Welcome to Week 5 Term 4. I hope that everyone had a great weekend.

What a wonderful Grandparents Day on Monday. Mrs Leahy and her team of staff and students did an incredible job welcoming these people who are so important in the development of our students into our school. There were lots of life like portraits in the school gallery and by all accounts many grandparents made the most of the opportunity to have their photo taken with the special grandchild in their life. Mrs Parkins, Aunty Nerida and Lee worked over time to ensure the speedy delivery of these very special photos. A special thank you needs to go to all of the grandparents, parents and carers who made the time to come along and join us for this very special assembly. I hope you had a great afternoon.

Intensive Swimming has finished for another year. If your child was involved in this activity please make the time to continue on with their swimming lessons if at all possible. Our program is a great way to instil water safety and a very basic skill level in the swimmers involved. It is vitally important that they continue to develop these skills throughout the summer to keep them safe around water. A massive thank you to Miss Campton, for all of her organisation and also to our dedicated staff who made this initiative possible by driving the kids to and from Macksville each day. Mrs Beauchamp, Lee, Kim, and Aunty Nerida. Our school is very lucky to have such caring and supportive staff!

Yet another step in Year 6’s High School Transition journey was completed on Thursday. Our Year 6 students attended their Zombie Day. A great time was had by all and our Year 6 students are certainly keen to get stuck into the next stage of their education in 2015.

Friday was quite a scary day as many of our Kindy – Year 2 students, as well as the MC class, came along dressed in their best Halloween gear for their special disco. There were zombies, vampires and all manner of hideous beasts present, including some of our staff!! The kids seemed to have a great day with lots of fun and laughter.

Don’t forget the Stage 3 Canberra excursion parent meeting this Wednesday. It will be held in Mrs Smith’s classroom at 8:30am. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to have any questions answered and fine tune their organisation so that their child can make the most of this wonderful opportunity.

Kickstart will be in full swing again on Thursday. The new kindy’s have been having a wonderful time each week as they prepare for their exciting year next year.
Stage 1 will also have an exciting Thursday as they head out to Bowraville for their Museum excursion. Like all of our excursions, this trip will really bring the curriculum to life for our students, showing that what they are learning about in class has real meaning out there in the big wide world! These excursions take a lot of work and Mrs Beau-champ, Miss Chatenay, Mrs Haase and Miss Edwards have put in many extra hours to ensure that the kids in Stage 1 can take part in this very special opportunity. I am sure that they will have a great day.

Finally on Friday we have a combined Sports Day with Nambucca Primary. Markhem Katte has done a great job pulling this day together and I am sure that our Years 3-6 kids will have a great day as they rotate through 3 sports. The emphasis is on fun and no scores will be kept. The kids will be playing T-Ball, Newcomb Ball and Cricket.

Another busy week in store for our kids. I hope that you enjoy your week as much as we will.

Todd.

**Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition**

Congratulations to the following students who participated in this year’s Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition.

In the Year 5 division there were 7960 students who sat the test. Our Merit Awards went to Carly Donovan, Lawrence Witt, Jonah Edwards and Edmund Hurley. 8040 Year 6 students sat the test and our Merit Award recipients were Nicholas Schram, Thomas Robertson, Dannika Pekins, Ayla Ashenhurst and Travis Hayden. Distinction Awards went to Rohan Duguid and Ella Cox. What a fantastic effort!

**Breakfast Club**

We are excited to announce that our Breakfast Club now has a fandangle toaster which was purchased using the funds so generously donated by Valla Lions Club. Our volunteers are now working twice as fast...just to keep up with the super speedy toaster!

**Year 3 and 7 Bus Applications for 2015**

If your child has a bus pass and they are entering Year 3 and Year 7 in 2015, The Ministry of Transport requires a new application to be lodged. Busways have sent out new applications to students who use their bus service. Please make sure these are returned to the school as soon as possible so their Head Office can issue new bus passes ready for use in 2015.
Our Very Scary Halloween Disco!

Thank you to our wonderful parent Skye, for beautifully painting so many of our kids’ faces on Friday. They looked fantastic!

Thank you to our families for making and creating some very spooky party food!
Please Note: School canteen will NOT be open for recess on Friday.

Sports Day on Friday at EJ Biffin Fields for Stage 2 & 3. Canteen will be operating at the field on the day.

Community News

Swim and Survive - An initiative of Royal Life Saving

Summer is just around the corner and Sport and Recreation will again be delivering Swim and Survive lessons throughout NSW.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program caters for children from 18 months through to 12 years of age. Our lessons provide intensive water familiarisation and learn to swim classes, generally held over eight or nine consecutive weekdays.

Children needs lots of practice, so our lessons are an excellent opportunity to reinforce the skills they learn through a school-based program.

All enrolments for Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program should be directed to www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or our client service centre on 131302.

Nambucca Valley Netball Association

2015 Representative Trials - Open to all netballers turning 12 and above in 2015.

Sunday 23rd November 2014 - Macksville High School Stadium

9am - 10am 12 + 13 Years
10.30am - 12pm 14 + 15 Years
12.30pm - 2pm 17 Years & Over

PLEASE ARRIVE HALF AN HOUR BEFORE YOUR AGE ALLOCATION FOR WARM UP!

For more information contact Vicki Wassens on 0420488315
For registration forms contact Nicky Hallett on 0429685160