Welcome to Week 10 of Term 1. Our action packed term will come to an end on Thursday. The kids are to be congratulated on a wonderful term, where we are seeing a far higher level of engagement in the classroom and a far greater level of responsibility in the playground. Your help with homework and home readers is very much appreciated as we strive together to give our kids the very best chance of success. Enjoy your break and I look forward to beginning yet another hectic term on Tuesday the 21st April.

I will be away for the first couple of days of Week 1 next term as my daughter is getting married, and I have some important family work to do. I will be in constant contact with the school, and your executive team of Dorothy Leahy, Robyn Beauchamp and Gill Baker will be available should you have any urgent questions.

Peer Support training for our senior students has been completed. We are now ready to take on our first session on Thursday as we prepare for the Easter Hat Parade. I look forward to watching our Year 5 and 6 students take on the challenge of coordinating and supporting their peers through various peer support sessions this week and next term.

We have booked a Dental Van for Week 3 of next term. The van will be situated on the hard court for the week. All students will have the opportunity to access this service. Permission notes MUST be returned. As this service is not linked to the DEC, they are even more fussy than us in regards to parent/carer permissions. This service has the facilities to complete work such as fillings etc as required, and parents and carers are encouraged to make full use of this opportunity. There is no cost to families as the service is bulk billed. Keep your eye out for more information next term.

Our last Swimability session for our support class kids was held on Friday. This program has been a smashing success and fully supported by all of our wonderful parents and carers, who took care of transport and supervision throughout the sessions. A special thank you to Gretchen Tsujimoto for all of her work getting this program up and running. I am sure it will become a yearly event.

Our infant students had the opportunity to attend a free puppet show in Macksville on Friday. By all accounts they had a great time, enjoying both the puppet show and the bus ride! Mrs Beauchamp worked tirelessly to pull this trip together and it was great to see the kids so excited on Friday, both before they left and after they returned.

This Monday will be the last of our family meetings. The majority of our parents and carers have made the most of this wonderful opportunity. Teachers have enjoyed the chance to chat with you about your child, their goals and how you can make a real difference at home. This initiative appears to have been very well received, and I would appreciate any feedback from parents or carers in regards to the effectiveness of the meetings and the importance of them to our community. All students in our school effectively have a personal learning plan after these meetings, and the staff are quite excited by the support that they have received. Thank you to EVERYONE involved, parents, carers and teachers. This level of communication and cooperation is what our school is all about. Together

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**Diary**

- **Thursday 2nd April** Easter Hat Parade 2pm - Last day of Term 1
- **Mon 20th April** Staff return
- **Tuesday 21st March** Students return
We can make a real difference in the lives of our students by giving them opportunities to be their best and opportunities to make choices that will enable them to lead safe, happy, healthy and rewarding lives. This starts with us, and by working together, it is something that our whole school community can take great pride in.

You will see these 3 words in our newsletter regularly throughout the remainder of this year. **Engagement, Community** and **Potential**. These are the 3 strategic directions for our school plan. They will be discussed in greater depth at our next P&C and are a result of staff, student and community feedback. Look for deeper definitions and explanations throughout Term 2. Put quite simply, they are what our school is all about! Engaging students, students engaging, community support and supporting community, and making sure all of our students have the opportunity to reach their full potential, academically, socially, emotionally and physically. Only when we set the bar high will we truly know what we are capable of - staff, students and community together!

20 of our students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be participating in the Nambucca and District Legend 7’s Rugby League Day on Wednesday. Mr Freebairn and I will be taking the kids on the day and we are looking forward to a fun filled time with the focus on participation and team work, rather than points.

Easter Hat Parade starts 2:15pm under the cola. All classes will be on show and parents, carers, grandparents, aunties and uncles are all warmly invited to attend. The P&C Easter Raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the parade. Students will be making hats in peer support groups prior to the parade. We hope to see everyone there as a wonderful finale to what has been a very busy term.

A massive thank you to our school community. Your support this term has been incredible. Schools are for kids and things do not always go as planned when there are kids involved. Our parents and carers have shown an incredible amount of patience, trust and respect for what we are doing each and every day, even in those tricky and difficult situations that are part of the school day, week and term. Your willingness to work through issues with us is what makes our school such a great place to be, for all involved. I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter break and look forward to getting back into it for Term 2 on the 21st April.

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From the Library

The **NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge** has begun! The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9. At our school, K-2 students will participate by sharing the required total of 30 PRC books within their classroom and in the Library. 3-6 students are expected to read a total of 20 books. 15 of these must come from the PRC booklist and 5 can be of their own choice. The Challenge concludes in late August. For more information, please see the PRC website, or come on up to the Library.

[https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

**Holiday Borrowing:** Students are asked to return all library books this week. Those students with no overdue books may borrow for the holidays. **Mrs Coulter**

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**Catch Being Good:** Tyler Boswell MC - Playing with others. Lewina Donovan 6/5S - Working well in class, Liam Brown MC - Playing with others.


**Class of the Week - Miss Baker**

**Congratulations**
Family Fun Fete
Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who have helped out in the canteen this term. We are always needing volunteers so if you could help out next term, please contact the office.

### Community News

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR THE KIDS OVER EASTER?**

**MY GOLF COACHING CLINICS**

**NAMBUCCA HEADS GOLF CLUB**

**MONDAY APRIL 13TH TO WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH**

Programs will run from 8.00am to 12.00pm each day. Activities include Putting, Chipping, Pitching, the Full Swing and Modified Golf Tuition will be provided by qualified Community Golf Coaches. The activities have been developed by Golf Australia to be full of fun and entertainment and are simplistic in their nature. Places will be limited for greater personal tuition so be quick to register.

This is an ideal opportunity for parents to introduce their sons and daughters to the game of golf. Costs for the three days is $30. This includes a participants pack of a seven iron, cap, pvc ball and a drawstring bag.

Participants will also be registered with Golf Australia and receive their own starting Golflink number.

To register for the Clinic and/or further details please contact Andrew Bagust Phone: 0407151298 or Email: abagust@midcoast.com.au

**Ex Student Success**

We are happy to announce that past student, Craig Jarrett competed at the National Championship QASC in Brisbane last week.

Craig received a bronze in Discus with a distance of 28.22 metres, beating his personal best!!!

Well done Craig.