Dear Parents and Guardians,

This term is going very quickly and we only have three weeks until the Easter weekend which will be from Friday 29th March until Monday 1st April inclusive. The last day of term for students will be Friday 12th April. From now until the end of term we have number of events scheduled to take place. On Thursday 21st we will be conducting Public Speaking finals to select students to attend the Clarence/Coffs finals to be held during term two. Parents and interested community members are invited to attend the school finals to be held in the hall on Thursday 21st March commencing at 9:30am.

Please note at the beginning of Term 2 there will be two staff development days. Students will therefore return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

Teachers will shortly be sending home Work Habits and Social Skills reports for Term One. As part of these reports it may be necessary for teachers to request an interview with parents to help address any areas of concern regarding the progress of a student. It is important that the school and parents/carers work together to help all students achieve their full potential. Parents and carers are reminded that if they do have a concern regarding their child they should contact the front office and make an appointment to discuss the situation with the teacher concerned.

Senior’s week commences on Sunday 17th March and runs until Sunday 24th March. As part of that celebration we would like to invite grandparents to our Friday assembly on Friday 22nd of March to be followed by a morning tea to be held in the community room afterwards.

On Thursday 4th April we will be holding a disco. This disco will be an invitation only event and all students need to be on green or orange levels to attend. Big Al will be providing the music on the night. The cost will be $2. The disco will run from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Invitations will be sent home closer to event.

Please don’t forget the upcoming P&C AGM on Monday 18th March commencing at 2:30. Please come along and help all our students by being involved in events throughout the year.

Again a reminder about uniform, all students should be wearing school hats as opposed to any other multi coloured type headwear of any description. Last week I mentioned that students should refrain from wearing bright or florescent coloured track shoes. Students should wear black school shoes or predominately white joggers. Our uniform is designed that students only need to have one uniform that suits both sports day and other normal school days and as such we have allowed students to wear track shoes instead of the traditional school shoes.

This week we received an invitation to participate in the annual ANZAC day commemoration which will be held on Thursday 25th April which will be in the second week of the school holidays. I would
ask that people please mark this date on your calendar and we would appreciate as many students as possible participating in the march and the commemoration service. The ANZAC day march traditionally starts at the New School of Arts and concludes with the wreath laying ceremony and service held at the cenotaph at the river end of Skinner Street.

Parents and carers are again reminded about the hearing and sight tests being conduct by the community nurse on Tuesday 19th March. We still require notes from a number of students. If for some reason you have misplaced the original note could you please contact the front office for a new one.

All staff will be participating in a practical anaphylaxis training workshop conducted by the community nurse on Tuesday 19th March. Staff have already completed the online training module and by participating in the practical workshop all staff will be up to date in dealing with these types of emergencies should the need arise.

Thank you to Henk and Michaela Kaptein for their kind donation to the school of a set of books. These books will be used to emphasise our core values and positive choices as part of our personal development program.

“There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond the power of our control”.

Mr Phil Cavanagh
Principal

AWARDS

Times Tables Champion: Jason Wallace
Writer of the Week: Boweon Arnett

Aussie of the Month: Congratulations to Chantelle Wallace, Jordan Woolley, Elisa Allen, Latoya Wallace, Miah Bell.

Contact information sheets
If you have not already done so, please return the green contact information sheet that was previously sent home. It is important that we have up to date information in case of an emergency.

Dates to Remember:
Mondays: School banking
18th March: P&C AGM

Canteen Roster
Mon 18th March: Natalie Bullock, Shai O’Brien
Tues 19th March: Sharon Fallon, Terri Duroux
Wed 20th March: Sharen Bagster, Jane Field

COMMUNITY NEWS

South Services Gunners Club – Meet the coach/Information night is on Tuesday 19th March from 5.30pm at Rushforth Park. Any coaches wishing to coach this year please arrive at 5pm to collect your team’s equipment. All players and parents are encouraged to attend. They will be taking registrations, registration fees and selling club socks and shorts. It’s not too late to sign up so come along. Phone 0420907629.

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