On Thursday we will host the Big Kindergarten Orientation session for both Kindergarten 2014 children and their parents. The children will be met by their 2014 “buddies” and taken to class for the morning while the parents will gather in our library for a series of presentations by school and community members.

At this stage and based on visits from preschools over the last few weeks, we are expecting 35 Kindergarten enrolments in 2014. Welcome!

Based on projected enrolments for 2014 we anticipate running 12 regular classes:

2 X Kindergarten classes @ 18 & 17 each
2 X Year 1 classes at about 22 each
2 X Year 2 classes at about 25 each
1 X Year 3 class at 30 students
1 X Year 4 class of students
1 X Year 5 class with a few Year 4 students, say 24+5 = 29 students
1 X Years 5/6 class of 20+10 = 30 students
1 X Year 6 class of 30+ students

As you can see our projected classes are bulging but the good news is that they are shaping up to be big, lovely classes. (I think a big, ‘lovely’ class is preferable to a small “tough” class, any day.)

The children at this school are amazing and just seem to be getting better! In so many ways!

We may be able to form a 13th class if we get a some more “walk-in” enrolments at the beginning of the year. We will also operate our new support program and that brings a full-time special education teacher and teacher aide into the equation.

In 2014, we will still employ 5-6 part-time learning support officers (teacher aides) to strengthen support for students in class and in the playground.

As next year is an implementation year for the new NSW English syllabus (with Australian Curriculum content), we are not moving teachers around if we can help it – that way they can consolidate their planning and get on with things without too many other adjustments. So, the teachers on particular grades this year will likely be on that same grade again next year.

Regards

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

YOUR HEALTH LINK is a new initiative of the Mid North Coast Local Health District and includes information on physical health, nutrition, sport, mental health, finance, legal services, education and employment, health related videos, as many as any other things. Your health link can be accessed at: www.yourhealthlink.com.au

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

KG
Hopi Wilder-Gillic

KS
Ruby Osborne

1B
Bailan MacMahon

1C
Savannah Bartley

1/2E
Tanhai Briggs

2M
Ellie Watson

Star Solver
Max Robson

3C
Kade Levingstone

3/4A
Kobi Campling

4CA
Toby Fluechter

4/5T
Bella Clarke

5M
Toby Graham

6M
Holly Johnson

6R
Mia Reynolds

SPECIAL AWARDS - congratulations to the following students on attaining their award.

Ruby
Chloe Clifford, Kaitlyn Walker
Tanahi Briggs, Paige McKee

Sapphire
Cooper Ward, Zac Lye, Tom Fleming

Jade
Flynn Drady, Isabelle Bagust, Erica Corfe, Gemma Ettles, Zoe Hewitt

Topaz
Mea Bostock, Aaron Ballengarry
Jaali Wilder-Gillic

Opal
Marty Wilder-Gillic
Did you Know?
On the weekend of 8th-11th November we had a break-in to the sheds at the rear of our hall and the following items were stolen:

Toro Zero turn ride-on mower; Honda push mower, Honda brushcutter, a Bosch angle grinder; Honda garden blower; Bosch power drill and bits, cordless drill; a Stihl high pressure water cleaner and a Makita chainsaw. Over $13,000 in total.

Apart from the loss of equipment and the resulting cost to the school, these type of attacks take time and resources away from where they are better placed. They also leave a bad taste in your mouth to think that there are people who, if you think about it, are O.K. with stealing from your children and your proud local school. It is shameful!

Of course the police have attended and collected forensic information and are continuing their enquiries. We are also strengthening our security – so we’ll get ‘em soon. Meanwhile, if you have any information about this matter, we ask that you report it immediately to the local police or Crimestoppers.