by morning tea in the hall at approximately 10:30am.

STELELA PROGRAM

Last week our senior students had the opportunity to participate in the “Stella Program” at Southern Cross University’s Coffs Harbour campus. The opportunities such as these are extremely important not only for our students but for all students. It is important that they realise that their future job and career opportunities will be directly related to how well they achieve at school and how much they engage with the opportunities that are presented to them. It is important that our students develop a greater understanding of the opportunities that exist both within our local community and wider community as a whole. We are all part of a global community, just look at home how many people utilise the internet and social media to communicate with others. Our students should have dreams and aspirations beyond where they are now and the “Stella Program” is just one way aimed at helping them see the opportunities that exist.

SWIM SCHOOL

This week we received notice that this year’s Swim School will be held in weeks 7 and 8 from the 17th November to 28th November. Notes will be coming home this week. It is important that if parents are interested in sending their children to swim school that they return the permission notes as soon
as possible as spots are limited. Swimming School is primarily aimed at those students from year two and up. It is not for those students who are confident and competent swimmers.

YEAR 4/5/6 CAMP

Parents and carers are reminded the year 4-5-6 camp is from 26th – 28th November. Final payments MUST be made by Friday 14th November. Due to the new NSW DET finance system the office requires time to generate and pay invoices which means on Friday 14th all numbers will be calculated based upon students who are fully paid and no alterations can be made from this date. Further information including medical information and packing instructions will come in the next few weeks.

EXCURSIONS

While on the subject of excursions, teachers are currently trying to organise end of year trips for K/1/2. it is anticipated that they will be having a day at Carobana factory in Coffs Harbour as well as some time at the beach and it is hoped that Yr 3 will be having a day at the Yarrawarra Cultural Centre at Corindi. More information will follow once the details have been finalised.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as who you become by achieving your goals” Henry David Thoreau

LIVE LIFE WELL SNIPPETS

School Canteen – a tool for learning
As part of the school environment the school canteen is an education opportunity.
The children are learning about the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating:
The children are learning in class about having every day foods most of the time and sometimes foods (chips, confectionary, muesli bars, pies etc) only sometimes.
Buying lunch from the canteen is a chance to reinforce this message by choosing salad rolls and wraps, sushi, or other every day foods.

COMMUNITY NEWS

This Sunday in Skinner Street, South Grafton starting at 9am Culture of the Clarence fair. Lots of stalls and entertainment.
Dear Clarence Valley teaching staff and parents,
I would like to invite you to attend Surfing The Coldstream Festival this Saturday 18 October. This community event is provided free of charge and runs from 9am to 10pm beginning in Yamba CBD with buskers and from midday moves up to Flinders Park looking over main beach where along side the music, there will be ample ocean-themed entertainment for children. This includes face painting, National Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Ranger activities, a huge box of Lego and craft stations where kids can make ocean creatures from paper plates and seed pods (see images below).

To make this kids' zone work we have the help of several generous volunteers, but we could do with some more. If you and your family intend to visit the festival this Saturday, please consider donating one hour of your time to help supervise a craft station. This invitation particularly applies to our fabulous local teaching staff and your time will be highly appreciated. Register via our website: http://surfingthecoldstream.com.au/volunteer.html or ring festival coordinator Phil Nicholas on 0418 302 465, or just turn up on the day. The kids' zone runs from 12.30 - 5.30pm.

Thanks in advance!
kind regards
Phil Nicholas
Surfing The Coldstream
0418 302 465