Dear Parents,

Aboriginal Education Officer Appointment
Welcome to Mr Nathanael Slater who has begun as our new Aboriginal Education Officer. He will be replacing Mr Clark who is on leave for a year.

60 Wedding Anniversary
Congratulations to Harold and Joyce Durrant who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary at the weekend. As you may be aware, Harold and Joyce have assisted in creating the marvellous lawns and gardens that make our school a create environment for our students.

Sports Uniform
On the occasions where students are required to change clothes for sporting activities, they need to bring their school sports uniform to change into.

Trivia Night
The School Trivia Night will be held on Friday, 16th May at Werris Creek Bowling and Tennis Club. Proceeds from this event will go towards the Primary School’s major excursion to the Gold Coast later in the year.

SRC Breakfast
The School’s SRC will be holding a Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast, this Thursday from 8:30am to 9:00am.

Currabubula Small School Art Show
Small School Art Show at Currabubula is open from 10 - 4 pm Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th May, 2014 if you would like to view your child/children's artwork.

Netball Report
On Thursday 1st May Chloe, Mia, Shona, Phoebe, Jayden, Montanna, Maddy and Lillie travelled to Tamworth Sports Dome to play against Timbumburi.

We all played extremely well for our first game together. All of us had so much fun but there had to be a winner and unfortunately Timbumburi lost to us 24 – 0.

The team would like to thank Mrs MacBeth for dedicating her time to us. She gave up her lunch times to help us practice. She also did a great job coaching us during the game. We would also like to thank Mrs Harris for helping with the transport to and from Tamworth and helping us during sport. Thank you Mrs Roser-Whitney for giving us a pep talk before we went too.

Finally we would like to thank all the parents who helped transport us to Tamworth and supporting us on the court. Our next game is against Tamworth South on Thursday the 15th of May.

Timothy Munday
Acting Principal
Welcome to Term 2! We have been very busy in Kindy making something special. Thanks to Bailey’s mum for sharing her amazing photos, experiences and knowledge from the Navy with the children for ANZAC Day.

Thank you to all those children who attended the ANZAC March!!! Please make sure everything has your child’s name on it.

Kindergarten are going to have a book sale at Recess on Thursday. Books will be 10c each and all money made will go towards buying whiteboards for the class and new story books. Our Gross Motor programme starts next week—everybody is welcome to come and help at 1:40 pm for a 2:00 pm start. Full sports uniform is required to change into.

Literacy groups start next week. Helpers are needed to take small groups and play literacy games.

I have sent home a sight program to encourage children to learn their sight words. Every set can earn your child 10 DOJO points (that’s 40 in total)……. that would get them a pick from the Super Draw box.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have another teacher, Mrs Elliott join us in Kindergarten. She is a great asset to the room.

Emily Tomlinson

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**YEAR 1**

Welcome back to term 2!

Just a reminder to parents that homework has been sent out this week.

This week in Literacy we are focusing on ‘Possum Magic’ by Mem Fox to assist us in writing procedures, and learning about verbs. The main spelling sound for the week is ‘ot’, while the handwriting focus letter is ‘Uu’.

This term is only 9 weeks and before you know it the school half yearly reports will be sent home.

During HSIE we are looking at the unit of ‘Identifying Us’. This entails looking at different organisations and groups within our community and beyond and how they operate.

This week in mathematics we are looking at arrays and pattern groups for multiplication. It would be great if you could get your child to practice 2x, 5x and 10x’s tables.

In PE we are working on our fitness by doing circuits in the hall along with working on our athletics skills in sport.

While I encourage the children to change into their PE clothes it is now becoming a fashion statement. Therefore as a whole school we have now decided to put a stop to wearing anything to PE and thus wear our sports uniform on the day or your child may still want to change at lunch time into their sports uniform.

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**YEAR 2/3**

Welcome to another great term in 2/3. It was great to hear the stories of what the kids got up to over the break.

We will be continuing Cross Country practice this week just before lunch. If the children want to bring their joggers to change into that will be fine. If they want to change clothes it can be their sports uniform please. Cross Country is this Friday.

NAPLAN is next week (13th, 14th and 15th May) and I would like to wish all the children well. I would also like to wish all the Mothers, Grandmothers and carers out there a great Mothers Day.

Courtney Lyon
YEAR 4/5

This week Year 4/5 are pursuing the study of persuasive text. They have looked at presenting arguments from both sides of an issue and the structure of persuasive texts. Year 5 students from 4/5 and 5/6 have undergone further weekly practices for the upcoming NAPLAN tests. Students will be working with addition of 2 and 3 digit numbers. Year 4/5 have continued their work with aspects of the Australian identity.

Tim Munday

Year 5/6

5/6 have had a very productive start to Term 2! We have started our ‘Antarctica’ unit of work for HSIE. We have also started our new English unit, ‘Survival in our World’, which explores environmental issues presented in a range of texts. The major task for this term will be a speech on an endangered species. Students will research and prepare a presentation with visual aids.

In Maths we are looking at ordering, place value, and rounding numbers. In PDHPE we have looked at the components of health (social, emotional, and physical) and factors affecting health. An expression of interest for Year 6 shirts will be sent out this week. Please return forms as soon as possible so I can order the shirts.

Roxanne Harris

LIBRARY

It is wonderful to hear all the adventures and experiences the students had over the holiday. All science lessons and library lessons are back in full swing and we are all having heaps of fun.

Active After School starts this week. It will be multi-skill sessions and game skills. These will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays as normal. Pick up is at 4pm. If you didn’t get a note just jot one down and send it in to me. I will need a note if you intend for your child to walk home.

Chris Lyon
Principal’s Awards

5 Gold slips—Josey Bizant
10 Gold slips—
15 Gold slips—
20 Gold slips—

Home Reading Nights
25 Nights -
50 Nights—Lilly Cope, Charlie Cunningham, Sam Smith, Laura Davis, Emily Daw, Erica Bizant, Tom Moore, Tremayne Millgate, Ataya McLaren
75 Nights—Erica Bizant; Zachary Taylor, Jack Woods

2014 Dance Festival
An Expression of Interest will be sent out this week for students interested in participating in Dance Festival this year. Dance Festival is a fabulous event to be a part of! Being a part of the Dance Festival is an opportunity for your child to learn coordination, social skills, confidence and more!
Roxanne Harris

5th May
E. Garey

6th May
T. Landrigan

7th May
K. Holloway

8th May
CLOSED

9th May
L. Smith
T. Hughes

12th May
T. Cope

13th May

14th May
E. Garey

15th May
CLOSED

16th May
L. Smith
T. Hughes

Next Meeting—The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14.05.14, commencing at 1:00 in the school hall.

Meals-On-Wheels—It is P&C’s turn for Meals-on-Wheels this week. Please contact Karen Holloway if you can assist Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Term 2 Canteen Roster—A canteen roster for Term 2 was sent home at the end of last term. Please place your name on your preferred date/day if you are able to assist or please contact the school office to have your name added to the roster.

Mother’s Day Raffle—Please return tickets and money by Friday 9th May. We are holding a BBQ at IGA Quirindi on Saturday, 10.05.14, along with ticket sales for the Mother’s Day raffle. If you are able to assist at this BBQ please contact any member of the P&C.

Mother’s Day Stall—This is being held Thursday 8th May. Gifts will be $4.00. To make the stall run smoother on the day it would be appreciated if money for gifts could be paid prior to the day. This can be done by placing your child’s name/class and money, along with number of gifts being purchased, in an envelope and forwarding to school before Thursday, 8.05.14. There will be limited supply of Nan/Grandmother gifts also.

Raffle—The P&C are hosting the raffle at the football at David Taylor Oval on Sunday 18th May as part of their fundraising efforts this term. If you are able to assist please contact Trish Landrigan.

Pie Drive—Order forms were sent out on Monday. Orders and money to be returned to school by Friday, 23rd May, 2014.

New Ideas—Canteen are trialling some new ideas for our winter menu during the month of May: Fish Fingers (30c each) and Potato skins with cheese (80c). The most popular item will be added to the winter menu.

Quirindi Zone PSSA Touch Trials
On Friday May 2nd we had 12 children travel to Quirindi to contest a spot on the Quirindi Zone Touch Football team for boys and girls.
Malik, Thomas, Cameron, Ben, Jesse and Domanic had to compete against 31 other players whereas Georgia, Chloe, Jamiah, Lillie, Mia and Jayden had just over 20 girls. The boys played 3 games and were mixed up with boys from Quirindi, Walhallow and Willow Tree. Malik and Cameron made it into the possible and probables. Malik was successful in getting into the Quirindi Zone Team to play in Armidale on Friday, 16.05.14.
The girls were also placed into a mixed team. We did speed work and then played a game. Chloe, Georgia and Lillie were successful in making the Quirindi Zone Girls Touch team. Jayden got to be a shadow reserve. Girls will travel to Tamworth on Friday, 16.05.14.
Malik, Chloe and Jayden