Welcome to Week 5 of Term 1.

After 5 weeks of school our car park is a real mess. Parents and carers are placing the lives of children at risk by entering the staff parking area for drop off and pick-ups. We need your help to stop this happening and avoid a tragic accident. Please park in the lower car park or down at the bus bay. Under no circumstances should any vehicle be up in the top car park area, it is too congested and too dangerous. Please also ensure that your child does not enter or leave the school through the car park. All children are to use the bus footpath. I cannot stress how important this is. We need our whole school community on board if we are to keep our kids safe at the beginning and end of each day.

Congratulations to all of our District Swimmers who competed on Friday. Miss Morro did an incredible job organising a wonderful District Swimming Carnival and our swimmers tried their best in a range of events. Congratulations to Mitchel Summers-Whalley, who will now go through to the Mid North Coast carnival in Coffs Harbour. Well done to all of our swimmers, and we wish Mitchel all the best at the next level.

On Tuesday the Pink Panthers ran out victors over Auston’s All Stars in our annual Pink Stumps Fundraising Cricket Day. The oval looked a picture, (thanks Luke,) and the teams worked hard in the heat. In the end it was a couple of towering 6’s from Braiden Jarrett that proved the difference and the Pink Panthers now have bragging rights until next year. Well done to all of the kids involved and a special thank you to Cass for all of her work behind the scenes. $303.45c was raised and will be donated to the Breast Cancer Institute via the Glen McGrath Foundation.

Meet the teacher opportunities are in full swing with Stage 3 and Stage 2 complete. Stage 1 meetings will have been held on Monday and Kindergarten will be held on Thursday at 3:30pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child’s teacher and find out a little about what they do each day and how you can help at home.

Our Aboriginal Languages Program will be up and running this week with all stages involved except, Stage 1 at this point. Aunty Nerida and Edrika Jarrett will be taking the reigns as Virginia Jarrett is involved in a variety of new projects this year. The lessons focus on the Gunbaynggirr language and are a wonderful opportunity for all of our students to learn a little more about this wonderful culture. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Virginia for her tireless efforts over the past few years. Virginia has worked right across all stages in our school to increase the presence of Gumbaynggirr language for our students, and her efforts are very much appreciated.

Scripture starts this week as well. All students who have ticked the religion box on their enrolment application will be expected to attend. Should you wish for your child to attend non-scripture then please drop a note into the office stating clearly that they are not to attend Scripture. Our team of Jill Andrews, Syd Stone, Sandra Ellis and Margaret Spark will once again be working with all stages each Wednesday. The scripture team does a great job and our school is very lucky to have such dedicated volunteers in our community.
District Soccer Trials will be held this Friday in Urunga. Mr Lambert is the District Soccer Coach and will send notes home for any of our students who are capable of playing at this level. It is great to see soccer beginning to blossom in our playground, with many students showing an interest in the round ball game.

Open District Rugby League Trials will be held at EJ Biffen field on Thursday the 3rd March at 12:30. Notes inviting players to trial will be sent home this week. There are no under 11’s trials so we will be taking some under 10’s to prepare them for the Mid North Coast level trials on the 18th March.

This Friday is the NHHS Science Transition Day. Year 6 students will walk down to the high school at 9:30am with their teachers and be involved in an action packed science day. This is the first of many transition activities organised by the high school and a great opportunity for our Year 6 students to get a little taste of the exciting environment that awaits them in 2017.

Just a reminder to please keep on top of homework and home readers. Homework goes home on Mondays and is returned as soon as it is complete, but by Friday at the latest. It is set up to be done independently, so if your child is struggling with a concept then please simply circle it and make a note for the teacher. We do not want homework to be a constant struggle between yourself and your child. There is a small amount of compulsory work and some optional for those students who really want to power ahead with their learning. Homework can be completed in as little as 15 minutes, so please make time to get this most valuable learning routine up and running in your home.

Home reading is to be completed each night and returned to school every day. It takes no more than 10 minutes and again, the text should be easy to read for your child. In the lower grades, texts are changed every day; older students may be working their way through a novel. 10 minutes reading to an adult, sibling, grandparent, uncle or aunty can make all the difference to a child’s progress.

On Thursday Daniel McElroy, Keenan Breasley, Lucy Smith, Sonja Stone, Brooke Heather, Hayley Jacob-Harju, Adam Griffiths, Emma Cox, Christa Parker and Angus Holloway will be attending a special workshop in Coffs Harbour to hone their skills and prepare for the Premier’s Debating Challenge. We know they will do us proud.

Have a great week.

Todd.

**School Uniform Orders**

Uniforms are available to purchase through the school P&C Association. They stock both summer and winter apparel. You will need to purchase the checked girl’s dresses, skirts and shorts from Nambucca T-shirts.

Should you wish to buy any school uniforms, order forms are available from the Front Office. Please complete the form, enclose your payment and it will be passed onto the P&C uniform co-ordinator to fill. Your order can then be either collected from the school or sent home with your child. As the uniform co-ordinator will only be in the school two mornings per week, please make sure you allow time for the order to be processed. There is a phone number to contact the co-ordinator on the order form should you wish to discuss anything or arrange a time to meet her at the school.

As supplying uniforms for individual children can be a time consuming process, Front Office staff will no longer be able to fill orders, except for hats.

**Macksville Show**

With the Macksville Show just around the corner, show officials are calling on students to enter the children’s sections. Children can submit flower displays, digital photographs, crafts and much more.

Go to www.macksvilleshow.com for more detailed information. Entries open March 1st and close at midnight on March 31st. Good luck!
Class Merit Awards


Mrs Coulter: Cameron Simon Wilson, Lewina Donovan.

Class of the Week - 4/3D

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**Community News**

**Keep Calm and Communicate**

Are you struggling to communicate with your teenager?

Free Workshop!

Tuesday 22nd March 9.30am - 2pm

At Bellingen Youth Hub on the corner of Williams and Church Streets.

Bookings Essential

Phone 0429839473

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**URUNGA HOCKEY CLUB**

Sick of trying to be in three places at once for sport?

Come and play hockey

New players welcome

Juniors - Boys and Girls aged 5-16
Senior Men’s and Women’s teams

Where: All games are at the Hockey Complex, Stadium Drive, Coffs Harbour

When: Juniors: Saturday mornings
Seniors: Fri Night or Sat Afternoon/Night

Further information contact:
Rhonda on 0457271071 or email: rhonda.smith_20@yahoo.com.au

Winky on woejay@gmail.com

Lachlan on lwebb@bigpond.net.au

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2016 Catholic Sacramental Program

Children in Year 2 or older who have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation or First Eucharist may enrol in this year’s program by calling Cathy on 65681107.

Confirmation is on 16th March at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Nambucca Heads at 6pm.

For further information please urgently call or email
nvparish@lismore.catholic.org.au

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**Join the Bellingen Bulldogs Junior AFL Football Club in 2016!**

Boys and girls aged 6-15 are invited to join the fun and learn new skills playing AFL footy.

Matches are held on Sunday mornings and weekly training happens on Tuesdays from 3:45pm at Bellingen High School.

Sign up at our REGISTRATION DAY at Burdett Park in Fernmount on Sunday 28 February from 10:00-11:30 and receive your 2016 footy kit.

Or register online at www.play afl.com.au. (Just enter your postcode or look up the Bellingen Bulldogs FC, then follow the prompts).

More club info can be found at www.bellingenbulldogs.wordpress.com or contact Club President Budge Bihary on 0411 720 593 or bellobudge@bigpond.com