It was wonderful to see so many parents having conversations with teachers during parent/teacher interviews over the past two weeks. We always value the partnership we have with home and together, we can make a difference in your child’s life. I enjoyed having numerous conversations at the coffee van on Wednesday and it was one of our busiest days yet! There will be an opportunity again next month to come and have a conversation with us around the coffee van.

Some of our students have been extremely busy this week, participating in two swimming carnivals! We are all very proud of our swimmers and you certainly can be very proud of yourselves.

The Bongil Bongil Musicale is certainly taking off with contracts sent home to students this week. Please return them with the $35 as soon as possible please! It’s certainly going to be a great event!

School Planning
Our staff spent some time this week working on our school plan including refining milestones for 2016. We will continue working on them this term and I am now calling for parents who are willing to join our Strategic Direction Teams. You will only be required to meet with us once a term, for about an hour to assist in the validation/assessment process as well as having input into our school. A note was sent home today and if you are interested in becoming part of one of our teams, please return your expression of interest to the front office. Our Strategic Directions have been included below.

Strategic Direction 1
Curriculum Delivery – Quality Teaching and Learning
Purpose:
To improve student learning experiences that result in development of students’ abilities to be challenged, think critically, creatively and ethically and who are literate, numerate and socially, environmentally and culturally aware.

Strategic Direction 2
Collaboration – Collaborative Decision Making
Purpose:
To build stronger relationships as an educational community by leading and inspiring a culture of collaboration, engaged communication, empowered leadership and organisational practices.

Strategic Direction 3
Professional Learning – Teacher Development and Performance
Purpose:
To create and sustain a culture of professional learning and support through collegial engagement, in formal and informal settings and enhancing professional development through a supportive environment that fosters professional opinions and values all staff.

Monday Mindful Movement Sessions 3-4pm
We are seeking expression of interest for anyone interested in their children attending practical after school sessions on Mondays this term (commencing on 7th March) to teach them how to pay better attention and improve wellbeing. Parents are also welcome to attend and join in with their children.

Sessions will be facilitated by our new PE teacher Paull Jeffrey who has been providing holistic movement professional development for teachers around the country for the past 15 years with his previous role at Bluearth Foundation – a national health promoting charity.

Paull is also offering a fun movement session and chat on Fridays for parents before Assemblies on the 4th, 18th March and 1st April between 12-1pm. Come along and have some fun as well as learn how to relax and unwind.

Pokemon Cards
Please advise your child/ren that the school does not permit the bringing of Pokemon cards at school.
Swimming Update
Congratulations to all our students who swam amazingly on Tuesday and Thursday. The relay teams all placed first on Tuesday at the Toormina District Swimming Carnival on Thursday at the Mid North Coast Swimming Carnival the Junior Boys and Girls and Senior Boys Relay Teams qualified to attend the North Coast Swimming on Wednesday 9th March at Kempsey. Good Luck!

Soccer
Well done to all the Stage 3 students who tried out for the Toormina District soccer teams. Good luck to Kai Floyd, Kyan Page, Joss Boyes, Jessica Joice, Charlet East, Imala Whitlock, Gabby Sullivan and Phylilia Stock who will represent the Toormina District in Week 7, trying for a place in the Mid North Coast Teams.

Working with children
It is a requirement for all our volunteers to have a working with children check. It is free for all volunteers. All you have to do is go online at https://wwccheck.ccyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application and continue with the process. Please bring a copy of working with children check into the school office. Thank you.

Junior Girls Relay Team
Junior Boys Relay Team

Senior Girls Relay Team
Senior Boys Relay Team

ASSEMBLY Week 4 CLASS AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students for their fantastic week at school.

KL Coco Lindsay & Bilal Tawfik
KD Grace Ablett & Koby Banks
KF Jasper Wakeham & Alannah Moore
KW Tahlia Keipert & Eric Burns
1G Jake Clunas & Jazmin George
1A Taylor Williams & Jaylen Naden-Dumas
1W Sam White & Lilly McArtney
2H Riley Patten & Keiran Porter
2D Jax Mackay & Lily Bourne
2S Sofia Zariquiey & Ruby Robertson
3/4D Ella Stocks & Illuca Shannahan
3/4T Lachlan Joice & Oscar Hickey
3/4F Maddie Hatfield & Kiara Thomson
3/4J Damien Kell & Isabelle Eggins
5/6T Jackson Thomas & Skye Vaughan
5/6M Andrew Spencer & Jade Devir
5/6G Shayla Webb & Charlet East

2D won the Gus Award last week.

Assembly - 4th March 2016
Every Monday afternoon 1G, 1W and 1A meet for a sing-a-long and we learn many new songs. We are performing one of these new songs for you at our school assembly in Week 6, Friday March 4th at 1.00pm. We are superheroes who show resilience and say “I can’t do it, YET!” We keep trying until we learn new and more challenging tasks at school and at home. We will never give up! You are most welcome to join us!

Requisites
The cost for each Kindergarten student is $50.00 and for Year 1 to 6 is $65.00 each. As an extra incentive, if you pay your requisites in the next two weeks, you will be in the running to win an Amart Sport gift voucher. This draw started at last Friday’s Assembly. To be in the running to win one of four $100 vouchers, all you need to do is pay your requisites in full to the front office in the four week period from 15th February until 11th March 2016. Thank you to everyone who has made a payment.

Our second winner is the Bunn Family.
Library Timetable
Mondays - Year 5 and 6
Tuesdays - 1W and Year 2
Wednesdays - Kinder to Year 1
Thursdays - Year 3 and 4

Year 6 Shirts
It is now time to order your Year 6 Class of 2016 Polo shirt. The cost of the shirt is $26.00 each. Order forms and payment must be returned by Monday 7th March 2016. All shirts are supplied by our Uniform shop; therefore, please order your usual school shirt size. Thank you Mrs Gallagher for again organising this for us.

School Jackets
This year we are asking everyone to pre order their winter school jackets. We are trialling pre orders as these items are costly and the Uniform Shop only holds limited numbers of each size. The cost of a jacket is $30.00 each. Please return orders with payment by Monday 7th March 2016.

P&C Voluntary Contribution
This year the P&C Voluntary Contribution is the same as last year being $40.00 per student or $100.00 per family for three or more children. These funds are used to help subsidise various activities through the school such as the School Swimming Program, Year 5 and 6 Leadership Camp and the new L3 Reading Program. We really appreciate your support.

Beaches Hockey Club
We are looking good for numbers in the U10 and U7 age divisions but still a couple short in the U13 and U16 age divisions. If you know anyone that might be interested in playing hockey in 2016 that falls into that age group. For more information: http://www.beacheshockeyclub.com.au

School Banking Day Reminder
Last week at assembly we had a visit from Laura and Pat from student banking. If you would like to do student banking all you need to do is call by your local Commonwealth Bank and open an account. Don’t forget to bring your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate.

Don’t forget that THURSDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit in their bankbook and drop it into the GREEN basket at the canteen before school starts.

P&C Flipout Fundraiser
Thank you to everyone who supported this fun night. All of the children had an enjoyable time while raising money for the school. There was a surprise raffle on the night of 2 family passes to Flipout. In the first session Monique Dawson won and the second session Brad Lyne won. We raised about $700.00.

Bingo
Tuesday, 1st March at 7.00pm eyes down at the Coffs Ex Services Club Team 1, Sub Team A - Vicki Totzl and Ann Beynon will be the organisers. Please some along and have some Bingo fun.

Canteen News
Next weeks special will be a Chirpy Burger (crumbed chicken patty, lettuce, pineapple, cheese and mayo) and any milk or juice for $5.00.

Canteen Roster
Wed 2 Mar Debbie Crowfoot & Kylie Welsh
Thur 3 Mar Alison Main & Natalie Hoban
Fri 4 Mar Julie Bellamy, Karina Ryan & Marie Kane

Important Dates
02.03.16 Science Show - Kinder to Year 6
04.03.16 Assembly 1.00pm in hall
09.03.16 North Coast PSSA Swimming at Kempsey
11.03.16 ICAS Last Day for Payment
“Swimming Carnival”