Principal Message

As the end of year approaches we are very busy in our classrooms and also preparing for our end of year celebrations.

Our 8 days intensive swimming program begins next week where students will participate in lessons to improve water confidence, be aware of safety around the water and improve stroke technique.

Just a reminder to ensure that your child brings to school a broad brimmed hat and a drink each day as we are experiences some very hot weather.

Kind Regards
Shanelle Gunther
Relieving Principal
INFANTS NEWS

Our class has continued to focus on writing expositions. This week we have looked at the topic of pocket money and whether we think kids should get it. The students came up with some terrific arguments and are starting to get the idea of backing up their opinions with reasons.

In science we have been exploring sounds and light. This week the children were learning about vibrations. We had fun making and using a paper cup telephone to speak to one another. Just a reminder that home readers are due in on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS. Homework is due in on FRIDAYS. Our Library day is also FRIDAY so children will need to return their books in order to borrow new ones.

PRIMARY NEWS

In our class students have enjoyed publishing some of their Information Reports on their computers using a variety of fonts, borders and inserting pictures. These will be displayed in our room before being made up into our own ‘Interesting Animals’ class book. In Maths we have been working on Whole Number & Addition. Students have been engaged in a variety of group, interactive smart board and individual activities. In Visual Arts students have been exploring a technique using contrasting patterns and overlapping circles. Just a reminder that Home Readers go home daily and Homework is due on Friday’s. Our Library Day is WEDNESDAY.

Mitchell Darlington’s great artwork.
AWARDS Week 4

Super Spellers
Travis Patterson
Lizzie Reynolds
Dotty Coulter
Dom Holt
Nathan Philp
Lilly Cruickshank
Chelsea Darlington
Shayla Pevy
Taneekwa Patterson
Haylie Reynolds
Ava Smedley
Jaimie Loeb
Chloé Johnson
Marika Patterson

Mathletics Awards
Sarah-Jane Casson
Bronze Award

AWARDS Week 5

Class Awards
Taneekwa Patterson—Super effort in class.
Jaimie Loeb—Great manners all day.
Ava Smedley—Fantastic effort in art.
Kaylea Law—Great effort in spelling.
Emily Cruickshank—

Dojo Awards
Jaimie Loeb

Super Spellers
Dotty Coulter
Jaimie Loeb
Haylie Reynolds
Marika Patterson
Nathan Philp
Ava Smedley
Jaydan Taylor
Zara Beale
Kaylea Law

Haylie Reynolds—Pen License.
Marika Patterson—Great leadership.
Amy Beale—Great effort in information reports.
Dotty Coulter—Great singing in music.
Shayla Pevy—Great improvement in all areas.
Brodie Taylor—Great effort in information reports.
Thomas Ramsay—Becoming more confident in class.
Alex Loeb—Neat handwriting.
Lilly Harris—Good listening and following instructions.
**DEC NEWS**

**Kids, homework and lies**
Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O'Loghlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.


**Maths at home**
Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.


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Fresh Tastes @ School

Our school is committed to implementing Fresh Tastes@school in our canteen. Fresh Tastes@school is a state-wide policy that determines the types of foods and drinks available for sale in school canteens.

All foods and drinks are grouped into one of three categories:

Green foods – Fill the menu. These foods are full of nutrients and should dominate the canteen menu. For example vegetables, fruit, reduced fat milk, lean meat, bread and cereals

Amber foods – Select Carefully. These foods are mainly processed foods and have some sugar, fat and salt added to them. They should not dominate the menu. For example: Full cream milk, fruit drinks, pizzas, chicken nuggets and pies.

Red foods – Occasional foods. These foods can only be sold twice per term and should not appear regular items on the canteen menu. For example confectionary and deep-fried foods.

Our school is being supported by the Good for Kids team to help make some healthy sustainable changes to our canteen menu.

Reference:

Good for Kids PICINIC resources
Spotlighting adventure to meet the locals

Join the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services on a spotlighting adventure the whole family will love, meeting some of our nocturnal inhabitants.

Date for the Spotlight walk is:
Glen Innes: Friday 5th December 2014
Map will be provide once RSVP.

Time:
5 - 9pm (BBQ dinner provided).

Details:
Adventurers will be treated to a wildlife display from local ecologist Phil Spark who will showcase bats, snakes, lizards, frogs and other critters that live in the area. Kids (and adults) will have a chance to get up close and personal with the animals. After dinner and after dark Phil will play animal and bird calls to attract local critters. We will then head off together into surrounding bushland to see what creatures we can find.

To bring:
People need to bring torch, sturdy footwear, warm clothes and sense of adventure!!!

Get in quickly to book your Spotlight Adventure.
Numbers are limited.

RSVP: 3 days before each event

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