Welcome to Week 3 of Term 1 2016. You may have noticed we have skipped a week. My apologies for this, as I followed the wrong document at the start of the year and it did not count the first 2 days as a week. I have since contacted the department and been assured that this is actually Week 3 not Week 2. Sorry for any confusions.

The West Tigers helped us welcome in our new year with an extended visit on Wednesday. They joined the boys and girls for training and then talked to Years 1 – 6 in the hall about healthy eating and making good choices. Dean and Chance were wonderful with the kids and everyone involved seemed to have a great time. A special thanks to Gary Stevenson, from the NRL, who always makes time for our kids and was a great coordinator on the day.

Despite a transport hiccup, our first Support Class swimming session took place on Friday. Our wonderful staff all pulled together, donating their time and fuel to ensure the kids did not miss out. A huge thank you to all of our impromptu drivers and a special thank you to Mrs Tsujimoto for making this wonderful experience possible.

All classes will be involved in excursions this year. Our excursion policy aims to provide students with experiences that are linked to the curriculum, bring learning to life and are not readily available in our local community. Stage 2 and Stage 3 excursions will be overnights and whilst they are great value for money and heavily subsidised by the school, can still be quite expensive. Any parent or carer who would like to begin paying for these excursions can simply drop money into the office and pay the costs in smaller instalments should they wish to avoid the large lump sum when the excursion comes around. Anne, Leanne or Julie will be happy to take your payment and provide a receipt. We are very proud to boast a 95% attendance rate on most excursions.

I will be meeting with our dedicated Scripture teachers on Monday. Just a reminder that all students who chose a religion on their record card will be expected to attend these lessons. They are held once a week for 30 minutes. Any parent or carer who does not want their child to attend must inform us in writing.

Our Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday. It involves all students who are turning 8 years or older this year including those students in Year 2. We will be heading to Macksville Pool at 9:30am on buses. All students have received permission notes and they will need to be returned, along with the pool entry and bus fee, to the class teacher as soon as possible. Parents and carers are encouraged to attend this wonderful day. See Miss Morro should you be able to help out with time keeping or other jobs on the day. Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours and bring their best cheering voices.

What a great way to end our 3rd week of Term 1!

Have a great week. Todd.
From the Library

Welcome to all 2016 students and families. It has been good to catch up with both familiar and new faces in the Library.

Issue 1 of Bookclub is available and students who wish to purchase should send their orders in an envelope to the office. Please ensure name and class are clearly marked on the front. Please include correct cash or a cheque (made payable to Scholastic). A credit card option is also available.

Spare order forms are available in the Library.

Orders will close on Tuesday 16th February.

An exciting year lies ahead @the Library as the new system ‘Oliver’ is implemented. Stay tuned for more information!

Mrs Coulter

Printers to Give Away

A very generous parent has 3 printers to give away. If you are interested, please contact the Front Office.

School Fees

The first instalment of school fees is now due. Cost is $10 a term, or $40 for the year. Payments can be made to the Front Office. Envelopes are included in this newsletter.

Support Classes Swim Ability

Swim Ability classes began last week for students from three very excited support classes. Sixteen eager students and six enthusiastic staff members travelled to Macksville Memorial Aquatic Centre where they were joined by several helpful parents. Students participated in classes designed to increase their water skills and confidence. Activities included learning the arm actions of freestyle swimming, how to breathe, blowing bubbles and kicking. They experimented with various water aides, including kick boards, noodles, and goggles. It wasn’t all hard work though! Students had time to further develop their water confidence through a shared fun experience with their peers. It was impossible to find a student or teacher without a smile! Special thanks to all parents for helping to make the day a success and a HUGE thank you to Miss Tsujimoto for making the lessons happen. All students are keen to return to the pool for further lessons throughout Term 1.

Class Merit Awards


Congratulations!
West Tigers Visit!
Name _______________
Class_____________

Lamb Burgers
Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot, cooked onion, soy & sweet chilli sauce on a bun
Price: $5.50

Name__________
Class_____________

Chilli Chicken Burger
With lettuce, tomato, cheese, mayo & sweet chilli sauce
Price: $4.00

Name______________
Class______________

Sausage Roll & Sauce
Nippy Milk
Price: $5.50

Name_________________
Class________________

6 Dino Nuggets Sauce
Paddle Pop
Price: $5.40

Canteen helpers needed urgently! Please contact the school if you can help out!

Community News

River Linked Kids

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This program will run during the School Term, alternating between Nambucca and Bowraville

**BOWRAVILLE** ANGLICAN HALL (fortnightly) STARTING THURS 18TH Feb 3:30PM - 5:30PM

**NAMBUCCA** ANGLICAN HALL (fortnightly) STARTING THURS 25TH Feb 3:30PM - 5:30PM

For more information, please call 6568 9029

Milo T20 Blast for 7-12 year olds

Come along and try the first game for free on Wednesday 17th February at Urunga Rec Reserve at 4.15 - 5.30pm.

2nd Week: Bellingen
3rd Week: Nambucca

The cost of the program is $99, which includes a shirt, cap, carry bag etc.

**Youth Frontiers** is a State Government initiative aimed at increasing the level of engagement grade 8-9 students have in life. The main outcomes we work towards in the program are, ensuring young people:

1. gain practical leadership skills
2. Increase community connectedness
3. Increase their sense of efficacy

The program is specifically designed to achieve these through providing the students with the opportunity and challenge of developing and implementing their own community service project, with a support structure consisting of one to one mentoring and group workshops. Mentors need to be: aged 18-80, computer literate, reliable and committed to the young person and the program, of good character.

We begin in March and complete the program in September, with a community Showcase- an inspiring and uplifting event for all participants.

Applications are open until the 22nd February. To apply, please complete the Mentor Enrolment Form on our website www.youthfrontiers.com.au and select Oxley as your program region.