Welcome back to Term 3 of 2015. I trust everyone had a great break and is ready for an action packed term!

Your child will be bringing a permission note home for our dental van visit that will occur in a few weeks. This is a massive initiative by our school as we support our parents and carers in providing quality dental services for our kids. The advantage with this van is that actions such as fillings and other minor operations can all be completed on site during the visit. There will be minimal need for referrals and extra appointments. There is no cost involved as all services are bulk billed to Medicare. Please be sure to complete the permission form in full so we can make sure that your child has full access to this service.

Our Gifted and Talented Program gets into full swing this term with a team of senior students taking on the Tournament of the Minds challenge. Mrs Daley will coordinate this team of talented students who take on a problem solving activity and provide dramatic solutions that involve creativity, teamwork and high order thinking. The team will meet each Thursday afternoon while all of Stage 3 participate in their small group activities.

This Friday is our K-6 Athletics Carnival. All students will be involved. We will separate into our sports houses at 9:15am before walking down to EJ Biffen Field for an action packed day of running, jumping and throwing. Our infants kids will be involved in a range of tabloid events, while the 8 year olds and up compete in the 800m, 200m, 100m, Relays, Discuss, High Jump, Shot Put and Long Jump. There will be a canteen operating on the day and we would love to see lots of parents and carers in attendance to cheer on our athletes.

Unfortunately the wet Term 2 has squashed many of our sporting trips into a much shorter time frame. Not ideal but these teams are so important to many of our students.

Our Open Boys League Team and Open Girls League Tag will be playing in Coffs Harbour on Monday in the Greg Inglis 7-a-side Shield.

Our Basketballers travel to Sportz Central in Coffs Harbour on Tuesday.

Our Firebird Netballers travel to Kempsey on Wednesday.

Our Debaters take on Aldavilla on Thursday.

Our Open Touch Footy Teams (Boys and Girls) compete in the PSSA Knockout in Coffs Harbour on Friday.

Our focus this term will once again be on attendance. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! We are aiming for 95% attendance as a school. This allows for students to have 3 days off throughout the term. Please ensure that your child attends school on every day possible. This may mean having a haircut after school or making other necessary appointments for after school. It means students coming to school on their birthday so that we can make a fuss of them, and it means thinking carefully before having any days away. Regular attendance does make a real difference to your child’s progress. Please help us to achieve this goal!
Please remember to give me a ring or pop in should you have any concerns or questions in regards to your child’s education. By working together we can ensure that all of our students have the opportunity to reach their full potential academically, socially, physically and emotionally.

Have a great week. Todd.

**Multi Sports Day**

Last term, students from the Support Classes travelled to Coffs to participate in soccer, NRL, AFL, netball, gymnastics and cricket. All staff and kids had a great day.

**Mathletics**

Our school has purchased Mathletics for the school. Mathletics is the world’s most used education and maths website! It is the next generation in learning, helping students enjoy maths and improve their results. Mathletics covers the full Kindergarten to Year 12 curriculum. Students can access this at home. Your child will be given their log in details.

Why do Mathletics?...

- Students love it!
- Real tangible improvements in results.
- Join a worldwide community of more than 3.5 million students and 10,000 schools
- Covers all State and Australian Curriculum
- It has been purchased for all our students!

**Reading Eggs**

Our school has registered with ABC Reading Eggs & ABC Reading Eggspress, the online program designed to motivate and excite your child about reading.

This means your child can now use ABC Reading & ABC Eggspress at home.

Usernames and passwords went home last term. If you didn’t receive yours please see your classroom teacher.

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**Class Merit Awards**

**KD:** All of KD, **KL:** Charlie Smith, Xavier Carter, **2/1E:** Dallas Taylor, Bailey Mackay, Tamika Chase, **2/1W:** Asher Edwards, Charlotte Ridgeway, **2/1H:** Thomas Farnsworth, Amelia Jones, Harmony Rose Boney-Mackay, **4/3D:** Shayla Colb, William Cohen, **6/5S:** Phoebe Schram, Lewina Donovan, **6/5N:** Jeremy Higgins, Patrick Bagnell, Hayley Griffin, McKeeley Ricaud, **6/5L:** Jack Kennedy, Jett Jarrett, Damon Simon-Wilson, **SCP:** Tyreece Buchanan, **SCB:** The Whole Class, **SCT:** Lachlan McElhinney Summers, Lyric Thompson, **Mrs Coulter:** Joanna Wellington, Mitchel Barber, Sharaiah Ridgeway.

**Class of the Week - Kindergarten**

**Congratulations**
We had a deadly NAIDOC Day in the last week of last term. We wish to thank all who helped us celebrate this special day. The kids enjoyed the many activities, and our parents and community enjoyed the lunch provided! We look forward to doing it all again next year.
**Community News**

*For more information visit www.families.nsw.gov.au*

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Session 2: Thursday 13th August 2015 - RAISING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT CHILDREN

Session 3: Thursday 20th August 2015 - RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

**Time:** 10am – 12 noon

**Where:** 157 Mann Street, Nambucca Heads (between Family Day Care and the Eco Shop)

**FREE childcare is available - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - as spaces are limited.**

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**NAMBUCCA VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL INC presents**

**NAMBUCCA VALLEY ART EXHIBITION 2015**

Nambucca Entertainment Centre Ridge Street, Nambucca Heads

Open from Sunday 20 September 2015 to Saturday 26 September 2015

9.30 am - 4.30 pm & Sunday 27 September 2015 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Official opening and preview Saturday 19 September 2015 at 7.00 pm. Drinks and light supper provided.

Admission $10 at door, exhibiting artists free.

Daily entrance fee $3, no charge for exhibiting artists or children under 12 accompanied by an adult.