PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Unfortunately one of our students was hit by a car while riding their bicycle this week. He has a broken leg but is otherwise fine. Every so often accidents happen no matter how much care is taken. What doesn’t always happen is the amazing support that the family has had from our kind hearted parent community. A community where families help families is one in which I want to live.

The Little Terns project is a community event that will help all of us to appreciate and help protect our local colony of Little Terns at the mouth of Bonville Creek. The students will be working with an artist from our community over the next few weeks to create art works for display in the community and for the Summer Session Parade on Thursday 12 November. Students will need 2L plastic milk cartons (please rinse out with water).

Next Week is Bird Week. Students will be participating in the Aussie Bird Count and Schoolyard Twitch. Data will be added to a national data base. Families can also participate by registering online and count birds, for 20 minutes in their own backyard. There is also an app. Students can now see Mr Moore or Mr Cheers at lunchtimes in Mr Moore’s room to collect and hand in BIRDO sheets. These sheets are skills development sheets that help anyone to improve their bird identification skills. Parents are welcome to participate as well, just send a note with your child.

Many of our students are having lead auditions for the Bongil Bongil Musicale in June 2016. After the school auditions, students will then have to have auditions at Toormina High School. Yesterday it was wonderful to see over 50 students from our local schools trying out for singing leads. Such courage to stand in front of a large group and be judged, just like on TV.

A few of our students have been successful in winning prizes for designing a logo for the Boambee Community Garden. They will presented with their prizes at assembly this Friday at 1:35. Winners were Riaz 2/3W, Zakai KM, Shakrya K/1S.

After discussion at the P&C meeting on Monday night the school will be trialing a daytime Presentation Ceremony on the morning of Thursday 3 December. A detailed order of events will be advertised in the newsletter very soon so as to give working parents an opportunity to organise work schedules.

With the UV very high could parents please ensure all students have a school hat. They are $15 at the office. Students without school hats must play under the basketball court cover but a hat is essential for other outdoor activities at school.

Next week I will be in Sydney for the NSW Principal’s Conference. I am hoping to be exposed to the latest thinking in education. Miss Beveridge will be Relieving Principal in my absence.

As we look towards 2016 it is essential for our planning to know if families are leaving our school. Please inform the office or Mr Cheers if your family is leaving or if you know of anyone wanting to enrol in 2016. The school is currently closed to out of zone enrolments.

I am looking forward to sleeping in ‘the wilds’ of Cascade tonight as I join the Year 4 Camp.

SPORT REPORT

Our Boys Touch Football team were defeated 8-4 by Southern Cross Ballina in the north Coast PSSA Knockout Final. This means they finished equal 9th in NSW. A great effort. Thanks Gary Stevenson, Rod & Julie Buckle for transporting the boys 3hrs to Ballina.

Tom Neal, Kane Wells and Will Lloyd are competing in the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships this week. We wish the boys well.

BIG BIKE RIDE

Over 100 Year 4, 5 & 6 students took part in the annual school Big Bike Ride to Coffs Harbour Jetty. Congratulations to all those who completed the 22km ride. A special thanks to all the parents who supported the ride and assisted at the foreshores.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER

KB Jensen Collins, KM Maddox Rattray, K/1S Koby Werner, 1GC Ethan Boon, 1H Graeme Bridges, 2AF Zachery Moore, 2W Aston Foley, 2/3W Eveie Ross, 3/4A Biannca Payne, 3/4M Alex Cheers-Flavell, 4/5P Noah Bouquet-Gray, 5/6B Sarah Ryan, 5/6K Charnay Draydon.

Citizenship Award Keinan Noble 3/4A.
SCHOOL PLAN 2016-17
If parents have any ideas pertaining to the direction of the school in line with our three strategic directions of English/mathematics, Wellbeing and 21st Century Learning please call me or grab me for a chat.

BAND NEWS
Please bring instruments this Friday.

P&C NEWS
Can you help with a BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 25 October to raise money for the school? We need volunteers - preferably for one of the following time slots (7 - 10am; 10 - 1pm; 1 - 4pm). Please call or text Tanya Cruwys if you can help - M 0437 522 070.
Trivia night at the school is on this Saturday October 17, 7pm start in the new hall. Theme Fairytales! Get your Trivia tables together - Tickets $10 per person. Tickets available at the front office or on the night.
A committee is being formed to help develop a plan for the school grounds and buildings. If you are interested in being part of the committee please contact Tim Ruge (P&C Secretary) on 0424 743 033.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Fri 16 Oct    Garden Logo Prize Assembly 1:35
Thurs 22 Oct  Year 3 Camp
Mon 19 Oct    Bird Count / School Yard Twitch
Wed 21 Oct    Bongil Bongil Public Speaking
Fri 23 Oct    Kindergarten Orientation
28-30 Oct    Opera House Choir
Mon 2 Nov     P&C Meeting 7:00pm
Wed 4 Nov     Sawtell Cinema Day
9-13 Nov     Year 6 Sydney Excursion
Thurs 12 Nov  Little Tern - Summer Session
Thurs 3 Dec   Presentation Day
Thurs 3 Dec   Parents Thankyou Morning Tea
Tues 8 Dec    School Concert Night
Mon 14 Dec    Year 6 Farewell
Tues 15 Dec   Picnic Day
We 16 Dec     Last Day Of Term

ASSEMBLY
This week’s Assembly 8:55am Friday: 2W

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