Welcome to Week 6 of Term 3.

Not a particularly nice welcome for me on Monday morning as I walked in at 6:30am to see our soccer goal posts smashed and our Support Class push bikes in a variety of bins, scratched, bent and broken. Our brand new basketball/netball hoops had garbage bins jammed into them and there was rubbish everywhere. I find it astounding that there are people out there who can destroy things that belong to our kids! The soccer posts were purchased with money raised by our kids. The bikes were purchased with money raised by volunteers and are used to offer all of our kids something special at school, something that brings a real smile to their face when everything else is getting too hard. When people attack our school like this they are attacking the wellbeing of our kids and showing complete disrespect for our community. This school belongs to each and every child, parent, carer and staff member in our community, so each and every member of our community has the right to take offence. If anyone knows anything in regards to this incident then please contact myself or the local police.

In the interest of your child’s safety we have a strict policy in regards to all visitors to our site. This includes parents, carers, family members and family friends. All visitors must report directly to the Front Office. Should you need to get a message to your child, drop something off or even pick them up, then we will arrange this for you. Under no circumstances should anyone attempt to go directly to their child’s classroom or pick them up from an outside activity. This policy is only there for the safety of your child. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were reminded of this last week and who showed their full support and respect for our efforts.

There is a nasty cough going around that is followed by flu like symptoms. It is quite contagious and several staff and students have ended up in hospital with this illness. Please monitor your children carefully and take them straight to the doctor should they seem unwell.

Full credit to 6/5S and 4/3F last week who lost their teachers for the whole week and did their school and themselves proud. I know Mrs Smith and Mr Freebairn would have been very proud of the way that they worked and coped with the changes to routine. This has been an area in which our kids have really struggled in years gone by, so it is great to see the students of 6/5S and 4/3F setting such a great example. It was also wonderful to hear back from a casual teacher who had been working with 6/5N, who were the most settled senior class and had such a wonderful caring nature for one another. She was most impressed so well done 6/5N also.

Congratulations to all of our athletes who participated at the Mid North Coast Athletics on...
Friday. All participants did their school proud! A special mention to Daniel McElroy who qualified for his Age Race at the North Coast Carnival. A super effort indeed!

Miss Baker attended a special Vietnam Veterans Service on Tuesday the 15th along with Jerrai, Zara and Jamison. Our school representatives laid a wreath and showed our respect for our service men and woman on this very special day.

This morning at 9:00am our 7’s Rugby League State Finalists headed off to Sydney. The boys have been training the house down and will play 3 games on Wednesday against much bigger schools. From there we will compete in one of 3 tiered finals. I am sure that the boys will have a great time.

It’s that time of year again!! Year 6 Farewell parent meeting will be held at 8:30am in 6/5L on Thursday. Please come along if you are a Year 6 parent and can help out in any way possible on this very special night.

Finally, our TOM’s kids will be performing at the regional competition in Coffs Harbour on Sunday. The team has been working tirelessly with Mrs Daley to take on this very difficult challenge. I am sure Angus, Alex, Olivia Lane, Storm, Flynn, Christa and Zara will do a great job, meet lots of new friends and have a fabulous day.

Have a great week. Todd.

From the Library
Four more students have now completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done Angus Holloway, Ronald Cohen, Jannali McLeod and Joana Wellington. The Challenge will close for students on 21st August.

Stage 2 & 3 students are preparing for the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Our school Spelling Bee will be held on the 19th August. Prior to this, classes will be holding their own contests. Students are able to access the word lists by following the link below:

Enter the password robot.

Good luck to all our contestants!

Well done to Yolanda Jones who won the Book Week quiz competition last week! Here is the question for this week:
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Name 2 books from your favourite series
___________________________________ and _______________________________________

Name______________________________________________ Class: __________________

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More suggestions for Bookweek character ideas include: The Gruffalo’s Child, Thing 1 & Thing 2, Too Loud Lily, Where’s Wally, Mr Gumpy and Eric from My Dog Doesn’t Like Me!

Our character parade will be held at 2:00pm on Wednesday 26th August. Don’t miss it!

Congratulations to Lucy Smith, Alex Parker, Belle Elphick Ttoulou & Ella Buchanan who are the latest students to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. A reminder that the Challenge closes at the end of this week.

Our school Spelling Bee will be held in the Hall at 2:00pm this Wednesday 19th August. All welcome!

Mrs Coulter
More Photos from the Past 2 Weeks!
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**Community News**

**Nambucca District Little Athletics New Season Starting** The Little Athletics NSW motto is *family fun and fitness*. It is one of the sports where the parents can be just as involved as the kids and the kids love it! Parents, guardians, grandparents and even family friends help out with timekeeping, measuring and marking so that our events run smoothly. It is a great way for families to spend time together in a happy, healthy environment. **Registration & Trial night:** Wed 19th August 2015 at 4.45pm. (August to March) EJ Biffin Playing Fields Fred Brain Drive, Nambucca Heads. For further information please contact Tracey Cheers on 0438 685253 or Lisa McKay on 0438 856644.

**Macksville Gift**

The Macksville Gift is an athletic event held on the second Saturday of November in Macksville. The Macksville Gift has been running for 62 years and is the second most prestigious footrace in NSW. The Gift has always had a queen competition to run alongside the event to create community interest, but the past few years teenage interest has dropped off and we are trying to re-vamp the Gift. Last year was the first year of the princess competition with nine princesses raising $1700 for the Macksville Athletics Club. I would just like to raise awareness of the competition. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask. More information can be found on the Macksville Gift Queen & Princess Facebook page. Award ceremony is at the Macksville Gift on 14/11/15/ Contact Maryjane Campbell on 65686146.

**Are you a basketball Warrior?**

Interested boys and girls are invited to join the elite ‘I Am a Warrior’ Talented Athlete Program. It is being held on Thursdays from 5-6pm at Bishop Druitt College Coffs Harbour and will run for the remainder of term three. Cost per participant payable each session is only $5-00 to cover court hire.

The Warriors will be kitted-out in sponsored training singlet-tops and come under the skilful care of state qualified junior basketball coaches. Warrior participants should wear their own plain black mesh shorts. Please contact Warriors Head Coach Ken Lowry on home # 66525742, mobile 0417029603 or email kjl612@bigpond.com for further information.