From the Principal’s Desk
Week 3 already and how the last two weeks have flown by! There are a number of exciting activities happening over the next few weeks so I hope to see you at school soon.

Water Bug Excursion
This Wednesday, our school will be visited by Mid Coast Water who will conduct our ‘Water Bug’ excursion. During the afternoon session, the school will walk to the river where we will undertake our water investigation. This activity will not only allow us to enjoy catching some water bugs but will also tell us how healthy our water is!

Day for Daniel
Next Friday, 30th October we are participating in the Day for Daniel. We are asking students to wear red on that day. The day is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. Wear Red and Educate is the theme of the Day for Daniel as we strive to have schools, kindergartens, businesses and communities across Australia take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help in Keeping Kids Safe.

Grandparents Day
This Friday, the school will hold our Grandparents day. Activities will commence at 10am and we hope all grandparents can join us for lunch around 11.30am. We look forward to catching up with our grandparents on the day!

Swim School
From 9 November to 13 November, students will be learning to swim at Great Lakes YMCA in Forster. The group will leave school at 9.30am and return no later than 2.00pm each day. The cost for the week is $35 for 1 child, $60 for 2 or $70 for 3 children, which includes transport costs and pool entry. Could you please return the permission slip and money to Trish ASAP or complete the eform on our ‘Skoolbag’ app.

CALENDAR

TERM 4 WEEK 3
Thursday 22nd October
P&C Meeting 2pm
Friday 23rd Oct
Grandparents Day

TERM 4 WEEK 4
Wednesday 28th Oct
Assembly 2pm
Friday 30th Oct
Day for Daniel
Saturday 31st Oct
Car Boot Sale

TERM 4 WEEK 6
Mon 9th Nov – Friday 13th Nov
School Swimming Scheme

TERM 4 WEEK 7
Wednesday 18th Nov
Assembly 2pm
Week 2 Assembly
Last Wednesday afternoon, we held our first assembly of the term. At the assembly, we announced our class reading, writing, numeracy and playground awards as well as our newest Bronze, Silver and Gold award winners. Congratulations to all students!

Car Boot Sale
Rapidly approaching is our school ‘Car Boot Sale’. On Saturday 31st October, the school P and C will hold the sale at the Coolongolook Oval. The day will start at 9am and all enquiries can be made through the school office. We are currently seeking volunteers for the day and we look forward to your involvement in this community activity. Further discussion of this event will occur at the P and C meeting on Thursday at 2pm.

School Bushfire Plans
During Term 4, all schools in bushfire prone areas have once again been asked to update their plans in case of emergency. Our school was identified as a school at risk and I’m currently updating our plan. If you would like to learn more about our arrangements in case of emergency, the plan will be discussed at our next P and C meeting.

P and C Meeting
Our next P and C meeting will be held this Thursday at 2pm. On the agenda will be discussion of the Term 4 Driver Reviver, helpers for the upcoming Car Boot sale, Bushfire Plans and the P and C gift for the presentation assembly. We hope to see you there!

School Hats and Water Bottles
With the summer months almost upon us, it is more important than ever to cover up and rehydrate. Therefore during Term 4, all students will be encouraged to have the bottle filled at all times and have them in the room during class time. In addition, it is compulsory for all students to be wearing their school hats during playtime. We will once again be enforcing the ‘No hat, no play’ rule during the term and any student without a hat will remain sitting in the shaded area at playtime.

Head Lice
Just a quick reminder, that there have been a few recent reports of head lice at school. We hope you can continue to check your child’s hair regularly and take appropriate action if required.

Library Borrowing
Just a reminder that we are now changing library books during our weekly library lessons. These lessons will be taught by Mrs Smith and Mrs Walker on Thursdays. The lessons will be held during the morning session.

Jason Tindall
Teaching Principal

K/1/2 News
**Fruit**

There are a couple of students forgetting to pack their fruit (or put it into the basket) of a morning. Although on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday students are still able to share from the fruit bowls, on Thursday and Friday when students are eating their own fruit due to changes in the timetable, i.e. Library on Thursday and Sport on Friday, some students are not having fruit. Could you please remind your child/ren to pack their fruit each morning.

**K-2 Excursion**

Our excursion is now all booked in for November 25th. We are going to the Koala Hospital. Then on to Roto House and finally having lunch at Hogsbreath. Students will be provided with a menu to choose from for lunch prior to the day so we can fax it beforehand. This will ensure that our lunch is ready on time. Please have all students to school by 8:45am on the day so we can leave promptly as soon as the bus arrives.

**Circus Unit**

This term we are studying the circus. This unit encompass’ our literacy, PE and history KLA’s as well as maths and science where possible. A note will be sent home during this week outlining a special afternoon we are planning as a farewell to Mrs Capizzi which will involve a small circus party, including face painting and practising some circus skills.

**Homework**

It has been brought to my attention that some students are rushing through their homework and completing it using textas, pens or highlighters. Some students are even thinking that homework is not compulsory. I have spoken to all students at morning assembly about this matter and that students will be missing out on play on Monday’s if their homework isn’t done or is done unsatisfactorily.

**Home Reading**

Most students are reading quite well at home each night for their home reading, however it has been noticed that some students are not taking home a home reader even though they are asked to choose one each Monday. If your child does not bring a home reader home on a Monday, please ring the school so we can remind them to take one on Tuesday. Alternatively, a home reader does not have to be a book from school. If your child enjoys reading from their own bookshelf, these books can be written down and signed off on each night.

**Grandparents Day**

NSW Grandparents Day is a state funded initiative that celebrates the vital role that grandparents play in our society, as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care and love to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents Day recognises the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and in the wider community.

A note will be sent home detailing activities for this day.

*Anne-Maree Ross*
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