Principals Message

We have a very busy few weeks ahead of us. Swimming school has started for children from Year 2 to 4 and will run until Friday, 21st August. Approximately 100 children are participating in this very important programme. Please remind the children that they need to bring swimmers, towels and 3 dollars each day for the pool entry. This Friday, twelve of our talented athletes will be representing our school and district at the Far North Coast Athletics Carnival. Good luck to all children competing.

Also this week all of our children are presenting their speeches in their classes. The Stage Finals for Public Speaking will be held in the new hall on Monday 24th August, starting at 9:15am for Stage 2 at Stage 3. Kindergarten and Stage One will be held after recess at 11.30. All parents of children chosen to be in the finals will be informed by letter.

Our school Spelling Bee Finals will be held in the new hall on Thursday, 20th starting at 9:15am for stage 2, followed by stage 3. As part of the transition to high school programme 5/6K will be visiting Murwillumbah High School on Thursday 13th August for a day of Science and 6W on Tuesday 25th August. A big thank you to Miss Turnbull for organising these days.

Kindergarten children are having a visit this Friday, by Mr Larsen, a paramedic as part of their ‘000 Emergency Unit’. I’m sure the children will be excited to hear what he has to say and to see the inside of the ambulance.

Week 7 is BOOK WEEK with our Book Parade being held at 9am on Wednesday, 26th August. The theme for this year is “Books light up our world!” Students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character, and class groups will show off their costumes in the new hall at 9am. Please bring your school uniform to change into after the parade.

On Sunday 23rd August our ‘Tournament of the Minds’ children will be competing in Lismore. Our team are entered in the Language Literature category. Presently the students are working together to create a 10 minute scripted story that answers a complex question and they will present this on that day. The students will also participate in the spontaneous section, where they will be given two minutes to come up with a unique idea based on a given stimulus, discus-
sion point or picture. TOM tests the thinking skills of students and aids in building teamwork skills. It is designed to make students think outside the box and open their minds to new ideas and experiences. It is a showcase of what amazing thinkers our students are. We wish these children all the best.

Last week I had the privilege to travel to Sydney with our recorder group. I was impressed by not only their brilliant performance at the Sydney Opera House but by the way all children conducted themselves throughout the excursion. They were just spectacular and an absolute credit to our school. We received positive comments about the behaviour of our children not just at the performance but also from community members. This is not the first time we have received such positive feedback.

Congratulations to Avalon and Emma who were selected to perform in the solo group on stage. Their performance was outstanding. Avalon also did a magnificent job performing with the NSW State Wind Band. No doubt, these memories will stay with both girls and all the other recorder group members for many years to come.

Many thanks to Mrs Armour for all her time and effort in making sure that this trip was such a successful and rewarding one for all our children. Thankyou also to the many parents who made the trip to Sydney to support our children.

Last night our school recorder group (who took out first place at the recent Murwillumbah Performing Arts Festival and who also received the prestigious award of being named “The Most Outstanding Instrumental Group” at the Festival, including the Secondary and Adult categories) performed at the Festival of Performing Arts Concert and Awards night. Congratulations, again, to this fine group of musicians.

Just a reminder that the Expression of Interest note and $50 deposit, for the 2016 Canberra Excursion, need to be returned to school by Monday, 17th August.

It is great to see that, in the midst of all these activities, the children are settled and remembering school rules. Classrooms are busy and productive.

Barb Power

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**Merit Awards**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 4 TERM 3:**

**KL:** Kyra, Jai  
**KP:** Willow, Nathan  
**1K:** Finnian, Ashleigh  
**1/2S:** Zane, Charley  
**2H:** Acer, Vanessa  
**2/3G:** Ryleigh, Millie  
**3P:** Tilly, Mikelle  
**4P:** James, Dorian  
**4/5A:** Kiara, Maddi  
**5/6K:** Harley, Phoebe  
**6W:** Madjenta, Sid  
**Library:** Jack G, Thomas E

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 5 TERM 3:**

**KL:** Mia, Jai  
**KP:** Izaak, Brodie  
**1K:** Charlie, Riley  
**1/2S:** Robert, Sarah  
**2H:** Latoya, Rishab  
**2/3G:** Ryleigh, Ellie  
**4P:** Molly, Rose  
**4/5A:** Tlarra, Thomas  
**5/6K:** Zoe, Matthew  
**6W:** Connor, Jenna  
**Library:** Robert D, Lacey, Charlie
School News

SCHOOL SUPPLIES
Can you please check that your child/ren have the correct supplies for school. Glue sticks, pencils, rubbers etc do need be restocked over the course of the year. Teachers are noticing that some children are running out of/have run out of these essential school supplies.

WINTER COLDS AND FLU
It’s that time of the year again! Winter has brought with it not only the cold weather, but the sniffles too. We are asking that each child please brings in a box of tissues for their classroom. The tissues can be given to the classroom teacher. Thank you for your support!

Community News

LITTLE ATHLETICS
Come and join the family, fun and fitness with Tweed Seagulls Little Athletics
Sign on Days will be the 23rd and 30th of August from 10am – 12 pm at Walter Peate Oval, Murphys Rd Kingscliff
(Birth Certificate required for all new athletes)
Competition is every Saturday morning 8.00am at Walter Peate Oval Kingscliff
For more information
Email: ttlittleathletics@hotmail.com
Website: www.tweedlac.org.au
Call Centre Manager – Andrew 0416 072 375
Or Secretary – Sheree 0417 599 829

TYALGUM MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015
The Tyalgum Music Festival runs from 11-13 September with a family concert (Sunday 13th September, Adults $10 and kids gold coin) followed by a musical ball game on the village sports ground, plenty of free outdoor musical events all weekend, markets and a great line up of concerts.
Visit www.tyalgumfestival.com.au
As a major fundraiser towards the installation of shade shelters for the lunchtime eating area the P&C are holding a fete.

The fete is to be held on Friday 4th September at school from 3 - 7pm.

For this event to be a success we will need your help.

In the coming weeks would you please keep your clean, empty jars and fill them with small trinkets eg. lollies, hair bands, toy cars, rubber bands. These jar donations will be added to the tombola stall.

Cake stalls are always popular. Donations of your families favourite cakes, biscuits, slices etc can be dropped at school closer to the date of the fete. Seedlings, small plants and herb donations will be accepted and cared for until they are sold at the plant stall.

If you as a business owner or your place of work are able to donate a prize for the chocolate wheel it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the front office.

Most importantly is that you volunteer a short amount of your time to help at a stall or two. We will need volunteers for the BBQs and other stalls.

If everyone helps out for a short time we can only envison this fete being a huge success within our school community. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Natalie Hall at nat.hall@hotmail.com or 0488105389.

The next P&C meeting is Wednesday 26th August. This will be our annual Patrons night. Supper will be provided. It would be great to see some new faces at the P&C meetings.

Natalie Hall
P&C President
# CALENDAR

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If you are unable to do canteen on your rostered day please notify Debbie (0422 698 542) or the School ASAP, so a replacement can be found in time.