Welcome to Week 8 of Term 1. With the end of term fast approaching, all parents and carers will soon be offered the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher and learn a little more about what they are doing at school, where they are at, what they will be working on and how you can help out at home with your child’s learning. I would encourage all of our families to make the most of this opportunity and come along to our parent/carer/teacher meetings. They are a great opportunity to maximise your child’s learning.

Thursday was certainly an interesting day when we received a bomb threat over the phone. All policies were followed and the kids were great. We are working with NSW Police and our own Safety and Security Directorate in regards to this issue. Thank you to our whole school community for your understanding and support.

Josh Munro attended the MNC Open Boys Soccer Trials along with Mr Lambert on Friday. By all accounts, Josh trialled extremely well. He did not gain selection at this next level, but we are very proud of him and his efforts. Josh’s leadership in our playground and in the classroom has been a credit to him this year, and he is to be congratulated on his efforts in his chosen sport. I also need to acknowledge the efforts of Holly Blanch in our Soccer Trials. Holly did gain selection in the District Team, but chose instead to represent our school at the League Tag Day at Coronation Park. Holly is a wonderful role model for her peers, involved in everything and always keen to help out. Congratulations on your soccer efforts this year, Holly!

This Wednesday our netball girls and boys will be in action in Coffs Harbour. This is the first leg in the NSW Netball Cup. We have 2 teams entered and the kids will be supported by Mrs Bekis, Mr Lambert and Cass. They have been training the house down at lunch and recess and I am sure that they will have a great day.

The Opens and 11 Years Rugby League boys will be in action on Friday at Coffs Harbour at the MNC Trials. This will involve about 15 of our boys and I am sure they will represent our school with pride and distinction. Mr Freebairn is the coach of the Opens MNC team and I will also be in attendance on the day to support the Under 11’s.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who are having a real go at supporting their child
with returning homework and home readers this year. There has been a real increase in the amount of support we are receiving from home in this area and it will make a big difference in the learning of our students. Please keep the homework coming. Feel free to give myself or your child’s teacher a ring should you and/or your child be experiencing any difficulty in completing these activities each week. We have lots of ideas and solutions at our disposal.

Our car park continues to be a source of concern each afternoon. There is a clearly marked line and signage to indicate where parents and carers should park when picking up their children. Under NO circumstances should there be any vehicles beyond this point. It is simply too dangerous and places our kids at risk. Please either park on the hill just inside the gates or, preferably, down near the bus bay. Myself and Mr Freebairn are more than happy to walk students down with our bus lines.

Have a great week.

Todd.

Lunch Boxes

Our kids are growing fast and may need extra food in their lunch boxes to keep them going. Please make sure they have enough for lunch and recess breaks.

Breakfast Club Thanks

We would like to thank Valla Lions Club and Nambucca Plaza Bakery who have both have donated generously over the years to our Breakfast Club. We would not be able to run this popular program without their support. Thank you!

Year 6 Jackets

Orders for Year 6 jackets are due this Friday, along with a $10 deposit.

Year 7 in 2017

All Year 6 students will this week be receiving an ‘Information Guide and Expression of Interest’ form for students moving into Year 7 in 2017.

The ‘Expression of Interest’ form needs to be completed and returned to the class teacher before Friday
A Day in the Life of our Kindergarten Kids!
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**P&C News**
Reminder from the P&C that the AGM + meeting will be on Wednesday 16th March at 3.30, with meeting starting at 4pm. New parents welcome to come along.

**Easter Raffles**
Still needing donations of Easter eggs and goodies. Please send them to the Front Office.
Gift wrappers will be needed to help from Monday 21st March to Wednesday 23rd.
There will be prizes given to the students who sell the most tickets!

**Community News**

**Stewart House Day**
On Monday 7th March, 2016, Stewart House would have provided care for NSW public school children for 85 years! This makes Stewart House one of the oldest and most respected charities in Australia.

Included in this newsletter is an envelope for you to participate in the annual Donation Drive.
Last year a Year 6 girl in Willoughby Public School won and her family was able to embark on a European holiday!

**104th Annual Macksville Show**
Friday 8th and Saturday 9th April

**Family Fun Day**
Bellwood Park
Sunday 27th March 11am - 3pm
The Australia Day Committee has decided to run a Family Fun Day on 27th March at Bellwood Park to run activities that were cancelled on Australia Day.
We invite the community to come down to Bellwood Park and to have a fun time and participate in activities!