When I wrote about our teacher’s commitment to the whole child last week, I was praising their willingness to attend professional development not just around the new syllabuses but also around the social and emotional health of the children in their care.

Our school is committed to equity and excellence in and out of the classroom. We are committed to producing successful learners in and out of the classroom. We want to see individuals who are confident and creative and well placed to become active and informed citizens.

Society expects a lot from our schools. In one way we grow the future, in another way we reflect society. We have to prepare children for a largely unknown future while respecting the good things and the traditions of the past that are worth preserving. That’s sometimes a balancing act.

Another balancing act is how to deal with conflict.

All through our lives we have to adjust to interpersonal challenges. We have to know when to play our cards and when to “hold ‘em, fold ‘em and when to walk away”. And we have to live with the consequences of our decisions. That’s why at this school we work on conflict situations in many ways.

Take our Anti-bullying program for example. We must work on the bully, we must work on the victim, and we must work on the problem. It’s a balancing act – especially when the children are still forming their identity and learning to understand their world.

I reckon our school is pretty proactive around positive social relationships and in dealing with the social and emotional health of our students. So it is with great pride that I can announce that our school has won $1000 in an anti-bullying poster competition run by Interrelate. Congratulations to the girls and boys of Sandy Beach Public School for your anti-bullying messages.

I look forward to meeting lots of Kinder parents next Tuesday evening as we have a “Getting to Know You” evening (with sausage sizzle) while the Kindergarten children are having their first School Dance.

I also note that there is an opportunity for parents of children in Years 1 and 2 to have parent-teacher interviews next week. This is another change to our traditional mid-year parent-teacher interview schedule. Teachers and parents can negotiate mutually agreeable times to discuss a child’s progress before the mid-year reports are sent out. In this way there is more convenience in the equation and there is an opportunity to get in earlier than usual if wanted or needed.

Finally, with the recent humid weather, the grass ticks have multiplied and are looking for your child! Please check your child thoroughly for tiny little grass ticks that could have jumped on during play time or when the children were running the school cross country circuit.

Cheers!
Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

KE Ayla Brain
KG Jazarra Moore
1B Cooper Biggins
1C Tom Walker
2E Arabella MacDonald
2M Eligh Pledger
3A Piper Burke
3C Ashleigh Louis
4C Kalani Connor
4H Vai Gravino
5M Ginger Freudenstein
5/6R Quinton Threadgate
6M Stephanie Bailey

Special Awards
Topaz Luke Bell
Diamond Charlise Sharp
Courtney Bieman
Maddie Nimbs

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Did You Know?
We have grass ticks everywhere at the moment. Please check your child for these tiny, itchy critters.

Did You Know?
Our school won $1000 in the Interrelate No Bullying poster competition recently.

Did You Know?
We have had mushroom compost delivered for our vegie garden in preparation for the planting of winter vegetables. Don’t miss the opportunity to spruce up our school gardens at the Working Bee coming up in two weeks.

Did You Know?
Each of our classes are working on Garden Art sculptures in the lead up to our School Fete on the 9th May. Are you helping out at the fete????

Did You Know?
We have entered our junior choir in the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod.

Did you Know?
We have two teacher from Myanmar (Burma) visiting our school this week. Welcome to Hsi Hsi and Ni Ni. Thanks to Bruce and Kerrie Lumb for arranging this opportunity.

Like to play BASEBALL? Then the Bluesox Baseball Club are looking for players. Games are played every week at the Stadium Drive Baseball Fields. For further information please call Shirl on 0401 516 235 (after hours).

Just a reminder to all that our FETE is on the 9th May. Please start asking your child’s teacher if they need a hand or a donation of what they are doing with the class. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day please email me or leave a note with your name & contact number in the P&C pigeon hole & I will call closer to the time.

As part of the fete a couple of mums from the P&C team would like to put a Recipe Swap Keepsake (Cook Book) together. We are asking you to email a family friendly or family favourite dish, ask grandparents, friends & relatives to contribute also. If you could email it in a “word document format” with title/ingredients/ method & also include your family name so we can recognise you in the book. Please send this to andsims1@dodo.com.au. If you don’t have access to a computer please leave your recipe in the P&C pigeon hole. Looking forward to seeing some great recipes come through.

We also need your Trash & Treasure so look through the cupboards, garage and back shed and also start potting those plants for the Plant Stall. If you have anything to donate please put them in the Resource Building.

Ladies—who doesn’t like Fashion? Put this date on your calendar, Saturday 19th July. Again some mums on the P&C team want to host a Fashion Parade/Auction, so if you have a special occasion coming up or your daughter is looking for a formal dress or you just want something to wear to the races in the coming months this is an event you won’t want to miss. More information closer to the date.

The P&C’s main funding aim this year is to get some shade over our newly concreted quad. Our first quote is in and we’re looking at a possible $50,000 expenditure. We are of course looking into other avenues and will see if there are any grants out there to help. If you know of any please let me know. We are also ope to large private donations that any businesses may want to put our way.

The team again are holding an information get together on Monday 31st in the Resource Building. We will be putting some more fete things out as well as wrapping our Mother’s Day gifts. Morning tea is provided so come and have a cuppa and a chin wag.

We have such a great school with great teachers and great kids so can I say it is an absolute pleasure to be part of such a committed and enthusiastic team of ladies who only want to see the school go forward with lots of great things ahead. If you’d like to come on board we’d love to see you—that goes for all you dads as well!

As always I can be contacted on 0418 230 454 or ddella6@bigpond.com

Wendy McMoore