Notes from the Principal

Ryka Ali Performance: On Monday March 16 all students and staff were educated and entertained by Torres Strait Islander performer Ryka Ali. Some of the children and families who attended the performance recognized Ryka as he has appeared on the television show "Move It Mob Style". It was great to see Nan Cindy, Students and staff all had the opportunity to perform singing and dancing on the stage with Ryka.

AECG Thanks: Thank you to the Bega Aboriginal Education Consultative Group for meeting at Merimbula PS on Monday March 16. It was great to hear about the wonderful Aboriginal Education initiatives taking place across the Sapphire Coast Learning Community.

Canteen Helpers Needed: If you have a spare hour or two, any day of the week, please fill out the attached 'Canteen Volunteer' form. Some days we do not have anyone to assist Mrs Bunce our Canteen Supervisor. To ensure that our canteen can meet lunch order needs, and that we can continue to have special International Food Days, we need more support. Any amount of time would be great! Please return the slip identifying any support you can give ASAP.

Next P&C Meeting: The next P&C Meeting will be held during the K-2 Disco time, on March 31 from 5.00-6.25pm in the Staffroom. New parents/caregivers are welcome to come along.
We will be revisiting our Discipline and Anti-Bullying Policy as well as having a look at our School Plan for 2015-2017. We will also be talking about upcoming fundraisers and P&C initiatives.

Teacher Retirement: We wish to advise that our school librarian, Francine Dessai, is retiring from teaching. We would like to thank her for all her contributions to our school over the years that she has been here. We wish her the best of luck in her future ventures.
We will let you know who will be replacing her in the near future.

School News

Voluntary Contributions: Thank you to those families who have paid their voluntary contributions. We now have $4120.00 towards our estimated goal of $16,000.00 to spend on much needed resources for the education of our students.

Last Tuesday one lovely parent come in and paid their voluntary contributions with their credit card/debit card ($60). Unfortunately I have misplaced the printout from the eftpos machine so cannot credit it to your child/ren’s account. If you paid on this day could you please contact me. Thank you & sorry! Jackie Roberts.

School Money Box: It’s great to see so many children being independent and putting their money for discos, excursions etc. in the money box in the foyer before school. This frees up a lot of teaching time for teachers in the morning but also teaches the children responsibility. (Please remember to put names & classes on envelopes). Extra money envelopes are available from the office.

The Uniform shop is open on:
Mondays from 8.15am-9.15am
Thursdays from 8.15am-9.15am and 2.15pm - 3.15pm.
If you are unable to attend in these hours order forms are available from the school office. Please fill the order form out with payment options and leave in the post box in the foyer.

Term 1 SRC Disco: Tuesday March 31. Money and notes must be received at the office by Thursday March 26.
Unfortunately no late payments will be accepted.
Theme K-2 – Mufti – 5.00pm – 6.25pm
Theme Yrs 3-6 – HippY/Tie dye – 6.30pm-8.00pm

P & C News

Election Day Fundraiser Cake Stall/Book Stall: This weekend Saturday March 28. Donations of cakes, biscuits and slices needed for the Cake Stall (ingredients must be listed). Please drop off on Friday to school within school hours or on Saturday morning directly to stall. We are also asking for donations of second hand books for the book stall. There is a box in the school foyer for donations.

P & C Easter Raffle: Thank you to everyone who has sent in Easter eggs for the raffle, there is quite a basket building up but we still need more to make this a great fundraising event. All donations are gratefully appreciated. Thank you also to those who have returned their raffle tickets. If you would like extra raffle tickets they are available from the school office.

Tickets are $1. The raffle will be drawn prior to the Easter Hat Parade.

Annual Mother’s Day High Tea: Sunday May 3 at 2.30pm. Grab some girlfriends, your mum, grandma or aunty and enjoy a fun filled afternoon with delicious high tea treats, tea & coffee, bubbles, goodie bags and lucky door prizes. $40 per person. Please book and pay by April 24. Tickets are available from the school office or Brief Affairs.

Performing Arts

State Dance Workshops: Expression of interest notes were sent home on Monday for students selected to try out for the State Dance Workshops for Years 2, 3 and 4 students. Thank you to Ms Little for nominating students who have been performing well in Musical Theatre. Years 5 and 6 students will be selected in the coming weeks to try out for the workshops later in the year. The Year 2, 3 and 4 Workshops will be held on May 15 at the Sydney Dance Studios.

Musical Theatre: Musical theatre rehearsals are proceeding again after a brief break. This group is not only performing musical theatre, but is the school choir! We will be performing some lovely items for ANZAC day, including the hymn Abide with Me, and the New Zealand national anthem in Maori. If you are in our Musical Theatre group, please don’t forget to attend all rehearsals, Wednesday 1.55 - 2.55, and Monday 3.00 - 4.30. We are having lots of fun!

Sport

PSSA Representatives: Congratulations to the following students who made it the next round of selections for the PSSA South Coast Teams. Well done & good luck.

Boys Soccer: Logan Staight, Charlie Buckingham, Jem Ryan, Damon Kerr, Bailey Howker, Blake Suter and Sam Wood.

Girls Soccer: Liliana Watters, Mackenzie Baker and Arabella Tarpey.


PSSA Netball: Christine Sims.
K/1S will host on Monday will take place in the Jack on the green and finish on the red. This activity Kindergarten out. The theme is after this date permission note and $6 for school disco is Sport will start in w compulsory Please remember the Sport uniform is looking so good in Sport. The children really welcomed to seeing lots of parents and grandparents in a special way e parade or they may like to do their hair in a Cross Country: Our K-2 cross country obstacle course will be held on our school oval on Wednesday April 1 from 12.30pm. Remember to wear your house colours. Your child will need sunblock, good running shoes, a broad brimmed hat and an extra drink is always a good idea. Once again, parents and grandparents are very welcome to attend.

Sports Shirts: Our coloured sports shirts are looking so good in Sport. The children really enjoy supporting their Sport house in this way. Please remember the Sport uniform is compulsory from next term each Wednesday. Sport will start in week 2 and Kindergarten will also be joining us.

Disco: Last day to return your child’s signed permission note and $6 for school disco is Thursday, March 26. No money will be accepted after this date and we don’t want anyone to miss out. The theme is ‘Mufti’ so children are free to wear what they like. Proper footwear is required.

Kindergarten Writing: Today we are sending home a ‘getting ready to write’ sheet. You can out this in a protective sleeve and trace over this with a whiteboard marker. Remember to start on the green and finish on the red. This activity helps so much with our correct letter formation and starting points.

Assemblies: Kindergarten will begin hosting our Stage 1 fortnightly assemblies next term. This will take place in the Jackson hall from 1.55pm. K/1S will host on Monday May 4, KW on Monday May 18 and KJ June 1. We look forward to seeing you there. Thankyou to 1F for hosting our last K-2 assembly for this term.

Sport: Kindergarten will be joining Stage 1 for Sport on Wednesdays next term. Children will need to wear their coloured Sports shirt each Wednesday.

Drumming: Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at the Japanese drumming sessions held on Monday. We have really enjoyed learning about Asia this term.

P&C Book Drive: We hope that all Stage 2 families will support the P&C Book Drive on Election Day by bringing in all their second hand books. Books need to be in by this Friday March 27.

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PBS Awards: Nine students from Stage 2 have achieved PBS Merit Awards this week. These children had completed one area of their PBS Matrix. Awardees were: Lachlan Harris, Hollie Staight and Charlie Wheeler for Respect Jaimee Connell and Angus Kew for Care Lara Kellalea for Fairness Jayden Reyneke and Jayda Hulme for Responsibility Congratulations to Clayton Badulovich who received a wrist band for completing his Respect Matrix four times.

Easter Hat Parade: The school’s annual Easter Hat and Hair Parade will be held on Tuesday March 31 which is the same day as the disco. We are all looking forward to seeing what creative ideas our Stage 2 children come up with!

Stage 3 News

Stage 3 Homework Assignments: A reminder that Stage 3 homework assignments are due this Friday, March 27. We appreciate all the effort that has gone into completing them and look forward to looking at them.

Year 6 High School Forms: These forms are now OVERDUE. It is important that all students complete these forms and indicate whether they are going to be attending a government or non-government high school. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

More hat ideas...

Safetytown Website – A Road Safety Education Program: This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit https://www.safetytown.com.au

Back by Popular Demand: Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environmet/health/pages/nitbusters.aspx

Bullying Knows No Bounds: When cyberbullying hits home – what one mum wishes she’d done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using. http://www.schoolsataz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home

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