PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

The Dolphins and Turtles thoroughly enjoyed their excursion to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary last Wednesday. The occasional shower did not dampen Coorabell’s enthusiasm, though it did make the crocodiles and the Tasmanian devils a little shy. Our year 5/6 students found the Green Challenge very exciting and rewarding, while year’s 3/4 were enthralled with some of the wildlife shows on offer. Our Coorabell kid’s behaviour was excellent. A huge thankyou to Jane and Geoff whose assistance throughout the day was invaluable and thanks again to Mrs Cottrill for organising the excursion.

Last Thursday’s Harmony Day was celebrated at CPS in fine style. The costumes/clothing on display were colourful and spectacular as was the classroom activities and international food that was sampled in some classes. Thank you all for supporting Harmony Day.

Congratulations Eagles for your assembly display last Friday and thank you also to Anna and Erin for the delicious pizza last week

Mrs Ross will be on leave until the start of Term 2. Julie is taking a well-deserved break in South America with a couple of her grandchildren. We all hope she has a great holiday.

Last Saturday’s ‘Meet & Greet’ was a great success and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Magira and the P&C for all your hard work. Thank you to all the parents/students, staff and family members for attending.

Special thanks to Mrs Crawford and Mrs Brown for organising some excellent Coorabell student entertainment that included singing, poetry, dance and an art display.

Have a great Easter!
Regards
Geoff Coghlan

MUSIC PROGRAM

I am happy to announce that 23 children have enrolled with the Northern Rivers Conservatorium of Music and will form our school band that will begin next term. We are really excited to get this great initiative started at last! Ukelele is bringing us all together in harmony and Kathryn is such a fabulous asset to our school. The children adore her and she is an outstanding music teacher. We are all making beautiful music together! Next term we will be able to extend Kathryn’s time by an additional 2 lessons over the term now that we are well and truly up and running. The Possums, Lizards and Eagles have had some weeks learning songs with me and are now doing some very exciting percussion with Mrs Van Kempen in music time. They are very good at keeping in ‘the groove’, as Kathryn would say. I am impressed with the attitude of the Dolphins and Turtles to learning some very challenging songs with me on a Monday. We won’t perform those until we are really, really good at them!

Colleen Crawford

IMPORTANT DATES

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Always do your best
LAST WEEK - ACHIEVEMENT

AWARDS - WEEK 8


LIZARDS: Yumi Haslam: Insightful drawing about green eggs & ham. Matthew Jacob: Always on task & ready to learn.

EAGLES: Leila: Outstanding progress & application. Jade: Great effort in all areas. Tanika: Great Effort in reading & comprehension.

DOLPHINS: Sophia: Excellent attitude & application. Jake: Diligence & application.


SRC Awards ~ INTEGRITY

Lizards: Asher Blair
Eagles: Erin Adie & Hinata Kuramoto
Dolphins: Toby Nowell
Turtles: Hannah Parrington

P & C LUNCH NEWS

No Lunches this week.

Thank you so much to Kelly Fletcher and Jonathon Greenwood who will do a Friday lunch on 5/4/13. We now have all our weeks filled for this term.

Feel free to put your name down for next term, so far we have two sets of parents who have put their hands up for next term. All that protesting hasn’t gone unnoticed.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to Yumi Haslam for winning the K-2 section of the U3A Seniors Week Photo Competition. Yumi took a brilliant photo of a friend practising yoga. Yumi attended a morning tea with Byron Shire Mayor last Tuesday and received a certificate and prize!

Billycart Derby

The Bangalow Billy cart Derby is coming up on the 18th May. If you and your child are interested in entering a cart this year please contact Mr Coghlan at the school before 28th March.

Outside School Hours Care

Outside School Hours Care is being conducted at the Bangalow P.S. If you are interested in this service please contact the coordinator Sian on 6687 1686 and call into the Coorabell School office to pick up the information sheet which has the days, times and fees.
CLASS CAMEO - Dolphins & Turtles

The Dolphins had a wonderful time visiting Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on Wednesday. Some of the highlights were patting a snake, kangaroo and emu, riding the train, seeing the amazing bird and Australiana show and playing at Wild Island.

Thursday we celebrated Harmony day with a feast for the senses. An amazing array of food from different cultures was shared and students made a wonderful effort dressing up in traditional costumes and colours of flags from other countries.