Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy time last week with our National Simultaneous Story time, Flutes and Recorders at Eisteddfod where both groups came second in their class, Walk Safely to School Day and the K-2 AFL Gala day. Congratulations to all students who take opportunities to be involved in extra-curricular activities. These experiences widen your understanding of the world we live in, and promote engagement with school. Well done.

This week our school held a Sorry Day Ceremony where we remembered the children, families and communities who have suffered as a result of the forcible removal of children from their homes in that period known as The Stolen Generation. Our children compiled an excellent short clip and I urge parents to take the time to watch this clip which will be uploaded to our school website shortly. We also planted a tree in our Sorry Garden and all children in the school made paper chains to decorate our school. We thank Aunty Rita Davis for doing the Welcome to Country and Mr Paul Morris—Director of Education Far South Coast for being special guests at our ceremony.

Tomorrow is our school Disco. The theme this term is WEAR A HAT. These discos are a fun fundraiser for the P & C and we encourage parents to come along and help serve in the canteen at night. See further on in the newsletter for more details. Hope to see you there.

We are continuing our BUS BLITZ this week and focussing on children staying in their seats, using a talking voice to chat with friends and being safe. I ask all parents to support this message and to talk with their children as unruly and inappropriate bus behaviour is dangerous. Children who have repeated warnings about their behaviour will receive a Behaviour notice from Priors Bus service. This may result in your child being suspended from the service and unable to travel on the bus for some period of time. We wouldn’t let our children do it in our own cars when we are driving, so please support the school and bus company and remind your children about safe bus travel.

As the days are unseasonably warm at the moment, take that opportunity to get out there with your kids to be active, healthy and to enjoy the beautiful surroundings we have here in Batemans Bay.

Have a great week of LEARNING CARING SHARING PLAYING.

Sue Maxworthy
Principal
**TERM 2—2014**

*Calendar of Events*

**TERM 2**

**Week 5**

**May**

**Thu 29**

P&C Disco
1:40pm — 2:40pm Junior
(K-2 Can wear mufti clothes to school)
6:00pm — 7:30pm Senior

**Fri 30**

Year 5 & 6 NRL Gala Day

**Week 6**

**June**

**Thu 5**

P&C Meeting 7pm — Pizza Night
ELC Leadership Camp — Mogo

**Fri 6**

Stage 2 AFL Gala Day 9 — 12
ELC Leadership Camp — Mogo

**Week 7**

**June**

**Mon 9**

Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

**Fri 13**

PJ Day
Book Fair

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Congratulations to our Dollarmite prize winners
Kaine—JL & Serraya—JE

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**PELICAN PANTRY**

**Roster**

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Canteen volunteers are URGENTLY needed. Please call the office if you are able to offer your time.

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***UNIFORM SHOP HOURS***

Come and visit the uniform shop:
Tuesday 8:30am to 10.00am
Wednesday 2.30pm to 3.00pm
Located in the canteen we are here to help with all of your uniform!

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**SORRY DAY**

On Monday 26th May, we commemorated National Sorry Day. The whole school attended an assembly with special guests Aunty Rita Davis and Mr Paul Morris (Education Director). The conclusion of the ceremony was with a native tree planting in our ‘Walbanga Dhanga’ garden and a morning tea for all community guests.

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Thank you to our breakfast club sponsors. Please support these businesses who support us!!.
Last Friday was Walk Safely to School Day. What a great healthy way to start the day. Well done to all the children who participated and thank you to all the teachers who supervised. Pictured are “The Northern Walkers”

RECORER AND FLUTE PLAYERS

Last Wednesday our Recorder and Flute players travelled on the school bus to Nowra to compete at the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod in the recorder Section and Instrumental section respectively. We were lucky enough to come 2nd in both events. Student feedback included: “It was great hearing different tunes and seeing all the instruments” “It was great going to a different place to play the flute”

Afterwards we went to McDonalds to celebrate and Ms Edwards shouted us an ice-cream. A big thank you to all the parents who came along and a special thank you to Gordon (Chloe’s grandfather) for driving the bus.

BEING SAFE IN AND AROUND SCHOOL

It has come to our attention that many parents and students are not using the pedestrian crossing outside of school to cross the road to the car park. They are walking between cars, buses and moving traffic to get to their own vehicles. This is highly unsafe and a dangerous practice for parents to be modelling to their own children. We strongly urge our parents to walk the few extra steps to the crossing, use it safely and walk back to their cars using the path. A reminder that our school is a 40km zone and this continues almost to the roundabout. Parking areas need to be adhered to as there has been an increase in police presence to monitor this.

BEING SAFE & USING THE CROSSING IS EASY!
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term (less than one day per week), by the end of high school they will have missed a whole year and a half of their education? By law, parents are required to send your child to school every day the school is open for instruction (not including pupil free days). And by law, if your child has to be away from school for any reason you must send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence as soon as possible after the absence.

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. If your child is away for more than 3 days please supply a medical certificate detailing their absence. Find the at-a-glance chart by copying or typing this link into your web browser: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/documents/49158/49542/Too%20sick%20for%20schoolFINAL.pdf

HEAD LICE
There is an increase in the amount of children who currently have head lice in the school, due to the drier weather.
We ask ALL parents to thoroughly check all their children’s hair and treat where necessary please. One of the simplest forms of treatment is conditioner and diligent combing with a fine ‘nit’ comb. This process must be repeated over the course of 6-10 days (as this is the breeding cycle of head lice). Also, if your child has long hair, we ask that this be put back into a hair band to help prevent the spread of head lice to others. This is a burdensome issue for all families, so if we all make an effort we can hopefully eradicate them.
I know with consistent treatment and all families making it a priority, we can significantly reduce the spread and problem with head lice.

Please see Mrs Maxworthy in the front office if you have any queries.

Community News

Serious fun! Stay safe, be happy, have fun
After School & Vacation Care
We provide fun stimulating programs and activities in our nurturing environment, devoted to the individual needs of each child.
All enquiries please call 4472 3277.