought to school. We are in the process of building a place where toy cars can be used and the children can construct their own tracks. It will hopefully be completed before the start of Term 2.

**School Events**

We have our cross country next Wednesday and Easter Hat Parade on Thursday. I’m hoping we see you at these events and it will be a great way to finish the term. This will be the last newsletter for the term. I hope the children all have a restful holiday and are full of enthusiasm for Term 2, which starts on Monday 20th April for teachers and Tuesday 21st April for students. We will be participating in the ANZAC Day ceremony on the first Saturday of Term 2. We will circulate details of where to meet in the first week of Term 2. Our school ceremony will take place on Friday 24th April at 1.00pm.

I will be working overtime before the end of term making sure I complete my phone calls to all families – it’s been wonderful having conversations with you and discussing your child’s education.

Brad Lyne
Principal

**Nit Alert**

We are currently getting a high number of reports that children have headlice. Please check your child’s hair. If nits or live lice are found please treat them. Headlice are extremely contagious and students are to be kept home until treatment has been finalised. Thank you.
Assembly Item

Last week at assembly Stage 1 Choir sang “I can sing a Rainbow”. They displayed Auslan (sign language) throughout the song, thank you to Mrs Watson for teaching us.

Stage 3

This is Luke and Lainey investigating rock textures and colours. All stage 3 along with the teaching students had fun doing this.

Cells, cells they're made of organelles

This week the children in 3/4R all made a model of a cell. Kyla and Joe are showing their cell models in the photo below. The children have been investigating living and non-living things and they have learnt that all living things have cells. They are looking forward to looking at microscopic organisms with a digital microscope next term.

ASSEMBLY Week 8 CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for their fantastic week at school.

KL  Lacey Elliott & Bella Touzel
KD  Baianna Ward & Lachlan Snape
KTD  Imogen Saunders & Matilda Patten
K/1F  Nathan Walsh & Max Vaughan
1A  Claire Reed & Hendrix Ward
1G  Sophie Watson & Amber Morley
1/2S  Emma Totsl & Alfie
2JLS  Landan Laws & Billy Taylor
2H  Codie Nicol & Jayden De La Cruz
3/4D  Tai-Lee Pickering & Tahlar-Lee Draper
3/4G  Chloe Brown & Cohan Thomson
3/4M  Angus Nicol & Shae Walsh
3/4R  Hamish Flemington & Ella Floyd
5/6G  Holly Pearson & Megumi Ikehara
5/6SG  Jarad Beavan & Cody Barlow
5/6TH  Kiarra Sattler & Tyler Morris

3/4G won the Gus Award

ICAS - Uni Test Results

Due to the large number of students sitting the ICAS (University Tests) this year we will be unable to present certificates at the end of year presentation evening.

All students whether they receive participation, merit, credit, distinction or high distinction will receive their certificates at the weekly assembly. Names and results for students receiving an award above a participation will be posted in the school bulletin instead of the personal letter home. If you do not wish for your child’s result to be published please advise the school.
Impetigo
There has been reported cases of Impetigo (school sores) at our school. Would you please assist us by checking your child/children. Following are some helpful facts from NSW Government Health:

Time from exposure to illness:
1 to 3 days.

Symptoms:
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

Do I need to keep my child home from school?
Yes, until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I prevent spread?
Careful hand washing. Please notify the school that the condition has been diagnosed and is being treated.

Coffs Harbour & District Baseball
Players of all ages and abilities are invited to come and try baseball at the annual sign on days. New and returning players can register at the sign on days to be held at the Bray Street Sports Grounds in Coffs Harbour on March 28th between 9am and 12pm. The season will commence on Saturday 11th April at the Bray Street grounds and then will shift to the Stadium Drive fields in early May 2015. For further information, please contact Bill Langler on 0421 553 093

Sawtell BMX Wants You!!
Cost: come and try for FREE
When: Sunday 29th March (weather permitting)
Where: Club Track on Hulberts Rd, Toormina
Times: Registration for the day will be from 9.45am Sessions: Coaching sessions will run from 10.00-10.45, 11.00-11.45 & 12.00-12.45
Bring: Your bike, a water bottle, (Parent or guardian
Canteen: Sausage sizzle, drinks and snacks available
Must Wear: Protective clothes, long sleeve shirt, long pants, gloves and a helmet (full faced helmet preferred) there will be a couple of loan helmets and gloves available. Any Questions? Email: sawtellbmx@hotmail.com

Made with Love Markets
All local and handmade products 9.00am to 2.00pm Sunday 29th March at Cex Coffs
Www.madewithlovemarkets.co, Over 100 stalls.

School Banking
Thursday 2nd April will be the last chance this term to bank. All bank books will be returned to students the beginning of Term 2.

Bingo Roster
Tuesday 30th March - Team 1
Alison Szabo, Penny Smith & Ann Beynon

Tuesday 7th April - Team 2
Tania Myers, Lorie Watson & Deborah Crowfoot

Tuesday 14th April - Team 3
Kate Kelly, Leanne Krainik & Sarah Floyd

Tuesday 21st April - Team 4
Vicki Totzl, Kristy Watson & Nicole Bourne

Canteen News
Picnic/Burger Day at 11.00am
Thursday, 2nd April 2015 (Easter Hat Parade 12.00pm)
Kinder to Year 2 parents and children can pre-order a burger and have a picnic together.
The Pre-order Burger and Drink is also available to all students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Canteen Roster
Wed 1 April Emma Meuli
K-2 parents needed as kids are at Cross Country
Thurs 2 April Susan Dean-Hickey, Allison Main, Cathy Cook & Jo Dunstan
Fri 3 April Good Friday
We would love some Dad’s to help cook the BBQ on Thursday 2nd April. Please ring Terri 0411 843 600.

Canteen Volunteer Luncheon
When: Tuesday, 31st March
Time: 12.00pm
Where: Ring Terri on 0411 843 600 to find out!
All canteen volunteers are welcome. Please come along and enjoy a meal and a chat.

Important Dates - Term 1
01.04.15 Cross Country
02.04.15 Hat Making at 9.10am
Picnic/Burger Day at 11.00am
Easter Hat Parade at 12.00pm
Last Day of Term 1
03.04.15 Good Friday
20.04.15 Staff Development Day
21.04.15 Students Start Term 2
“Stage 3 Marine Science Centre”