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Respect, Responsibility, Integrity

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TERM 4 | WEEK 9

From the Principal's Desk

What a fantastic year we have had. I am constantly amazed at the achievements of our students and the dedication from our amazing staff. I have been very humbled by the positive feedback the school has received over the last couple of weeks, regarding how well parents feel their children are supported at our great school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the dedicated teaching and SASS staff for the enormous contributions they make to the successful running of our school on a daily basis. They often put in much of their own personal time and effort because they care. They do this without accolades or applause, as it is part of their job that people don't see and is not often recognised! So I would personally like to say thank you to you all, as I do get the privilege of seeing what a difference you all make on a daily basis.

In addition I would once again like to thank our tireless and hardworking P&C members for their enormous contributions this year. I enjoy working with such a great team of people who are passionate about their school. Finally to all of the volunteers that come into our school – thank you. We really enjoy having you come and assist in whatever way you can and I know that students also enjoy and benefit from this support.



L3 Graduation

I had the pleasure of attending the graduation luncheon 2 weeks ago to celebrate Mrs Cork and Mrs Thomas successfully completing the L3 training program. Well-done ladies. All of the skills they have learnt over the last two years will continue to be utilised in their daily teaching to further strengthen literacy practices in the kinder classrooms.

Classes 2017

At this stage we still have 15 classes next year at our school. Children have been placed into classes ready for the start of the 2017 school year. As we are still receiving enrolments, this may change somewhat over the break – hence our class structure may need to deviate slightly. When children arrive on the first day of term one they will initially go their old classroom and teachers. As numbers are finalised we will then form into our new classes, which should be on the first day. Children will then be allocated to their new class and teacher. A lot of time, professionalism and consideration goes into the placement of students. We will have some temporary

WHAT'S COMING UP!

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

2017

WEEK 1

Thurs 26 Jan	Australia Day Public Holiday
Fri 27 Jan	Staff return – Pupil free

WEEK 2

Mon 30 Jan	Students return
Wed 1 Feb	Swimming Carnival
Fri 3 Feb	Kindergarten starts

staff at the beginning of the school year, this will change throughout the year, as staffing allocate some new permanent staff. Rest assured every class will have a teacher to begin the new school year.

School Security

As we move into the holiday break we would like to think our school will be safe from unwanted damage or break ins. I would like the community to be vigilant regarding this. If you notice anything unusual happening at the school, please phone the school security hotline - **1300 880 021** and they will send someone to check. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Year 6

Finally I would like to thank our graduating class of 2016. You are an extraordinary group of young adults. I am confident that we will continue to hear great things about you in the future. As I taught many of you in Kinder in 2010, it almost feels as though some of my own family are leaving. I am incredibly proud of you all and the manner in which you have all conducted yourselves this year especially is to be commended. I wish you well for the future.

To the current leadership team especially Tyler, Lana, Finnley and Zac I thank you for your support each week at assembly and your positive attitude to get the job done. To the outgoing SRC executive of Ryan, Sally, Gabby and Kurt thank you for your efforts in co-ordinating the SRC this year, a job well done.

I hope you all have a fantastic holiday and I look forward to seeing all of you (except year 6) in January 2017. May you all have a fantastic festive season and enjoy some well-deserved time with your families. Stay safe!

Kind Regards
 Deb Langfield

Student of the Week

This week's student of the week is diligent and consistent in everything he does. In class he excels academically, makes positive contributions to discussions and shows initiative when solving problems. In the playground he is fair and fun. His flair for creativity is evident in his song writing, storytelling, art and playing the sax.



Congratulations Bryn W

Meet our Honour Student



Thought for the week:

"Every gift which is given, even though it may be small, is in reality great, if it is given with affection." Pindar

Weekly Achievement Awards



Lilah E	KC	Hayley A	KT
Solomon K	KZ	Thaleh S	1M
Mia Mc	1W	Coco B	1/2W
Riley N	2N	Jade R	2/3O
Joshua S	3A	Ava W	3/4J
Lexi O	4S	Rose W	4/5L
Chloe O	5/6A	Finnley C	5/6R
Bill G	Library		

Recognising Student Achievements Gold Cards – Week 9 Term 4

Lachlan L	Harry R	Julia S
Ben H	Mahlia S	Tao H
Ohtis E x 2	Brady A	Jesse G
Indianna W	Riley N x 4	Milly S x 3
Taj O	Piper S	Sara R
Jamilah B	Sophie R x 4	Ella C
Emma F	Kahlila M x 2	Rhett W
Brock G	Jayden H	Reece N

Meet our Merit Students



Stella P



Emma F

Three Respects in Action – Dolphin Slips

Dolphin Slips are given to children for demonstrating the three Key Values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity in the playground. Draws are made each week from the Dolphin Slip box. Each child receives a canteen voucher.

Lilah E	Amy M	Jedd W
Mia	Duke M	Kallan B

Teaching Respect and Responsibility

The Bear Award is given to the class that demonstrates the best listening and participation skills during the weekly assembly.

Week: 10 Class: 3A Well done

Overdue Books

There are still quite a number of children with outstanding loans. If your child has not returned or paid for a replacement book it would be appreciated if they could be found over the holidays.

Unfortunately the cost for these missing books is over \$500. Your support in attending to this matter is appreciated. Overdue notes went home again to the students with outstanding loans on Wednesday.

Thank you, J Blair – Teacher Librarian.

Ever wanted to try Hockey?

Come & have a game for.....FREE!
New & experienced players welcome, (5-15yrs)
Learn Pre-season skills with experienced coaches.
Hockey sticks supplied, just come and have some fun getting fit.

Where: TURF at Kingsford Smith Park, Bentinck St, Ballina

When: 7/2/17 every Tuesday for 5wks

Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Bring: Hat, Sports shoes, water bottle, Shin pads and MOUTHGUARD essential.

For more information contact:

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Awards Presentation Assembly – More on the Website

