Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Congratulations to our **swimmers** who represented our school at the District Carnival last week, some of whom have won places at the next level. Cheers to you!

Congratulations also to the students who represented our school at the **Soccer trials** on Friday. Three girls and one boy have been selected for the next level. Well done!

Please note that our **Annual Report 2015** has been completed and uploaded to our school website under the Our School: Annual Reports tab.

At the risk of any parent thinking that I am writing this comment especially for them, this is a term that I heard recently, along the theme I have noted before about making things too easy for our children at the risk of their own resilience and problem solving ability as adults…. The “**LAWNMOWER PARENT”**.

We’ve heard of the “helicopter parents” who always seem to “hover” nearby in an anxious state so as to intervene if and when their child comes across a challenge, well now I am hearing about the “lawnmower parent” who smoothes the way for their children so that there is no rough stuff on their journey. These parents clear the way for their children and direct them along the “shaped” pathway.

It is my view that a caring, loving and interested parent understands that a child needs to face challenges in order to face and solve problems, in order to learn and move forward. Alternatively, a “helicopter” or “lawnmower” parent risks setting their child up for poor mental health outcomes if they “protect” their child too much.

The old saying, **“too much pressure without support can break a person but too much support without pressure lets them off the hook”** applies in our role as educators and parents. We have to get the balance around pressure and support balanced in a way that helps our children accept challenges, learn from mistakes and helps them to grow in confidence, knowing that they have the skills to create a positive future for themselves and others.

That’s why our School Vision reads,

**We are all here to LEARN to UNDERSTAND our world, ourselves and others, to accept challenges, to create and to be the best that we can be.**

Regards, Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal

---

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**
Sat 12th March - P&C Trivia Night
Fri 18th March - Lake Ainsworth Notes
Fri 25th March – Good Friday
Mon 28th March - Easter Monday

**REMININDERS**
Lake Ainsworth - Deposit due.
Sydney - Canberra excursion deposits over due.

**SPECIAL AWARDS**
**EMERALD** Annan Murray-McGregor
**RUBY**
**SAPPHIRE**
**JADE**
**TOPAZ** Jessie Fordham
**OPAL**
**DIAMOND**

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**
**Week 5**
KE Elsie Harnett
KG Zoe Sims
KM Teo Waters
1B Thayne Coleman
1C Daniel Clark
1/2P Jazarra Moore
2M Maddie East

**Star Solver** Bree Allerby

**Class of the Week**
1C
3A Owen McKee
3/4W Brandon Green
4D Levi Woods
4/5C Saje Gravino
5CH Dayne Peel
6M Teo Ross
6R Maddison Joseph

**Star Solver** Kari Fraser
**Class of the Week** 4D
Did You Know?
The P&C are running a Trivia Night on Saturday night the 12th March (only 2 weeks away). Claim the date, organise your tables for a fun night out! Cheers!

Did You Know?
We are committed to delivering teaching and learning in an increasingly personalized way. That is why we have individual learning plans for students with moderate and high support needs. That is why we have a “yarn” to the parents of all of our indigenous students before finalizing personalized learning plans. That is why we have regular “wellbeing meetings” with the parents and the attending medical practitioner of students with complex needs.

Did You Know?
Our NSW Government is committed to the Gonski model of school funding which is based on need. That is why our school has received an additional $150000+ over the last few years. The NSW government and our Minister are seeking a commitment to ongoing funding from the Federal government. With more funding we can continue to deliver more personalized teaching and learning for your children.

Did You Know?
For health and safety reasons including allergen management, we actively discourage students from sharing food and drink. Can you support us by reinforcing our message with your children? Thanks.

WOOLGOOLGA
FUN RUNS

FOREST FOOT RACE
11.2km – Saturday 12th March, 3.00pm
Start and Finish at corner of Pullen St. and Pacific H’way

SEASIDE SCAMPER
5km – Sunday 13th March, 8.00am
Start and Finish at Beach Reserve

BEACH BASH
2km – Sunday 13th March, 8.45am
Start and finish at Beach Reserve

TINY TOT TROT
1km - Sunday 13th March, 9.00am
Start and Finish at Beach Reserve

$6 per adult for Forest Footrace or Seaside Scamper or $10 for both. $3 for pensioners & students for Forest Footrace or Seaside Scamper. $2 for everyone entering the 2km Beach Bash. $1 for Tiny Tot Trot