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'Together We Succeed'

Term 4 Week 6

Principal Report

WHAT I LOVED ABOUT THE WEEK

It has been another busy week here at school. I want to say a big thank you to all our teachers who have been thoughtfully putting together school reports for all our students. It is a very time consuming but worthwhile job that is added on top of the normal busy schedule that teachers have. I know how much our teachers value the importance of making sure they know their students really well and being able to let our parents know about what their child has been doing at school is significant.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

We are very pleased to be supporting yet another great community initiative run by local businesses and charities. 'Smile at Christmas,' is a 'giving tree' that is located in the foyer of the front office. Christmas tags have been attached ready for anyone who would like to buy a christmas present for an underprivileged child, wrap it up and return it to school underneath the Christmas tree. We are grateful to support the people from 'smileelite' who are organising to pick up and distribute the gifts where they are needed. It is always nice to take some time at Christmas to appreciate all the good things we have in our lives and help those who may need a little help.

BLUE DAY

Next week on Friday 30th November we will be having a 'Blue Day' in support of raising awareness of mental health issues. Students will be able to, 'do something blue,' which means they can add blue items of clothing or accessories to their school uniform. Students will be doing activities during the day linked to this years theme, 'strengths in diversity'.

LEAD UP TO END OF YEAR

We are now coming into my favourite time of year which is the lead up to Christmas. But with that also comes the silliness that goes along with it. Students are getting tired, teachers are very busy, but we still have the same expectations of students to follow the school rules and ensure everybody's safety. We want everyone to have a fun time at school with all the activities that are happening in the lead up to the end of the year, so it is even more important that our teachers and the executives are being consistent with students in what our expectations are and what the consequences will be when the rules are not followed. We don't want any students to have to miss out on any activities because they are not making good choices, but we will if it means we can ensure the safety of everyone.

Belinda Doyle (Principal)

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Outstanding Merit Awards

Sophie Green, Jorja Brownlee Haigh, Jayana Arnold-Solberg, Bella Reimann, Jade Hafoka, Jamie-Leigh Nicholson, Emily Vidler, Jarvis Thompson, Draí Cowan, Preston Stewart, Hunter Johnson, Oliver Driscoll, Keira Foggin, Allira Murray, Jyara Newman, Annabelle Duff.

Blast Off

Bronze

Gari	Lahra Hartley, Jake Dawson, Saliya Forrester, Luke Heldon, Broden Fuz.
Djungga Garungguba	Jaxon Stevenson Jamie Braddick.

Silver

Bilima Gunarug Dhuril Gurgadj Gari	Noah Fenech. Riely Madden, Ryeleigh Gleeson. Jade Jones, Tara Harris. Maliyah Ryan. Ava McLeod, Zac Blanch, Tahlae Hall, Skyla MacRae, Shakyia Stewart, Rowan Phillips, Nina-Rose Vidler, Lachlan Burney, Kyden Moon, Koby Weissel, Kaylee Shaw, Kalisha Fisher, Jack Summers, Chayce Williams, Bridget Cusack, Aria O'Connor.
Maaran Djungga	Kody Shaw, Noah Mangion, Tyrone Ginn-Evans, Paige Devitt. Casey Dixon, Jett Glennan, Lochlan McGarrell, Paige Higgins, Ben White, Dakota Power-Farrell, Grace Elliott, Jordyn Miller, Peyton Ryan, Jazlyn Ashman, Misty McLaren.
Gurimbaga Garungguba	Damian Fisher. Astin Martin.

Gold

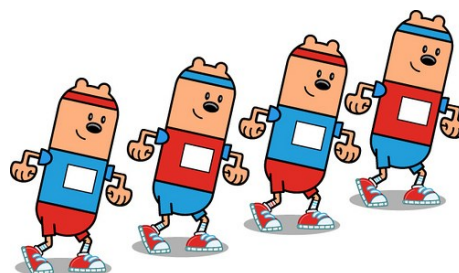
Dhuril Gurgadj Dhaawarri	Zachary Steffe. Mahalia Stewart. Lillie-Rose Briggs, Britney Knight, Kaden Zeiher, Lyric Slaughter, Jasmine Patterson, Jorja Mills, Lydia Goodlet, Shantae Peirce, Saskia Van Huisstede.
Djungga Gurimbaga Garungguba	Shauna Short Owen Wilson Bailey Williams, Dylan Tate-South, Oliver Driscoll.

Dates to Remember

27th	Book Club Due
29th	String Family Musical
30th	Blue Day
4th December	Year 6 High School Transition
5th	Disco

Sports Groups

Babadhal	Geebung	4204
Wandaama	Appleberry	3999
Bidhudhu	Wattle	3847
Galangara	Lilly Pilly	3801



Clothing Pool

We are in need of school uniforms in all sizes but mainly sizes 12—16. It would be greatly appreciated if you can help out.

Freedom of Entry Parade

The community are invited to view up to 1000 Navy personnel in the Freedom of Entry Parade to be held in the Nowra CBD on Friday evening Nov 23rd. This historic event is not to be missed!

6:20pm - Navy Parade Step Off at the Nowra Showgrounds.

6:30pm - Freedom of Entry Challenge at Rauch Park located at 60 Junction St.

6:40pm - Flypast of Naval Helicopters

7:00pm - Street Party with Navy personnel as the CBD is closed to traffic. Live Music, dinner and fun!

8:00pm - Beat to quarters and ceremonial sunset at the intersection of Junction & Kinghorne St.

8:30pm - Military Volley or gun salute to mark the close of the event.



Kindergarten Orientation

Some of our new enrolments for Kindergarten next year at our orientation day on Wednesday, where they met some of the staff and went on a treasure hunt .





Our beautiful Christmas Giving Tree in the front office. If you would like to come and take one of the gift cards off the tree, buy a present and place it back under the tree you will be helping out a child in need.

Thank You.

Parents, remember to sign up for our Kinder Start program at the Kinder Orientation session which begin on Monday 3rd of December. During these in class visits we will be providing IT, Literacy, Numeracy and Community learning sessions for parents in the Welcome Space.

Key Dates

<i>Kinder Start Session</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Parent Workshop</i>
<i>Kinder Start 1</i>	Monday 3rd of December	Literacy and numeracy with Mrs Langenegger
<i>Kinder Start 2</i>	Friday 7th of December	Attendance and family support
<i>Kinder Start 3</i>	Wednesday 12th of December	Healthy Lunchbox
<i>Kinder Start 4</i>	Thursday 13th of December	Technology Talk

Attendance Matters

At Sanctuary Point Public School

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 4: Good Attendance



There are a number of sound reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Give your child their **BEST** chance in life— get them to school **EVERY** day.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

– Nelson Mandela

In one school year
a child spends:
7800 hours at home
&
900 hours at school
which teacher should be
the most accountable?

– Jim Trelease –
author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*

Firstly, attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older student's absenteeism often interferes with academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly.

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 15 years are required to attend school. Sickness or injury, attendance at a special religious ceremony or a serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Please let the school know why your child is not at school and provide an explanation on your child's return to school.

Birthdays, haircuts, pension days, Mondays etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence from school. Also try whenever possible to arrange your holidays in school vacation times.

Please contact your school principal if you need any help or have any questions.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education



SMILE AT CHRISTMAS

What is Smile at Christmas?

Smile at Christmas is a 'giving tree' initiative. We have partnered with Rotary and various charities across NSW and will be placing Christmas giving trees far and wide in our community, complete with gift tags. The gift tags are complete with a either person's name or gender and age. Simply select a tag, and purchase a gift of your choice. Then place the gift under the tree before collection days on December 10th, 11th and 12th. All we ask is that the gifts are new, wrapped and non-perishable **with the swing tags attached**.

'Smile at Christmas' is the brainchild of one of our agents, Ken Snell. Ken was the founder of the 'Little Ray of Giving' charity that has provided over 30,000 gifts across Australia to underprivileged children. We are proud to continue this legacy with Smile at Christmas and give back to our community.

Although Christmas is full of fun and laughter for most of us, it's not like that for everyone. For some, there's little to smile about.

Over 662,000 Australian children are living in jobless families due to financial hardship, disability, illness, homelessness or social isolation.

For these families, Christmas presents are a luxury they just can't afford.

This means that over 662,000 children will have a tough time this year, especially when seeing the excitement of their friends and neighbours.

What can you do to help?

By placing a giving tree in your school or place of business

Firstly, by setting up a giving tree. We can provide a tree or we can decorate your own tree with the special swing tags. If you have passing foot traffic, we would love to hear from you. We are setting up in schools, childcares, shops and among community groups – the more trees we get out there, the more gifts we can raise. These are families who receive nothing, and so having something to open on Christmas day is an amazing gift in itself.

Because every person deserves a gift at Christmas

The Christmas season is about giving, goodwill and family. Get your children involved, make it a special event, and let them experience the true joy of the season.

Together we can make a difference.

Wishing you all the best for the festive season ahead.

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Primary Assembly Awards

Merit:

Kelly Bale, Orian Browne, Aaiden Tucker, Brooklyn Serret, Ben White, Jamila Webster, Bryce Ewings, Jack Woodall, Tyler Rawlings, Zack Hayson, Kalara O'Connor, Harriet Percy, Kayla Scott, Sophie Green, Will Browne, Bailey Williams, Tyella Braddick, Kodie Browne, Ebony Baxter, Bonnie Vale, Andrew Percy, Liam Goldspring, Phoenix Paskins, Lillie McLaren, Ireene Ardler, Isabell Filtness, Natalie Grey, Kobi Reeve.

Year 6 Farewell Aussie Barn Dance!

Date: Tuesday 18th December

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm
(Parents are invited to attend a presentation and cake cutting at 8:15pm)

Dress: Smart Casual

Cost: \$27
(\$2 from each ticket will go towards drought relief)

Location: SPPS Hall

Tickets on sale at the front office until
Tuesday 11th December

