Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4. All of our students are to be congratulated on the way in which they have started Term 4. Classrooms are very settled and students are working hard in all areas. I had the pleasure of working with 4/3F on Friday and the students in this class were an absolute credit to their teacher. They took on all activities presented and made great choices all day. We had several casual teachers in on Friday and all of them reported having a great day with responsive and responsible students setting a great example despite the variation to their routines. Well done to all of our kids on a great start to Term 4.

Many of our teachers and SLSO’s gave up their Saturday this weekend to participate in some training that targets Literacy development in the early years. I am usually quite hesitant to ask even more of our staff than they already give and to see so many so willing to give up their Saturday to help them become better at what they do was very impressive indeed. Our school is very lucky indeed to have such dedicated staff who are so willing to go the extra mile for your child!

At the end of last term a note was sent home to all parents and carers in regards to a survey that could be completed online. This survey is a great way for our whole school community to have input into the direction of our school and the evolution of our school plan. To date we have had 7 surveys completed. Please jump on line if you possibly can and complete the survey. It will only take about 10 minutes and will be a great source of information for our school. If you have lost your log in or the website address please give me a ring and I will provide it for you.

Our infants students had a great time participating in the Friday afternoon NRL skills clinic. This program links Literacy to sport and is a great way to engage active and enthusiastic learners. The program will continue for another 2 weeks.

Our Stage 2 Excursion to Brisbane is rapidly approaching. This is a very exciting initiative and one which will be remembered for years to come by the students involved. It is quite a scary concept for many of our students and parents and carers but an activity that I believe will be a great opportunity for our kids to grow socially as well as learn a little about life outside Nambucca Heads. We have subsidised the cost considerably to ensure that all students will be able to afford to attend so please contact me as a matter of urgency should you need any support in regards to your child’s attendance on this excursion.

Aboriginal Ability Links is a government service for people with:

* Disabilities aged between 9 - 64 years
* Carers and families of people with disabilities
* The community
* People wanting assistance to access community and mainstream services, knowledge, resources and opportunities in their communities

For more information on this much needed service contact Booroongen Djugun Limited on 0265602100.
Our Kickstart Kinder transition program is due to begin on Friday next week. The Kindy team have done a great job in providing an engaging and exciting program set up for the pre-schoolers and we are very excited to give them their first taste of primary school. Please be sure to let any other community members know of this opportunity.

We have spoken to the preschools but there may still be some families in our community who are unaware of this program and we would love for all pre-schoolers who are intending to start school in 2016 to be involved. Students can be dropped at school at 9:30 and picked up at 12:00.

This is an exciting time also for our Kindy students who begin their transition into Stage 1. They will join the Stage 1 classes each Friday during Kickstart time for a taste of what is involved in Year 1.

Have a great week. Todd.

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**Kickstart for 2016 Kinder Students**

We are excited to be starting our Kickstart transition program on Friday 23rd October which will run for 6 weeks every Friday from 9.30am til 12pm.

This wonderful program aims to provide a smooth and happy transition into Kindergarten, enabling your child to develop confidence and a positive attitude towards their first year at school.

Each week children will be introduced to new aspects of school life. We will go on tours of the school and the children will meet their buddies for 2016. There will be a theme each week and the children will be given a variety of tasks to enable teachers to assess your child’s abilities and readiness for school.

All parents are welcome to join us for the last session on 27th November to ask any questions and get important information about our literacy and numeracy programs as well as enrolments and uniforms.

For more information please call the school on 65687100.

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**Year 6 Mini Fete Friday 16th October 11am**

**Family & Friends Welcome!**

- **Photo Booth**
- **Face Painting**
- **Sock Wrestling**
- **Novelties**
- **Cake Stall**
- **Sausage Sizzle**

**Caught Being Good**

Talitha Andrews 4/3M - Helping @ My Library, Angela Brown 4/3F - Playing fairly.

**Class Merit Awards**

**KD:** Charlette Brumpton, Carmalia Jarrett, **KL:** Charlie Smith, Iana Mackay, **2/1H:** Madison Langhans, Sky Sisson, Mitchel Smith, Peter Stadhams, **2/1E:** Skylar Condran, Osheiana Groves, Braiden Jarrett, **2/1W:** The Whole Class! **4/3F:** Max Bowen, Angela Brown, **4/3D:** Jake Duckett, Yolanda Jones, **4/3M:** The Whole Class! **6/5S:** Penny Stadhams, Keenan Breasley, **6/5L:** Adam Griffiths, Anthony Gordon Lichaa, **6/5N:** Josh Munro, Hayley Jacob-Harju, **SCP:** Shariah Ridgeway, Rodrick Darcy, Buzz Griffin.

**Class of the Week - 6/5N**

**Congratulations!**
Last term, Stage 3 got creative for their unit on Antarctica by making some amazing sustainable and ecological house models. Students also had to present their houses to their class. These houses were so great they have been displayed in the library for all to see. Well done Stage 3!
| Name ___________________________________ | Name ___________________________________ | Name ___________________________________ | Name ___________________________________ |
| Class____________________ | Class____________________ | Class____________________ | Class____________________ |
| **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **MONDAY** |
| **Lamb Burgers** | **Sweet Chilli Chicken Burger** | **Canteen Closed Due to Year 6 Mini Fete** | **3 Party Pies Sauce Nippy Milk** |
| Price: $5.50 | Price: $4.50 | | Price: $5.00 |

Canteen volunteers are urgently needed for Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please see the Front Office if you would like to help out. The more the merrier!

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**P&C Fundraiser Calendar**

It’s getting close to that time of year again for our calendars. Photos have been increasingly popular choices for the calendars, so start getting your ideas now. If you still wish for your child’s drawings on the calendar this year, then special paper will be available from the Front Office. All pictures must be drawn on the special paper. Come and see our display in the Front Office for great, cheap gift ideas. Order forms will be sent out in Term 4. For more info go to [www.crazycamel.com](http://www.crazycamel.com)

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**Community News**

Have you noticed any of the following changes in your child?

- Mood Changes
- Violent Outbursts
- Change in school performance
- Social withdrawal
- Intense emotional pain
- Increased absence from school
- Behavioural changes
- Excessive worrying
- Difficulty concentrating
- Unexplained weight loss/gain
- Alcohol and/or drug use.

If you have, your child may be experiencing stresses that are putting them at risk of poor mental health.

Connect is a family mental health support service that can help your family improve its health and wellbeing, strengthen relationships and connect you with your community.

To find out how Connect can assist your family call 1300654269 or visit [interrelate.org/connect](http://interrelate.org/connect)

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**The Pitts Family Circus**

**Free Event**

16 October 2015

1pm (Preschool Families) 6pm & 7.30pm

Valla Community Preschool 22 Valla Beach Rd, Valla Beach

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL