Term 1, Week 9   March 26th, 2013

COMING UP:
Thursday 28th
- Infants Easter Hat Parade 9.30am
- Giant Raffle Draw approx. 10.30am following Town Hat Parade
- Macksville High School performance 1.30pm — Stage 1

Friday 29th
- GOOD FRIDAY ~ EASTER WEEKEND ~

Monday April 1st
- EASTER MONDAY

Easter Raffle and Parade
Thanks to everybody for your support of our annual raffle. Your donations have ensured that it will be bigger and better than ever!! Also, a huge thankyou to our team of parent helpers who bundled and wrapped your egg donations into fantastic prizes. The raffle will be drawn after the children parade around town in their Easter hats, approximately 10.15-10.30am. I hope you can join us from 9.30am.

I also need to warn you that two students from other local schools have been door-knocking and selling Easter raffle tickets reportedly from our school. Please note that we do not encourage children to go door-to-door and any raffle tickets must have our school stamp, otherwise they are not legitimate.

Bellingen Readers & Writers Festival
Last Friday, a group of our talented students attended a workshop with Mrs Grace as part of the Bellingen Readers and Writers Festival with well-known children’s author Ursula Dubosarsky. By all accounts, our students stood out for their skills, talents and behaviour. Thanks Mrs Grace and the parents who supported the visit. Two of our students, Sarah Watson and Astrid Smith, have written an account of their day:

'The great adventure started at the Bellingen Memorial Hall with Fiona Wirrer-George, an experienced indigenous author. She opened with a poem about her childhood, telling how she was raised by her mother. She then taught us a traditional kuri dance mimicking Australian animals, while she and other students sang a song called “Yo Loko Pomo”. Later, we met the famous Ursula Dubosarsky who told us about life as an author, and then she asked us to write a story. All of our students worked well and produced fabulous stories that impressed Ursula. By then it was time to head back for lunch, but not before we got a few photographs and an autograph! We are all thrilled we had this opportunity… it was a fantastic day!'
Bus Safety

Last week courtesy of Busways, our K-2 students took part in our annual bus safety program. It is an excellent program, with staff from Busways and their buses providing important, relevant information about bus safety. As you can see from the photos, it was an exciting and enjoyable event.

P&C Executive for 2013

Congratulations to our 2013 P&C Executive for 2013. All positions were filled at our AGM last week. Your 2013 Executive are: Sharon Cooke — President; Eunice Cody — Vice President; Sharon Jones — Vice President; Melissa Graham — Secretary; Tracey Hicks — Treasurer; Also for Committees/Roles: Fundraising — Therese Small; Uniforms — Therese Small.

I am looking forward to working with P&C this year. It is fantastic to have such a committed team. Remember, the P&C is your voice within the school and we would love to see even more people attending meetings.

~ Glenn Thorncroft, Principal
Stage 1 Assembly Awards
Kindergarten: Keira Pinkstone, Joel Pollard, Jade Mullershausen, Zoe Sills, Jonah Cohen, Charlie Wilkes, Danielle Stilbe, Ivy Ellis, Eli Blitner
Year 1: Tyler Field, Jagen McLeod-Jones, Mystique Leggo, Travis Lockhart, Malik Rossier, Zac Wheeler, Ezra Ward,
Sid Cooper, Alison Flack, Hermione Rumbel
Year 2: Tahlia Pritchard, Angus McFarlane, Cooper Whitehead, Matthew Donnelly, Joshua Willer, Jett Lynch,
Ruby O’Connor, Nathan Go-Sam
Home Reading Awards: Jasmine Callaway, Nikita Short, Zachary Sutton, Abbey Pade, Hope Willer, Imogen O’Connor,
Jack Nash, Oscar Hicks, Alice Burns

ICAS Uni Competitions
We are proud to offer the following Uni Competitions to any student from Year 3 to Year 6: Computer, Science, Writing, Spelling, English, Mathematics at a reasonable cost. The school is participating in half the cost for each entry. If your child is interested in entering any of the listed competitions, please obtain an entry form from Mrs Vicario. The form needs to be returned by FRIDAY MAY 10th. If you have any queries, contact Mrs Vicario or the office.

Book Club: Order forms were due back today for the next Scholastic Book Club. If you missed today’s deadline, please send in by Thursday. Please ensure your order is clearly marked with your child’s name and class.

~ Brendan Gillis, Teacher/Librarian

Stewart House 2013 Donation Drive:
Envelopes will be coming home for your donations first week back next term. Family holiday to win.

Our School Canteen needs you… your children love seeing you in the canteen - please consider helping out, anytime that suits you. Drop in or phone Wendy on 6568 1800.

SCHOOL CANTEEN ROSTER
Wed, March 27th Linda Bashforth
Thurs, March 28th Helper needed PLEASE
Tues, April 2nd Helper needed PLEASE
Wed, April 3rd Jessica Nash, Mathew Stevens

Community News

Bowraville Tigers: Junior Rugby League looking for players aged under 5yrs to 16 yrs old. Anyone interested in playing or being involved with the club please ring Kristy Ireland on 6569 3366.

RSPCA Million Paws Walk: Meet at Park Beach Reserve Coffs Harbour at 10am Sunday May 19 with your family and your dog. On day registration from 9am, day concludes 1pm after 4 km walk. Food stalls, games, raffles and novelty dog show. A great day out for all your family and your canine pet. Discount on tickets sold online before March 31st. 100% funds raised stay in the local community.
Out And About At Macksville Public School

P & C Easter Time!
A huge thank you to all our wonderful families who have so strongly supported our Easter Raffle this year (and every year!) Our brilliant volunteers have been kept very busy indeed! Could all raffle books (sold or unsold) now please be returned to the office ASAP, there are still a number of outstanding tickets. Last minute tickets can still be bought on the day of the parade. We look forward to seeing all the children in their beautiful Easter hats on Thursday and, fingers crossed, you might be lucky enough to take home a raffle prize too!

Netball Report
Macksville Public School currently has two Year 6 teams taking part in Netball competitions. Last week Mrs Lynch and coach, Karen Vick, took the girls to Coffs Harbour to take part in the Netball State Cup. A huge thank you to the Salvation Army who allowed us to borrow their bus and also to Mr Joseph Writer who volunteered his time to drive the bus. Here’s what the girls had to say:

“Last Wednesday the 20th March, some of our Year 6 girls came to school at 7.30am to represent Macksville Public School for netball. Jo the bus driver picked us up and when we got there it was 9am. Both of our teams had a bye first and then there were 7 rounds. One of our teams won all games except for 2 and the other won all except 1 game. We had a great day!”

By Sky & Bonnie, Year 6

3H Water Day
3H celebrated their team efforts throughout the term by having a fun filled water day last week. The day included a very exciting visit from the local Macksville Fire Brigade and each of the children had a turn using the high pressure fire-hose. The students had great fun, trying to throw their hats up into the water and watching the pressure blow them away! They also enjoyed running through the water. Students also partook in some different relay activities. There was the ‘fill the bucket relay’ using a small container, the ‘sponge relay’ and a ‘water balloon relay’. In the afternoon, we had a very fun water fight, with water guns, water balloons and buckets. Mrs Herron made the mistake of taking on the whole of 3H in the water fight, suffice to say she got a little bit wet!

Women On The Move
This Thurs 28th March, Women On The Move will be having a nice relaxing lunch and a chat at Nambucca Heads RSL Club. We will meet there at 10.30am. All women are invited to join in the variety of Women On The Move activities each week. For further details or help with transport phone 6568 2305.

I tried to catch some fog, I mist!

Proud to be a part of the Family School
What's The Buzz??

Our PBL Focuses
As you would be aware, our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) program was concentrating on two focuses last year. These were:

- Movement around the school and
- Behaviour at assemblies

The improvement in these two areas is remarkably noticeable, we would love you to come in and see the difference. Our ‘Honey Pot’ awards have been flying out with so many kids getting caught doing the right thing! While we will still focus on maintaining high standards in these two areas, we will now also introduce a third focus.

At Macksville Public School we are committed to the continued safety and well being of your children and as such, bus lines and bus behaviour will now be a focus as a part of our PBL philosophy. Along with ‘Honey Pot’ awards being distributed when teachers catch kids doing the right thing, a set of lessons for each grade are being developed to reinforce expectations, rules and safe bus behaviour.

It’s SHOWTIME!

It’s so huge, it’s only held once every 2 years! Showtime is an extravaganza, a celebration of talent and a spectacle not to be missed. For the first time, Showtime will be held at an outdoor venue at Nambucca Heads High School which will only add to the amazing atmosphere!

Macksville Public School is very proud and just a little excited to be involved! We have 25 performers who auditioned and are now rehearsing 3 times a week.

Showtime has a theme of ‘Fantasy’ this year and our performance should fit into this very well. With a combination of dance, circus, recorder and singing, Macksville Public’s section of the show will blow everyone away! Our actors, dancers and musicians will be painted in glow in the dark body paint and their performance will take place under black lights. With a remixed version of ‘Somewhere Over the Rainbow’ it is an all round all senses spectacle!

Please come along and not only support our wonderfully talented kids but also all of the talent in the 10 Public School’s in the Nambucca Valley.

SHOWTIME

“A Celebration of Public Schools in the Nambucca Valley”

Date: Thursday April 11th 2013
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Nambucca Heads High School
Tickets: Available at the door
Price: $10 per Adult
$5 per child 17 yrs and under