Notes from the Principal

Trivia Night Success: Thank you to the P&C, particularly Karyn Denaro, Bec Smith, Margie Hazelgrove and Kellie Gray for organising the Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday night, and thank you to their helpers on the night Staci McMahon, Nicole Uren and Catherine Kennedy. Thank you also to Mr Unicomb for being a great host and to Ian Powell from Merimbula Lake Real Estate for being our auctioneer on the night. It was an amazing night full of fun and fundraising for our students. Thank you to all who attended on the night and made it such a successful event.

Attendance: Why your child should go to school? The Education Act (1990) states that children must attend school unless there are justified reasons for an absence. All absences must be explained to the school within seven days of their occurrence. Students will have their absences marked as “Unjustified” after 7 days without explanation. The legal documentation held at schools cannot be adjusted after this 7 calendar day period, therefore please call the office or send your child’s classroom teacher a note to explain any absence before the school week ends. The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 years of age are required to attend school.

It is the responsibility of parents or caregivers to make sure that their children attend school every day.

Must I send my child to school every day? YES unless: 
* Your child is too sick to go to school
* Your child has been injured
* Your child has to go to a special religious ceremony
* Your child has an infectious illness (eg. Chicken pox, mumps or measles)
* There is a serious family situation which requires their involvement.

Must my child attend school sport?
YES: Sport days and other exercise help the healthy physical development of children. Sport is part of normal school activity which students must attend.

Why is regular attendance at school important? Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

If students miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they may have problems early on. Regular attendance at school will help your child succeed in later life. Unsatisfactory school attendance may affect the awarding of both the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate (HSC).

Please do not keep your child away from school for birthdays, minding other children, haircuts, if visitors are in town, because they don’t feel like attending school or because there is a change in routine and you don’t think your child will miss any learning (i.e. as an excursion is on). Always try to make appointments with people like dentists or doctors before or after school and please do not keep your child at home as you do not have any lunch to send in with them. If you need assistance with lunches or getting your child to want to attend school, please let us know.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?
* It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and why your child was absent.
* The parent or caregiver should provide a written note addressed to the school explaining the child’s absence with 7 days of the absence occurring.

Planning on going on holiday in school time? Please complete an “Application for Extended Leave”, available on the school website OR at the front office and submit to school for Principal’s approval prior to travelling.

My child won’t go to school. What should I do? You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help. The principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you to discuss the issue. School is a place, where parents and caregivers, staff and children learn and grow together. Children need an education to reach their potential. Attendance every day is important for children’s progress at school. Children who attend school regularly are usually more successful than those who are absent frequently. Please let the school know when your child cannot be there because of illness or family matters.

School News

P & C Raffle winners: The following students were the lucky winners of our recent P & C Raffle: KU – Tyler Banks, KW – Liam Rikken, K/1S – Corey Bennett, 1Y – Darby Rosenbaum, 1/2V – Mieka Evans and Amali Osmond, 2H – Wyatt Pursell, 2/3BR – Kellie Pickup, 3J – Jayda Hulme, 3ST – Lauren Stewart, 4C – Lachlan Charlton-Seaman, 4/SHD – Ethan Scerri, 5H – Marlee Ahmat, 5/6BL – Finn Sinclair, 6K – Brooke Greig. Congratulations everyone.

Lost Property!!!

There is an enormous amount of lost property located in the sports shed at the moment, the majority of it being jumpers and jackets. If your child is missing a hat, jacket, jumper or any other item, please get them to check the lost property this week. If items are not claimed by this Friday (end of term) all that is remaining will be washed and resold second had from the canteen.

K-2 News

Assemblies: Our next assembly will be hosted by 2/3BR on Monday 20th July, and will be held in the Jackson Hall. All are very welcome to come along.

Talking and Listening Task: We have heard some fantastic information being presented this week on many different and varied living things. Well done to all those students who have presented their research this week.

Thank You: Thank you to all our parent helpers who have helped us become better readers, writers and mathematicians.

School Supplies: We would really appreciate it if parents could help their children to top up their supplies over the holidays. Children are in need of new whiteboard markers, pencils, text as and glue sticks.

Stage 2 News

PBS: This week three students from Stage 2 have achieved PBS Merit Awards for completing one area of their PBS Matrix.
The Multicultural Speaking contest

On Monday I went to Bodalla for a speaking competition. It was held at Bodalla Public School in the school hall. There were four people that greeted us and took us to the hall where I told two students my name and the topic I had chosen. On a table there were cups of tea, coffee and biscuits. We sat up the back and waited until my name was called. “Now Annabelle Gray talking about ‘Every Family Has a Story,’” said one of the Year 6 Bodalla students. After all the prepared speeches there was a short fifteen minute break and all the speakers were offered fruit and cupcakes. Once the fifteen minute break was over we were sent down to the wooden seats and waited to get called inside to write our impromptu speeches. Our topic was “My Big Idea”, and we only had five minutes to prepare the speech. Everyone’s speeches were very successful in our session and a girl from Moruya Public School won the contest. It was a magical day in Bodalla and also at the speaking contest! By Annabelle Gray 4C

Conversations: This week’s parent/caregiver/child conversation topic is ‘Time’. Can your child read the time on an analogue and digital clock? Can they read o’clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Can your child find their birth date on a calendar? What is 24 hour time?

Are you in a swimming club?
Pambula Swimming Club will be holding a winter short course qualifying carnival at the heated, indoor Sapphire Aquatic Centre on Pambula Beach Road on Saturday 12th July with warm-ups starting at 9am. The programme and online entries will be available on the SESA website with medals awarded for placings. A fun winter BBQ will be available on the day plus goodies from the Aquatic Centre’s kiosk.

The Uniform shop is open on:

Mondays from 8.15 am-9.15 am, Thursdays from 8.15 am-9.15 am & 2.15 pm - 3.15 pm.

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.

Stage 3 News

It’s week 10, and we all know that means holidays. We hope all students and their families enjoy the winter break and take the time to relax. It has been a busy term and lots of learning has taken place. Students should know the ins and outs of ‘The Anzacs’, moving Australia through federation, the fight for equal rights by minority groups and our solar system, to name a few. We will aim to get the field events completed by the holidays, but the rain has affected this. Stage 3 will welcome back, Mrs Brewer (formally, Ms Hensman) next term. She will be returning for 2 days per week on 5/4/HD, both staff and students are excited.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion: The next instalment of $50 for the Canberra excursion is now due. Payments may be made at any time at the office.