Dear Parents,

The camping program has begun with our Year 6 conquering Pigeon House Mountain, some bush bashing and a long walk to camp. It was great fun and I can’t thank the teachers and parent helpers enough for their support on what is a great experience. Year 5 is off to Shallow Crossing today. As part of the ‘National Day against Bullying’ all our students from pre-school to Year 5 (Year 6 were on camp) used their bodies to make a sign that read ‘Bullying is not OK’. All classes also took part in a poster competition and the winners were announced at last Monday’s assembly. The messages from the kids were clear. ‘Bullying is not acceptable’, ‘If you haven’t something nice to say then don’t say anything’, tell the bully to ‘stop I don’t like it’ and to tell someone if you are being bullied. Well done kids .The school will be looking at an input from parents during the year re anti-bullying strategies.

Our school will be hosting a GO4Fun program next term. There is an ad in this newsletter regarding it. We fully support it as it is for families and it is free. I hear it is a very worthwhile program. It is being offered to families across all the schools in the area.

Have a great week

Tom Purcell
PRINCIPAL

ATTENDANCE
BE AT SCHOOL. ON TIME. EVERY DAY

This Friday is the end of our next attendance target block. Your child will receive an iceblock if they have had no more than 1 day away in the last 3 weeks (4/3/13 to 22/3/12). Also, a boy and girls name will be drawn ‘out of the hat’ from each grade level to receive a special prize for their attendance. At present the average attendance for each grade is:

- Kindergarten: 97.23%
- Year 1: 95.91%
- Year 2: 94.99%
- Year 3: 96.57%
- Year 4: 97.45%
- Year 5: 96.54%
- Year 6: 96.42%

These statistics are outstanding and we congratulate parents and students for BEING AT SCHOOL ON TIME EVERYDAY!

Please use the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter to send a note to your child’s class teacher if your child is away.

Mrs Maxworthy

K-2 ASSEMBLY NEWS

JH Will be hosting this week’s K-2 assembly.
Assembly is on Friday and begins at 9am in the school hall.

JM Tiana Curby-Worrod & Elliot Quinn
JMC Sonni Hogarth Bower, Sarah Morrow & Tayarra White
JR Josephine Bishop & Joshua Rowing
JSO Matthew Jansen & Savannah Shepherd
JH Alexis Foster-Turner & Connor Viles
JL Nyarru Freeman & Troy Griefahn
JLT Cooper Montgomery-Hardy & D Daniel Kennedy
JW Alexia Richards & Noah Dixon
JB Tysen Simon & Phoebe Verrent
JS Jed Dickson & Izzy Willis
JT Nathan McCallum & Savanah Munro
JSW Daniel Campbell & Riley Kilby Connelly
JSK Jordan Thomas

HAPPY HAT PARADE

Easter Hat Parade is
NEXT Thursday 28th March from 12:30-1:00. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to this family fun event. We invite all children in Preschool - year 2 to join in the fun and parade their hat. There are over 20 hampers in the Easter raffle to be drawn. The canteen is also running a special menu on the day. Pre-Order forms for chicken/fish have been sent home today.
TERM 1—2013

PELICAN PANTRY

Roster
March Term 1
March
Mon 25  Louise Charlesworth
Tue 26  Worzil Shaw & Jitana Lyall
Wed 27  Fionna Shorrock
Thu 28  Tracee McArdell & Lou Kennedy

HAPPY HAT DAY PARADE
CHICKEN/FISH BURGER LUNCH

Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors. Please support these businesses who support us!!.

Week 8  March
Wed 20-22 Year 5 Camp Shallow Crossing
Fri 22  National Ride to School Day

Week 9  March
Tue 25-28  Year 4 Camp Narooma
Thu 28  Easter Hat Parade
Fri 29  GOOD FRIDAY
(& EASTER MONDAY 1.4.13)

Week 10  April
Wed 3-5  Year 3 Camp Racecourse Beach
Thu 4  P & C Meeting 7pm
Fri  AFL K, 1 & 2 Skills day Hanging Rock

STAFF CAR PARK

Of late, there have been a number of parents using the staff car park to either park in, walk through with small children and prams or wait in their cars for children to come to and students riding their bikes through the staff car park. The staff car park is not for use for parents or students, unless previously organised with the disability parking space.

Please see Mrs Maxworthy in the office if you need to use the disability parking space.

SAVE THE DATE:
Senior Camps
Yr 4  26-28 March Narooma
Yr 3  3-5 April Racecourse

Thank you to all those families who have DONATED EASTER EGGS.
Keep them coming! You can drop them off to front office with YOUR CHILD’S NAME AND CLASS ON THE BAG as they will go into a drawer to win a prize on the day.

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ANGELICAN
Bakers Delight
DAIRY FARMERS
St Vincent de Paul Society
History Club of Batemans Bay Inc ABN 60 136 131 071
PO Box 309, Batemans Bay NSW 2536
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Thanks to all the teachers and students who made the day such a success.