Welcome to Week 3 of Term 1 2015. The hectic start to the term continues with our school Swimming Carnival to be held in Macksville on Tuesday. It has been quite difficult to get all of our permission notes returned this year and we will need your help in this regard in the future. This is a school activity involving all students from 8 years and up. 8 year olds in Year 2 will be remaining with their class should they choose not to participate but all other students are expected to attend. We only have about 50% of our notes back at the moment and this will make things very difficult on the day. Even if your child cannot swim they are expected to attend on the day. Transport is provided and costs are minimal. Children dress in their sports house colours.

Red for Bradman
Green for Ella
Blue for Fraser
Yellow for Newcombe

Please be sure to return your child’s permission note tomorrow. If the formal note has gone missing then a simple written confirmation will do. These activities take many, many hours of preparation and we need your support if they are to continue to involve our whole school. They are about far more than winning and participation is highly beneficial for all of our children.

Our Kinder have completed their first week. If our Friday Assembly is anything to go by then we are in for an awesome year. Their maturity and self-control was a credit to them and I look forward to seeing just how clever they are in the coming weeks and months.

Our Special Ed classes began their trial of the swimming for the disabled on Friday. Mrs Gretchen Tsujimoto has organised this trial with a small group of students. It has been highly supported by our local Rotary and the YMCA. Parents of the students have been responsible for travel and are helping out in the pool. As we work through the bugs in our processes it is hoped that we may be able to extend the opportunity to several other students. Thank you so much to Gretchen for all of her work organising this most worthwhile initiative. Our kids are very lucky!

Our Years 3-6 sport began on Friday with students having the opportunity to play Rugby League, Cricket, Soccer and T-ball. It was great to see students working on their skills in 3-6 groups.

Finally, special congratulations to our Senior Admin Manager, Anne Phillips. She became a grandma last week. Everyone is doing well and Anne is very excited!

Have a great week.
Library News

Book Club: Order brochures have been distributed for Issue 1. Our school takes orders as per the brochures 4 times throughout the school year. Parents and carers can pay by credit card, cheque or cash. Please send orders with correct money or credit card receipt, in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with student name and class on the front, to the Front Office. Goodies will arrive several weeks after the closing date, which for Issue 1 is Thursday 19th February.
See you @ My Library.
Mrs Coulter.

Bus News

Students are NOT to eat food on the bus, though they ARE allowed to drink water.

Food Preparation

Please could you make sure your child’s fruit is cut up and food is ready to eat as we are unable to prepare and heat up food.

Pink Stumps Day

Tuesday 24 February is Pink Stumps Day.
This great initiative is to raise money for the McGrath Foundation who employs Breast Care Nurses for regional areas.
Our aim is to raise awareness and money to help support this great cause.
If your child could wear Pink on Tuesday 24 February (Week 5) for a gold coin that would help us with our school donation.
A match will be held at lunch time between Mr Potters Eleven and Cass’ Pink Panda’s on the day.
Please encourage your children to support this cause.
Kind regards.
Cass Notley and Sally Wesley

Breakfast Club

We are happy to be running Breakfast Club again this year. This is only possible with the very generous donations from Valla Lions Club and Nambucca Plaza Bakery!
All children are welcome to refuel with toast each morning. Thank you also to our parent and staff helpers.

School Fees

School fees are now due. They are $10 a term, $20 a semester or $40 for the year for each student.
Please find an envelope enclosed in today’s newsletter. Payments can be made to the Front Office.

Class Merit Awards:


Congratulations
Introducing...

Mr David Moseley 4/3D

After finishing university at Southern Cross three years ago, Mr Moseley has been working casually in our school. He has also worked casually at Bowraville Central.

In his spare time, David likes to play tennis!

Mr Moseley is passionate about teaching and is hoping to instil a love of learning in his class this year!

Ellen Lanesbury - KL

Mrs Lanesbury, nee Murray, finished university at Southern Cross last year. Kindergarten is her first class in her teaching career.

Ellen is getting excited to be marrying during the next holidays! Ellen enjoys reading and crafts, which she is excited to be imparting on her Kinder class.

Mrs Lanesbury is really hoping her new class can learn a lot and have a fun and enjoyable year.

Nick Lambert 6/5N

Mr Lambert finished his teaching degree at Southern Cross University in 2009.

Since then he has worked at Eungai Primary School as well as Nambucca Primary School.

Nick loves playing soccer, fishing and much more!

This year Nick hopes his new class can have fun and learn lots of new things!

Jaxen Heward - 2/1H

Mr Heward finished at Southern Cross University in 2011.

Jaxen has 3 children who he adores. He is also passionate about keeping healthy and staying active.

Jaxen lives locally and loves body boarding, playing soccer and photography.

Mr Heward’s hopes for his new class are that the children can improve and become the best they can be.

He also hopes his students leave school each day with a smile on their faces!
**Thai Chicken Burgers with Mixed Lettuce & sweet chilli & soy sauce**

**Price:** $5.50

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**Salad boxes with homemade coleslaw ham, chicken or egg**

**Price:** $5.00

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**Beef & Bean Nachos**

Beef mince, kidney beans, topped with cheese & lite sour cream & corn chips

**Price:** $4.00 small

**$6.50 large**

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**Sausage Roll & sauce (tomato)**

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**Paddle Pop**

**Price:** $4.00

**Correction from last week’s canteen menu:** Nippys Milk is $1.80, FM Milk is $2.00 and Popcorn is 60c. Sorry for inconvenience.

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**MACKSVILLE GIRL GUIDES** invites girls 5-14 years to come and see what Guides can offer for after-school activities. Girls learn life skills, cooking, camping opportunities, crafts, badge challenges and more, and enjoy the company of other girls their own age in a safe, friendly environment under the guidance of qualified Leaders.

We meet Tuesday evenings 5pm – 6.30pm at our Guide Hall, Cnr Briner and Park Streets, Macksville. For further information, phone Leonie 65687013.

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**Nambucca Valley Basketball Club** is holding a meeting at Macksville Indoor Stadium at 3.30pm on the 16th February to discuss a junior basketball competition on Monday afternoons. We need kids aged 8-14 who are interested in playing, and parents who are keen to get involved. Phone Michelle - 0428 452 277 for more information, or just turn up at the stadium. No basketball experience is necessary.

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**Nambucca Valley AFL Club wants you!!!**

**Bellingen Bulldogs / Nambucca Valley AFL Club are looking for boys and girls aged 5-15 years to play AFL and NAB AFL Auskick in 2015.**

Registrations are being taken at Burdett Park 15th February and 8th March from 9am till 11.00.