ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all those students who competed at the Small Schools Athletics carnival on Monday 22nd July. Special mention must go to Reese Russell who finished equal first in the overall Junior Girl Championship. Reese and the following students Kayne Pacey, Zac Pacey, Hanna Kaptein, Bayden Fritz, Jesse Ross, Melanie Laurie, Jacob Cotton, Leah Vinall-Rainbow, Madison Beilby, Krystelle Dentler, Marshall Lockyer, Mandawuy Bell, Hayden Pacey have qualified to compete at the District Athletics carnival to be held on Friday 2nd August at Barnier Park. All of these students should have received their information and permission note at the Small Schools carnival, these notes need to be returned to school along with the $3 nomination fee before Wednesday 31st July. Parents are reminded that students need to find their own transport to and from the carnival on the day.

TOUCH FOOTBALL

On Friday 26th July our boys/girls touch football teams will travel to Coffs Harbour to compete in a gala day. All those students who have been selected should have received their permission note. These notes need to be returned to school as soon as possible along with $10 to help cover the cost of the bus. The school is subsidising the cost of transport and paying the nomination fee for each team. Parents/Carers are reminded that the bus will depart school at

7:45am on Friday morning. Mrs Magarry and Mr Gallagher will be supervising the students on the day.

COMPUTER SKILLS ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Lex Bagster who recently received a Credit in the University of New South Wales Computer Skills competition. This competition involves students from throughout Australia and is designed to test students skills in the areas of general computer use, wordprocessing, internet/email, graphics/multimedia, spreadsheets/databases.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

On Thursday 25th July and Friday 26th July a number of staff will be involved in a combined professional development activity with staff from Coffs Harbour Public School, Bowraville Central and Kempsey West Public as part of the Instructional Leader program under the direction of our Instructional Leader, Miss Bryen and Instructional Leaders from other schools throughout the region. Staff will be exchanging ideas and strategies designed to improve classroom practice and help improve student outcomes in the area of Literacy and Numeracy. This professional development activity provides an opportunity for staff to reflect on their classroom practice, be involved in professional dialogue with colleagues from

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other educational settings and is part of our ongoing commitment to provide quality learning opportunities for students.

EDUCATION WEEK

Week three is Education Week and this will see students involved in a number of activities designed to publicise our public education system. There will be static displays at Grafton Shopping World throughout the week from all four Primary Schools and both High Schools. On Thursday 1st August our skippers will be performing at Shopping World commencing at 10:00am in front of Woolworths. The Community of Schools will be conducting Readings By the River on Friday 2nd August outside No.1 Duke Street on the banks of the Clarence River commencing at 11:30am. All parents and community members are invited to come along and be part of the celebration and enjoy a range of short stories and poems presented by staff and students from the Community of Schools.

TEACHER EXCHANGE

During week three Ms Bryen will be hosting a visiting Canadian Principal as part of an exchange program. Mrs Gail Dobby will be visiting Gillwinga and other schools within the area as part of a study program that aims to examine the operational differences between the Australian and Canadian educational systems. As part of the program Ms Bryen will also be making a reciprocal visit to a Canadian school at the end of term three.

SETTING GOALS

Throughout the year staff have been regularly discussing with students the importance of setting goals. Many students currently have individual learning goals they are working on achieving. Goals give us a sense of purpose and direction. Dr. Suess has nice way of looking at where we want to go and how to get there. “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.” It is important that our students don’t limit themselves to what they already know but they discover what opportunities are out there waiting for them. Students shouldn’t limit their focus to what our local community can provide but rather what opportunities the wider and even the global community can offer them.

CLOTHING POOL

We would appreciate any donation of uniforms or shoes in good condition that your child has grown out of. The money raised from clothing pool goes directly to the P&C who provide those extra things at school for our children.
FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

A special family photo fundraiser will be held on Sunday 11th August. A framed portrait will be available for $15.00. Book in the date! An information note has been sent home with your child this week. Please ring Sharon Wright on 0418 298 521 for further information. Slip with your name, time slot and payment should be returned to the front office as soon as possible.

AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Jimmy Kennedy, Jame Pearce, Arie Hodge, Mereki Bell, Connor O’Brien, Taj Isenhood, Rhiannon Ballis, Latoya Wallace, Griffin Wheatley, Rose Williams.

Bronze Award Winners: Congratulations to Carter Smith, Adam Wright, Cena-Jay Flentjar, Coby O’Driscoll, Janeva McCoombe, Nathan Hamilton, Nyree Browning.

AAA Award winners: Congratulations to Chantelle Wallace, Angela Cooper, Carter Smith, Noah Hayward.

Times Tables Champion: Tylah Connor

Writer of the Week: Tarni Napier

P&C NEWS

The P&C will be holding a raffle to be drawn towards the end of Term 3. It would be appreciated if families could donate any non-perishable items for the raffle. Donations can be left at the front office. Prizes are as follows:

1st Food hamper; 2nd mini bake/grill Sunbeam, 3rd Skillet, 4th Queen size mink blanket, 5th Linen pack, 6th Milkshake maker pack, 7th mini hamper, 8th meat voucher. Tickets are $1 each.

CANTEEN SPECIAL ORDER DAY

The canteen will be having a finger bun day on Tuesday 6th August.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Crohn’s & Colitis Disease Fundraiser will be held on Saturday 3rd August from 6 pm at Tucabia Hall. $10 adults, $5 children, under 5 years free. Hot Pot meal & supper supplied, BYO drinks. Entertainment. For bookings contact Fiona 0413200842, Deidree 0427998303, Narelle 0438533670, Sonia 0419601103.