Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It is most unfortunate that we have had to postpone our horse sports which were to be held on this coming Friday. Due to circumstances beyond our control this decision, which was not taken lightly, had to be made. The organizing committee are working with DEC and our calendar to find a new date.

More unfortunate news is that Ms Fox has taken ill and will be on leave until Week 9. We hope she is feeling better soon.

At the last P&C meeting, staff presented a proposal to change the structure of our school day. One reason is that we have noticed that many children are looking for something more substantial to eat at the recess break so this will now be the lunch break.

9.15 to 9.30     Daily P.E
9.30 to 11.30    Literacy
11.30 to 12.15   Lunch + play     15 mins + 30 mins
12.15 to 1.30    Maths
1.30 to 2.00     Recess + play    10 mins + 20 mins
2.00 to 3.15     Afternoon lessons

We are also hoping to avoid as much play in the heat of the day. This will be a trial which will begin next week Monday 9th March. We will be asking for your feedback later in the term. Families with contacts at other schools will know that this arrangement is not uncommon these days.

As you have probably realized I will be relieving in Ms Fox's absence.

Regards,

Michelle Cooper
Students of the Week

K-2
Ella—working VERY hard in reading and sounds.
Macarthur—great work in sounds, reading and writing.

Y3-6
Angus—for confidently sharing his knowledge with others
Bridie—for consistent effort and class participation

Citizenship Award
Angus and Oliver—helping with chores around the school

Regional Swimming Carnival
Our PP5 relay team of Kandice, Anekah, Ebony and Quinn will compete at Maitland Pool tomorrow. We wish them the best of luck.

Youth Council
For our school leaders, their next Youth Council meeting will be held at Murrurundi Public School on 10th March from 10am. A separate permission note will be given to the children involved.

Grandparents’ Day
Our celebration for our wonderful Nans, Pops, Grans, Pas, Grandmas and Grandpas will be held on 17th March, 2015 at 9.30am. This year children will be making a sock puppet so we would like each child to bring along an old sock (one of those ‘good’ socks that didn’t get lost along with its partner, in the wash).

Parents are asked to supply a plate of goodies for morning tea/lunch please.

Clean Up Australia Day
Somehow this annual event slipped through to the keeper last week so we didn’t clean up our service road and Norvill Park.

We will however be participating in a clean up this Friday, 6th March, 2015 at 9.30 (before it gets too hot). If any parents are available to be extra eyes while Yrs 3-6 cross the road and are in the park and K-2 are along the service road I would appreciate it.

Children can bring suitable gloves from home if they have them.

Please return the permission notes as soon as possible please.

Zone Cross Country
Don’t forget to let Mrs Cooper know if you wish to compete in this event on 27th March, 2015 at Muswellbrook.
Zone Swimming Carnival at Singleton

Thank you certificate for Mr Tuckwell (accepted by Mrs Tuckwell) who donated funds to the school from his touch football barbecues.