Principal’s Message

The weather has not been kind to the start of our school year however last Friday was exceptional. Outstanding co-operation from students and staff along with highly supportive parents avoided any major issues.

Most students adjusted well to the class restructure. In the end the only year level that was split was the Year 4 girls. Great to see that we managed to maintain our five classes.

The whole school is very excited about the new initiatives/programs being implemented this year, including Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Ukeulele, North Coast Conservatorium of Music, Indonesian language and the revamped Creative Arts program.

A huge thank you to Amy and Shelley who continued delivering lunches to each class in the height of the storm last Friday. Driving rain, fallen trees, cyclonic winds and a power outage could not dampen their spirit and determination. Amy and Shelley also stayed back and were of great assistance when the evacuation took place.

Another huge thank you to Ken and Denise whose wonderful efforts during the storm enabled our Year 5/6 kids and Goonengerry students to be rescued from the Spaghetti Circus at Mullumbimby Showground. Ken swerved falling trees before being blocked by a landslide while Denise avoided road blockages to get to our kids in time, yet another example of the outstanding service and support that Coorabell P S has enjoyed over many years.

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Small Schools and District Swimming carnivals. Each student displayed true Coorabell determination, courage and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Frankie and Elliott who were the Junior Girl and Senior Boy Champions respectively. Congratulations also to Frankie and Jiah who will be representing The Brunswick Valley at the Far North Coast Regional Swimming Carnival at Ballina tomorrow.

Congratulations to the following students who are the successful candidates elected for our 2013 Student Representative Council.

Year 6: Rosse; Zoe; Hannah; Lara; Bella; Mia; Kirra; Matthew; Dylan and Elliott
Year 5: Jai and Rowan
Year 4: Kai, Celeste and Ella
Year 3: Cal and Lola
Year 2: Cosmo and Mira
Year 1: Asher and Hope

These students will receive their SRC badges at a special Assembly this Friday March 1 at 1.40pm in the Library. All parents are welcome to join us for this assembly.
Photo Competition

Thanks to Yumi, Zoe and Lola for entering the photographic competition. Your entries were superb and showed the message of CARE. The whole school will be able to enjoy your efforts as the posters featuring your photos will be displayed for the next fortnight while we focus on CARING.

Music Program

The Music Program is up and running we would like every student to participate in this whole school program. The ukuleles have arrived. They have had the strings stretched and are tuned and ready to go. Ms Jones had an ear operation last Thursday and she will be back this week to teach with her freshly tuned ears.

It is a most exciting time for us as a school as we strike our first chords and start our musical journeys. If bringing a uke from home, be sure to have it here Thursday. New orders for ukuleles will go to the store in about a fortnight so if you were too late for the first bulk buy, there will be another opportunity.

The band program that will be on offer for primary students from the Conservatorium of Music in Lismore should commence in week 6.

Payment for Ukuleles Tuition

Thank you to the families who have already supported this initiative and sent in the $20 to cover the cost of the program.

We appreciate your speedy response. It works out at $2 lesson and this is a fantastic price for music tuition. The school cannot afford to fund this alone and we need commitment from every family to be able to fund this project.

If you have not already done so, please pay the $20 fee to cover tuition for 6 weeks provided by Ms Jones.

There is a Student Assistance Fund that you can access if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please call into the office and pick up a form.

IMPORTANT DATES

February
- Tues 26 Zone Swim carnival

March
- Fri 1 Yr 3/4 Spaghetti Circus
- Fri 8 Yr 5/6 Sport 9 – 11 am
- Fri 15 Yr 5/6 Sport 9 – 11 am
- Fri 22 Yr 5/6 Sport 9 – 11 am

April
- Wed 3 Yr 5/6 Drama/Music at G P S
- Thur 4 Yr 5/6 Drama/Music at G P S

P & C NEWS

Unfortunately our lunch roster is bare for the rest of this term. If you can help please call the office on 66847281 and we will put you on the lunch roster.

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NB: NO P & C Friday lunch for this week

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting will be on Thursday March 14, 2013 in the Library, commencing at 6.30 pm.

All parents are invited to attend these evenings. You find out firsthand about teaching and learning in each classroom, about school events on in that month and we discuss future plans and fund raising.

We look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BALLINA ON RICHMOND PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Classes resume on the 11th Feb 2013. Our club has been operating in the Alstonville and Ballina area for 20yrs and advocates exercise with fun and friendship. Classes cater for females aged 3yrs though to ladies. Physie combines a variety of dance styles designed to develop strength, good posture, grace and flexibility. Classes are held at Alstonville & Ballina Uniting Halls and our new location in Federal. FIRST LESSON FREE to new members. For more information phone Katy 0437813236 or visit our website www.ballinaphysie.com