Many thanks to the parents and friends of the school who put together the BBQ and Garage Sale on the weekend. Particular thanks to Wendy McAllister-Moore and her family who seemed to be everywhere, doing everything. Cheers!

Good luck to our representatives at the Premier’s Spelling Challenge at Sawtell today. I am sure that they will acquit themselves well and make us proud! Go the boys! Banjo, Vai, Kylie and Nicholas!!

Our Drama Festival opened today with performances by 1/2E, KS, 5M and 2M. Tomorrow there will be four more performances: 3C, 4CA, 1B and 4/5H. On Thursday we will squeeze in five performances: 6M, 3/4A, 6R, KG and 1C. It has been a great effort from teachers, support staff, parents and friends of the school and, of course the stars of the shows, the children!

We believe that the children learn so much by preparing their plays, by performing in front of audiences and by viewing the performances of their peers. It is a big part of the culture of our school where we believe that the Arts are an important part of life and living. I love seeing the confidence of the children grow over the years from Kindergarten to Year 6.

I take this opportunity to thank some of our community partners: Interrelate, who are providing great lessons to Year 6 about positive relationships; and Coffs Coast Surf School who are delivering some surf safety lessons to Years 3 and 4 on Friday; and the Country Women’s Association who have invited our senior students to attend workshops on cooking next week. I really appreciate the school-community partnerships evident and available to our boys and girls.

Meanwhile, yesterday we hosted a visit from Lower Bucca Preschool children and parents who used our school as an opportunity to discover what “big school” is like. While not all of the children who visited us will end up attending our school, it was a great opportunity for the little ones to see a “big school” and to understand a little better what is coming up!

Please note that enrolments for 2014 are open now and any out-of-zone enrolments may only be considered on application.

Regards
Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th-12th September   Drama Festival
“Every child, in every class, every year, gets to perform on stage”

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATES

20th September   Last day of school for Term 3
Monday 7th October   Public Holiday
Tuesday 8th October—School resumes for pupils

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

KG   Katie Chaseling
KS   Jake Redward
1B   Tiara Salmon
1C   Kelsey Ettles
1/2E  Annalise Marshall
2M   Abby Stokes
3C   Kaleb Graham
3/4A  Kayne Woodbury
4CA  Anthony Durham
4/5H  Tynan Cook
5M   Matt Dunn
6R   Zane Versfeld
6M   Brandon Livingstone

Star Solver   Aishah Anderson

Did You Know?
We have established a free ‘parenting tips’ library in the foyer of the Front Office. A range of titles around raising children are available for borrowing through the front office and our well stocked library. You are welcome!

Did You Know?
We have postponed our planned Wheel-a-thon (bicycle safety & road safety fundraiser) until next term to give us a little more time. We will get back to you to confirm the new date for some time in Week 3 or 4 next term.
SPECIAL AWARDS - congratulations to the following students on attaining their award.

Emerald  Tyelor Platts  Ray Christie  Ruby Osborne
Jade    Jack Dudgeon  Hope Christie, Zachary Welch
Topaz  Larissa Oak  Mitchell O’Sullivan, Tyler Murray

DRAMA FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY 11th September
9.30am   3C  The Princess & the Packet of Frozen Peas
10.00am  4CA  Wizard of Oz
10.30am  1B  Brementown Rappers
2.15pm   4/5H  The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig

Thursday 12th September
10.00am  6M  Environmental Warriors
10.30am  3/4A  The Sandpit
12.00noon  6R  Bunfight at the OK Corral
12.30pm  KG  Sleeping Beauty
2.15pm   1C  Girl in Da Hoodie

All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend the performances. All plays will be highly entertaining. Admission is by “gold coin” donation. We will also be having a “fruit & veg” tray raffle each day. Tickets $1.00 each.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the performances.

LIBRARY NEWS - Double Holiday Borrowing

As the holidays approach after this busy term, I encourage students to return all their overdue books so that they can borrow double their normal allowance for the holidays.

Can you please assist your children to find and return all their library books and begin with a clean slate. Overdue reminder notes will be sent home on Friday. Please inform us if the missing books can’t be located. Although we try to check the shelves for overdue books some do slip through the system and we are happy to search the library if you think they have been returned.

The holidays are such a great time to spend more time reading (and away from all those screens for a while)! Developing a love of reading means a lifelong interest that will take your children many places.

Please check next week’s newsletter for Coffs Harbour Public Library holiday activities (space permitting).

Edwina Reynolds  Teacher Librarian