Welcome to Week 7 of Term 2. I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the long weekend at the end of the week. With only 4 weeks to go, the term has certainly flown by! With NAIDOC Day in Week 10 and our School Athletic Carnival on the last day of term, the holidays will be here before you know it.

We completely understand that from time to time, circumstances change and you will need to pick up students early or require them to catch the bus when you had planned to pick them up. In these circumstances it is vital that you contact the school as early as possible so that we can organise the variations to routines effectively and safely. Friday is particularly tricky as students are at sport and in differing locations around the school. The earlier you can let us know the better.

It is also vitally important that parents and carers let us know in writing or with a phone call of any changes to routines. If your child catches a bus then we put them on the bus unless otherwise informed. Often students will say that mum told them to walk home or they will be picked up. In the absence of any communication from parents or carers we will always insist that the student follows routine. This is the best way to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all of our students.

**MNC Touch Trials:** Several of our students travelled to Toormina with Miss Wesley on Monday to attend the MNC Touch Football trials. All of the players represented their school with pride. Congratulations to Jake and Zane Jones, Phoebe Schram and Kailee Salway on their selection in their respective Mid North Coast Teams. We look forward to hearing how they go when they play at North Coast level.

**Zoomobile:** Our infants and Stage 1 students were lucky enough to host a visit by the Zoomobile on Tuesday last week. All of the kids had a great time developing their knowledge of our native wildlife. I was lucky enough to see some wonderful writing by our talented kindergarten students that came directly from their visit to the Zoomobile. It certainly looked like lots of fun.

**School Public Speaking:** Mrs Leahy coordinated our School Speak-off on Wednesday with 14 students from Stages 2 and 3 participating. Mrs Phillips and I had the privilege of adjudicating the speeches and it was a very difficult task in the end. All students did themselves proud with their efforts at this very challenging task. Congratulations to Brooke Heather and Keenan Breasley who will represent Stage 3 and Lucy Smith and Beau Hussell who will represent Stage 2. A huge thank you also to our wonderful Stage 2 and Stage 3 audience who sat and listened to all of the speeches with respect and courtesy. The self-control and internal pride shown by our student body is a real credit to them at times and I was very proud as we sat and listened to the speeches on Wednesday!

**National Simultaneous Story Time:** Mrs Coulter has had a busy few weeks, and National Simultaneous Story Time was a real highlight for our school last week. Mrs Coulter organised for all of our infant students to share a special story at the same time as every other participating school in the state. This year the book was called the “Brothers Quibble”, by Aaron Blabey. Last year over 41,000 students participated in the simultaneous reading at over 3,100 locations. I can’t wait to hear the statistics from this year’s event!
**SWR Knockout:** Our Rugby League Team and Mr Freebairn headed over to South West Rocks for our first PSSA Knockout game on Thursday. The weather was perfect and the boys played extremely well, considering it is their first hit out for the year. It was great to have so many parents and carers come along and the boys especially appreciated the support of Elijah Edwards and Chris who ran the water for us. We ran out victors 18 to 8, and we now look forward to our next game which will probably be against Kempsey at some time before the end of the term.

**Bellwood:** Mrs Parkins and SCP were joined by Cody Larkins, William Jury and Mitchell Barber in their jaunt down to Bellwood on Thursday. Despite having to change transport at the last second due to inclement weather, the brave explorers of SCP refused to be daunted and headed down to Bellwood for some fishing, exploring and a picnic. A great day was had by all. The Stage 3 boys did a wonderful job helping, with Mrs Bekis, proving to be a natural at the fishing side of things. It was a catch and release day so all fish were returned to the water unharmed. There are some incredible photos from the trip and I can assure you that all of the students (and staff) involved had a fabulous day and are now more aware of some of the wonderful natural resources available for our enjoyment in our community.

**MNC Cross Country in Sawtell:** Our Cross Country runners headed to Sawtell on Friday. This is a tough sport and to reach this level is in itself something to be proud of. Mitchel Summers-Whalley is Shadow Reserve after coming 7th. Crystal Wylie is also a reserve after coming 7th, and Ebony tried her best, coming 35th. Well done.

**Basketball Clinic:** Stage 2 and Stage 3 had a wonderful time at the Basketball Clinic on Friday morning, organised by Miss Baker. I watched first hand as the kids all participated in drills and games designed to introduce them to this wonderful sport. With our PSSA Knockout games fast approaching, I am sure that the various skills that were practiced will come in handy very soon.

This Wednesday will see the first of several round robin debates being held at our school. Mrs Leahy has her team primed and ready to take on teams from Frederickton and Narranga. We wish Edmund, Zara, Sonja and Jeremy all the best with this very difficult endeavour.

Wednesday is set to be a busy day indeed with school photos also on the agenda. All photos must be paid for in advance as these accounts are not run through our school. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform on the day. Photographers will work through classes from K-6 throughout the morning.

Our Wednesday afternoon will be brought to life with a performance by special guest “Adamriginal”. Adam will bring a mix of storytelling and culture to his performance which I am sure will be enjoyed by all.

On Thursday we will be visited by renowned author, Tristan Banks. Tristan will be presenting to both Stage 2 and 3 on the wonders of reading. He will then conduct a special workshop for 12 of our aspiring writers. We will be joined by several other schools from throughout the district on this day and we look forward to welcoming them into our great school. Mrs Coulter has done an incredible job in organising this event and really making our school the centre of this wonderful opportunity!

Have a great week. Todd.

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**Caught Being Good**


**Class of the Week - 4/3D**

Congratulations
WANTED:

Wool for NAIDOC Day. Please send in to Front Office or Aunty Nerida.

Thank you.
**WEDNESDAY**

**Name** ______________

**Class** ______________

**Lamb Burgers**
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**THURSDAY**

**Name** ______________

**Class** ______________

**Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll**

**Price:** $4.50

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**FRIDAY**

**Name** ______________

**Class** ______________

**Butter Chicken (MILD)**
With Rice & Pappadum

**Price:** $6.50 large
$4.50 small

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**MONDAY**

**Public Holiday**

**The canteen is still needing volunteers!**

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**Community News**

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