Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

We know that our school is an attractive place for students and staff but we do not operate an out of school hours care program. Please make sure that you do not drop off your children at school before 8.40am, when supervision begins.

Well we are counting down to our Primary Musical, “Pirates of the Curry Bean” with only two weeks to go! Tickets went on sale yesterday and I recommend that if you want to attend this Year 3-6 spectacular, then you should get your tickets ASAP because all 3 shows are usually sell outs and there are no tickets sold at the door.

Good luck to Chase Saban of Year 4 who represents Clarence Coffs area in the Interregional Final of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition at Narranga PS today. We know that Chase will do us proud!

Our draft School Plan 2015-2017 Directions paper is now on our school website for your consideration. I would welcome your feedback. What do you think should be our priorities for the next three years?

It is lovely to see how our Resource Centre is being transformed.

The teacher resource collection is now neatly contained in the old office library.

The top of the old library has now been converted by the P&C into a relaxing lounge/function area.

And of course the bottom of the old library has been converted into a large, flexible learning space known as the ‘Oceanarium’, consistent with our commitment as NSW’s First Marine Primary School.

The only space in the Resource Centre yet to have a makeover, is the tiered learning space we currently use for the intensive Reading Recovery program.

We now have a new way of recognising long standing volunteers who have made a substantial contribution to our school. These precious volunteers will be known as a “Friend of the School” and they will be honoured by having plaques placed around the school with the simple citation, “Friend of Our School” and their story will be posted on our school website. The first two Friends of our School are Reg Watts (2012) and Patti Slater (2014). If you want to know more about Reg and Patti and their contribution to the success of our school, look at the ‘Friends of Our School’ tab under the ‘Our School’ tab on our school website. You never know – maybe you or somebody you know will be the next “Friend of Our School”?

Regards

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal
Tickets for the Primary Production “The Pirates of the Curry Bean” are now on sale from 8.30am each morning. Seating will be strictly limited so it is advisable to purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

- **ADULTS** - $5.00
- **SCHOOL CHILDREN** - $3.00

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE PERFORMANCE TIMES & DAYS**

- Monday 8th September Evening Performance 7.00pm
- Tuesday 9th September Matinee Performance 12 noon
- Wednesday 10th September Evening Performance 7.00pm

Cost: $5.00 Adults & $3.00 Children

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Did You Know?
Every Wednesday all of our classes receive a ½ hour lesson known as **Special Religious Education** (SRE). This is commonly referred to as “Scripture”. It is delivered by volunteers who have been approved. SRE is a common feature in NSW public schools and is provided for by NSW government policy. Parents have the right to opt out of SRE by contacting the school. When parents opt their (child(ren) out of SRE, they can choose non-scripture or, where it is available, ethics. At present there is no alternative to SRE offered at this school.

Did You Know?
We could offer **Primary Ethics** classes for children whose parents want them opted out of SRE. We can only offer these classes *if* there enough students available to make it viable and *if* there are local volunteers willing to be trained and available to run the classes. We have asked before and the demand for Primary Ethics was not overly strong and no volunteers have been identified and trained. We could introduce Primary Ethics here but we need demand and volunteers. You can find out more by contacting the Primary Ethics Regional Manager, Greg Robinson at grob1418@gmail.com or by visiting [http://www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au).

Did You Know?
Our school day starts at 9.10am with morning assembly, followed by some daily fitness. Playground **supervision is provided from 8.40am** (1/2 hour before lessons begin) when a bell goes and students are able to play small ball games and move about. It is inappropriate to drop students at school before 8.40am. Some students are being dropped off an hour or more before lessons begin and that’s not fair on them or on staff who are busily preparing for the day. It’s about student safety.

Did You Know?
Any volunteers helping at our school need to complete a form declaring that they **have not been convicted of an offence against a child**. SO, even if you have been helping in the canteen, library or in classrooms for a long time, please ensure that you have read and signed this **Declaration**. The forms are available at the front office, or with teachers, or in the “Notes” section on our school website.

Did You Know?
We are an accredited **Asthma Friendly** school, an accredited **SunSafe** school, and accredited **Kiddsmatter** school and all of our staff have **emergency care** and **anaphylaxia** (severe allergic reaction) response training. All of our **excursions** and **carnivals** are **risk assessed** to ensure student safety is paramount in our planning.

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Master School Portraits SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES need to be returned along with your money to your child’s class teacher by Monday 1st September if you wish to place an order.

If you would like to have a family photo taken please contact the office for a special envelope.

Photos will be taken on Thursday 4th September. All students are asked to wear summer uniform including black school shoes please.

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SANDY BEACH P&C
FATHER’S DAY STALL

**Will be held on Wednesday 3rd September, 2014. Please send a plastic bag with your child that day to bring the gift home in.**

- Please return your envelope to the school by Monday 1st September
- Gifts are $6.00 each.

Thank you

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For those families who sent in an order for a photo by Lisa Anderson she will be here this coming Thursday 28th August to take those photos.