Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Please accept my apologies for not providing a newsletter yesterday. The day got away on me and I dared not try to get the administrative staff to do it in a rush just because I wasn’t organised.

Yesterday Mrs Jenny Murray, Director Public Schools visited as part of a rolling appraisal of my effectiveness as a principal. This personal meeting is done with all public school principals each term in addition to the paperwork.

As principal I am accountable for the leadership and management of this school and, in this regard I feel that I am very lucky. Mostly, I can just step aside and let the teachers and students SHINE!

Mrs Murray and I visited all classrooms yesterday and I was pleased that even with her ability to ‘see between the lines’, she was able to tell me how impressed she was with this school.

She was impressed with how our grounds and buildings are so attractive and clean. She was impressed with our classrooms that are physically inviting and covered in high quality examples of students artwork. She was really impressed with how our teachers work together to analyse their teaching and to constantly design better ways of ensuring that our students are engaged, alive and learning.

Mrs Murray was able to see the vibrancy of our curriculum and she saw evidence that we have a good balance across academic, sporting and social domains.

It was obvious to Mrs Murray that the relationships in our school are superior. The children let Mrs Murray know that our teachers are great.

It is apparent to any visitor to our school that the girls and boys are well mannered, friendly and confident and that they are really proud to be a part of this school.

I am sure that Mrs Murray left our school knowing why we are the first choice for local families looking for a high quality school for their children.

Regards
Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal
Did You Know?
Every day we have learning support programs being delivered to students with reading difficulties? As learning support teacher, Mr Potter provides direct instruction to small groups of girls and boys as well as constructing lessons like MultiLit for the teacher assistants to deliver. As reading recovery teacher, Mrs Fiona Robinson delivers 1:1 reading support for students in Year 1 to ensure that they make the mark and catch up with their peers.

Did You Know?
Every day teachers in classrooms provide enrichment and extension activities for students in their classes who have particular gifts and talents. Mrs Robinson is also employed to run programs for high achieving students too! That’s why we have such brilliant public speakers ready to compete in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition next week. We also have students sit the University of NSW’s International tests in English, Spelling, Computers, Mathematics, Science and Writing.

Did You Know?
Next Friday 13th is black Friday for nits! As headlice are in every school every day, it’s hard to deal with this annoying and expensive proble. That’s why our local schools think that it’s a good idea to do a nitbuster effort at the same time next Friday. We ask every family to check and if necessary, treat their child’s head next Friday so that the nit lifecycle is interrupted and there is less chance of children passing on the critters. More information will be provided next week, including a formula recommended by a parent.

Did You Know?
Our school enjoys the services of a school counsellor, Mrs Jacinta Clarke, each Monday and Thursday. Our school counsellors are qualified teachers and qualified psychologists so they are a great start if you have concerns about your child’s wellbeing and development. Just contact the school to make a confidential appointment.

Did You Know?
We have handwash in the wet area of every classroom and in our toilets and we encourage the boys and girls to wash their hands thoroughly after going to the toilet and before meals. Please reinforce the handwashing habit with your children so that we can limit the incidence of colds and tummy bugs.

Did You Know?
In NSW it is against the law to smoke at bus stops, train stations, within 10 metres of children’s play equipment, in spectator areas of sports grounds and within 4 metres of an entry to public buildings (like schools!). For more information see: www.health.nsw.gov.au/smoke-free So, no smoking in and around our school please.

Did You Know?
We have had a highly qualified arborist inspect 350 of our trees this week. He has tagged 42 of these trees for remedial work to ensure public safety.

Did You Know?
We have an ugly pile of kindling and tree branches to start those warming winter fires. It is available free upon request.

Did You Know?
We have a great webpage and Facebook page to keep you up to date, share news and celebrate our achievements. Our official Facebook page should be about positive affirmation not the airing of complaints. There are other more appropriate ways of expressing concerns. Like us!

Multicultural Public Speaking
The school competition for Multicultural Public Speaking was held last Wednesday. The standard of speakers was excellent and the 4 places for the North Coast Final were hotly contested. Congratulations to: Ashleigh Louis, Chase Saban, Paige Cracknell, Ruby Couper, Tara Stokes, Erica Sharp, Banjo Hayes, Charlise Sharp, Maddie Nimbs, Sarah Klazema, Sasha McNab, Toby Fluechter, Rio Ebenstreit and Courtney Bieman who worked hard preparing a speech. Chase Saban, Tara Stokes, Maddie Nimbs and Sasha McNab are off to the North Coast Finals at Westlawn on 18th June.
We wish them well.

Fiona Robinson
Organiser