Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Yes. I’m back after an extra couple of weeks of holiday. I’d like to thank Sam Murgatroyd for leading the school so beautifully in my absence and it’s nice to know that our school is not reliant on any one person – probably because passion is plentiful around here and leadership is shared.

I write this newsletter in anticipation of being away from the school again, this time on the Year 5 excursion to Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head. It’s a tough gig but someone’s got to do it.

Please check out the long list of dates for the diary. There is this and more ahead of us this term – so keep your eyes, ears and hearts open to all that is planned for the last couple of months of the 2014 school year.

You will notice that we deliver quality learning for all students right up until the last day of the school year. So there is no concept of winding down – although we do take the opportunity to celebrate and to treat the children to some fun end of year activities.

This Friday marks World Teacher’s Day. I’m not sure what that means but it’s probably a good opportunity to be thankful for teachers generally and your child’s teacher(s) more specifically. There is no doubt in my mind that we have in this school teachers who are of the highest calibre, who would shine anywhere in the world.

One of these gems is Mrs Jane Miles, who will retire at the end of the year. Jane is at the top of her game and this week she is accepting a World Teacher’s Day citation (shown below) from the Australian College of Educators.

“Mrs Jane Miles is completing a wonderful career in NSW public education where she has always been an exceptional teacher.

Mrs Miles has been an exemplary teacher who has moved with the times. She has taught with distinction in NSW, in Colorado USA and as a qualified teacher of Reading Recovery. While her preferred place is full-time as a class teacher, she has coordinated PSSA sport at school and zone levels and has acted as an assistant principal at Sandy Beach Public School on many occasions.

Mrs Miles is highly regarded by her peers and the parent community and she is loved by the students she has taught. She has positively influenced the success of the whole school while changing the lives of countless children, especially those from marginalised backgrounds.

Mrs Miles is a natural teacher-leader and the epitome of a highly accomplished teacher.”

Australian College of Educator’s Citation, World Teacher’s Day, 31 October 2014

And so say all of us! Congratulations Jane!

Ray Rincheval
Proud Principal

DATEs FOR YOUR DIARY

30/10 Year 3 Marine Excursion to Coffs Harbour
6/11 Hosting North Coast Aboriginal Education Awards Ceremony in our Hall
6/11 Bike Safety Day/Wheelathon fundraiser
9 13/11 Year 6 major excursion to Canberra & Sydney
26/11 Book Character Parade
3/12 Year 6 Orientation Day at Woolgoolga High School
4/12 Year 6 Graduation Assembly & Dinner to be confirmed
11/12 Annual Presentation Ceremony (9.30—11.15) followed by a Thank You Morning Tea for our many valued volunteers
12/12 End of Year Reports distributed
15/12 Year 3—6 Term Treat
16/12 Kinder—Year 2 Term Treat
17/12 Talent Quest & last day for all students

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
KE William Bennett
KG Amber Robson
1B Baylie Simpson-Riley
1C Jayke Henderson
2E Carlee Gillard
2M Mahli Rose Lynch
Star Solver Farrah Moore
3A Mitchell Cheney
3C Kate Hodgson
4H Emily Grogan
4CN Zachary Welch
5M Becky Cummings
5/6R Shaila Lonsdale

Congratulations!
**Book Fair and Book Character Parade**

It’s been a long time coming….but finally it’s in our sights! The original scheduled Book Fair dates clashed with our school fete, so we postponed our fair to the only other date Scholastic could offer us – Week 8, 24th-27th of November. All classes will have the opportunity to view the books before Wednesday the 26th which will be the Book Character Parade and purchasing day.

The Book Character Parade is a fun day when the children can dress up as their favourite character from a book. We ask that if possible they bring the book along that day to show during the parade. More details will follow as the date approaches.

Edwina Reynolds
Teacher Librarian

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**SPECIAL AWARDS**

**EMERALD** Ethan Russell

**RUBY** Bailey Lawler, Dylan Campbell
Lachlan Potts, Connor Mullan

**JADE** Cooper Ward, Luke Nelson
Mahlee Hooke, Chloe Campbell, Aishah Anderson

**TOPAZ** Macy Gardner

*Well done!*