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Principal's Report

Staffing

Our school community welcomes Miss Sophie McGregor to our wonderful school. Sophie is replacing Mrs Nicholls on KN while Mrs Nicholls is Relieving Principal at Bonville PS. We are looking forward to working with Sophie during this period. In Mrs Nicholls absence, Mrs Michelle O'Donnell will be Acting Assistant Principal for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 and Mr Scott Murphy will be relieving part time as Assistant Principal on Stage 2.

Responsible Pet Program

This Friday, the Responsible Pet Program will be visiting our school to discuss the importance of looking after your pets. This program will be delivered to Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2.

Student Banking

A reminder to all of our families that Student Banking has commenced for the year. Banking day is Thursdays. Last year we had a great response to our student banking and we are hoping a number of our families will continue with this fantastic initiative this year.

PSP Survey

A reminder again our Priority Schools Program survey will take place in week 7, 5 – 9 March. It is vitally important that these surveys are returned to school during this week. We need a return of at least 85% and we will be aiming for 100%. A reminder that the PSP program provides close to \$50,000 additional funding to our school plus additional staffing. This allows our school to purchase additional resources for literacy and numeracy and numerous participation programs for students. A number of staff will be assisting our families with this survey. The surveys are completed by parents and care givers and are returned in a sealed envelope. The survey measures type of occupation, educational qualifications, proportion of sole parent families, unemployment in families, proportion of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families in the school community. No one at school is able to read the response from any families and no one who opens the envelope at the scanning company knows which family it came from.

Swimming and Cricket

Congratulations to our students who participated in last week's District Swimming Carnival and cricket knockout match. As always our students represented our school in a fantastic manner and tried very, very hard in their respective events.

School Upgrade

Our school upgrade is basically now complete bar a few whiteboards and blinds. We have now completed painting of classrooms, installed blinds, interactive smart boards and very stylish pinboards. Our rooms are certainly looking very classy and our staff and students are really enjoying these new facilities.

Viewing of PG Programs/Videos in Stages 2 & 3

A note was sent home last week regarding viewing of some PG programs at school. These videos are rated in accordance with Departmental guidelines and as part of either end of term reward days and at other times during the term. If you **DO NOT** wish your child to view these programs, please return the note urgently.

Stage 3 Sausage Sizzles

During the next 2 terms, stage 3 students and staff will be holding sausage sizzles on a regular basis to help offset the cost of the Lake Ainsworth camp being held in early term 4. Your support of these activities would be greatly appreciated by staff, parents and students of Stage 3.

Yarn Up Morning

On Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 10.00am to 11.00am, we are holding a 'Yarn Up' morning for all Aboriginal families and community members. Morning tea will be provided and PLP's discussed and handed out.

Have a fantastic week
Peter Hickey, Principal

Assemblies

K-2 assemblies are held fortnightly on odd weeks but years 3-6 are held each Friday. Times are K-2, 11.30am and 3-6 are at 12.30pm. All parents and friends are most welcome at these assemblies.

Library News

Welcome to the **National Year of Reading** and the library for 2012. All students need a library bag - preferably a water proof one - when they visit the library to borrow books. *Library days are:*

Mon 5M, 4P, 6M, 5N

Tues 2M, 20, 1AH

Wed 1B, 1H, 3/6T, 1/3S, 3/6C

Thurs 3/4HE, 3C, 6F

Fri KN, KM

Mrs Kathy Leeson Teacher/ Librarian

School Uniform Lay-bys

We offer a lay-by system at our school to assist parents when purchasing uniforms for your children. If you currently have a lay-by, could you please assist us by making regular payments.

Congratulations on Last week's Merit winners

Class	Positive Behaviour	Book Work	Free Choice	Literacy Numeracy	Student of The week
KD	Diego Garcia	Boyd Arthur	Samuel Peisker	Harper Thomas Sophie Farrah	Ada Driver
KM	Sharna Azzopardi	Noah Williams	Braydon Wormleaton	Janaya Croft- Leonard Rogue Stannard	Kobe Schoenmakers
1AL	Dylan Yowanowski	Paige Sutton	Meisha Angking	Sifan Desalegn Braydon Clifford	Royce Johnston

Merit Awards	Citizenship	Book work	Free Choice	Student of the Week
3/6C		Seton Morrissey	Fraser Brown	Alicia Jones
3/6T	Angus West		Lachlan Snow	Thorn Pochyly
4P	Blake Austin	Chole Sole	Tahlia Jobson	Haylea Lawson
5N	Latrell Widders	Olivia Steel	Angus Croak	Praymeh Mureh
5M	Sarah Zancanaro	April Nguyen	Mohamed Ahmed Roba	Robert Mailey
6F	Nara Donovan	Lara Croft- Leonard	Art Sukual	Shane Dwyer
6M	Tahlia Snow	Angel Hawkins	Tayla Mills	Nyakol Mailth

AEA Awards: Nicolas Jones, Mya Lebroq and Kahlara Lacey.

Muffin Break Awards: Hayley Lawson

P & C News

The Annual General Meeting of the P & C will be held in the Staff Room tomorrow evening commencing at 6pm. All positions will be declared vacant and new office bearers will be elected for the 2012/13 year. We encourage you to become

involved. The P & C always welcomes all new faces. New to the school? Come along and meet other parents and carers, that is what the P & C is all about.

Canteen News

Big news this week is the rise in milk price from \$1.60 to \$1.80 for flavoured milk. If you drink plain milk it has risen from \$1.20 to \$1.30. **Good news** that our price is still 10 cents below the recommended retail and the fact that the canteen has absorbed this rise since last November. Other **GREAT** news is nothing else has gone up!!!!. The rise is effective from Wednesday 22nd February.

Mardi has donated to the canteen once again. This time it is "Wookie Cookies", they smell great and are \$1 each. I understand the name comes from "Star Wars"?

Canteen Roster 20th-24th February

Mon Richele, Joe
Tues Caz, Joe
Wed Meg, Sarah, Joe
Thurs Joe
Fri Sarah, Richelle, Joe



A reminder to all families regarding the bonus points our school receives for purchases made at AMart All Sports. Please, when purchasing any item from AMart All Sports, register your name and add our school to receive bonus points. Every 3 months our school receives a credit from sales by our community as long as our school is nominated. Any of your family, friends etc., can join and nominate our school. Our last credit was to the value of \$170 which we utilised to purchase additional sporting equipment for our students. Thank you to those parents who contributed to this. On the weekend of 25 and 26 February, AMart All Sports will be having a 20% off sale.



Muffin Break Award

Help us win a You Touch Interactive LCD Panel worth \$8745 for our school. All that everyone of us are on face book have to do is go to the muffin break face book page and click on the link for the great muffin bake sale and vote for Coffs Harbour Public School . The most votes per % student's nationwide wins the You Touch and the most votes state wide wins 1000muffins for a fundraiser. This can only be done on a computer though and not on your phone and you can only vote once, share the link and get all your family, friends and facebook friends to get on and vote for us. This finishes on March 12th so we don't have long. Please get voting. to enter Muffin Break's Great Bake Sale. Visit [Facebook.com/MuffinBreak](https://www.facebook.com/MuffinBreak) or call 02 93022200 for more information.