NEWSLETTER
Week 5 Term 1  24 February 2015

Swimming

Our swimmers braved the threatening weather last Thursday to compete at the Clarence District Swimming Carnival in Grafton. Well done to Amoretta, Viola, Kasey and Lilith for another fantastic effort. Viola will go through to the Mid North Coast carnival, being held in Coffs Harbour on Thursday 26th February, with the following individual results:
- 11 years girls
  - 2nd 50m freestyle
  - 4th 50m breaststroke
  - 2nd 50m backstroke

The PP6 relay team (for schools with 25 or less students) swam against other larger schools, in preparation for the MNC carnival. The district record stands at 3:30:00, set in 2011 by Nymboida PS. This year our swimmers recorded a time of 3:30:18. So close! Best wishes to our swimmers for MNC. If our team gets through to the North Coast level they will compete in Lismore on Wednesday 4th March.

Dundurrabin Combined Schools Day

Permission notes and lunch orders have been sent home for our excursion to Dundurrabin Public School on Monday, 16th March. Please return notes and lunch orders by Thursday 5th March so catering can be organised in advance. If you have any concerns regarding the early departure or late return times please contact the school.

Brisbane Leaders Day

Our senior students (5/6) will be attending the National Young Leaders Day in Brisbane on Friday 20th March. Students have been given a flyer outlining what the day involves. Travel will be by bus with students from other Clarence Valley schools. When travel arrangements are finalised a permission note will be sent home with further details. The day will involve a very early start!

Readers and Sight Words

Reminder for K/1 students - regular home reading is very important. Please bring in your home reader for changing daily. Parents - your assistance with practising sight words and reading with your child each day is greatly appreciated and will have a significant impact on their future literacy skills.

School Photos

On Wednesday 1st April, our annual school photos will be taken. The package cost will be $10 per student with an additional $5 for sibling photos. Photo orders will be sent home soon with funds going towards our P&C.

Uniforms

Thank you to our students and parents for assisting in the improvement of our uniform presentation. Let’s keep it going!

Daily Examiner Tokens - HELP!

We are collecting tokens which will be published in the Daily Examiner until Monday 16th March. The prize is a $5000 classroom makeover from Staples. The tokens have been printed on the inside cover each day. Tokens can be sent to school up to Friday 20 March.

EARTH HOUR MARCH 28 2015

7pm-9.30pm Christ Church Cathedral
Be a part of the Global Orchestra at the inaugural Clarence Concert for the Planet

You don’t have to be a highly skilled musician or play an orchestral instrument. Pick a movement, a phrase, or re-interpret Holst’s *The Planets* and join the Global Orchestra right here in the Clarence. Places are limited, so to express your interest, please contact Clarence Valley Conservatorium 66 433 555 before March 2. For more information on the global orchestra visit www.globalorchestra.com

Canteen

The canteen will operate on Friday this week. Lunch orders will be sent home on Thursday. This week we will trial the ordering of recess. There has been some confusion for students as to whether they will have recess from home or the canteen. This also assists with food preparation on the day. Various items will be available for $1.00.

Important Dates

- **Thursday 26 Feb**  MNC Swimming
- **Friday 13 Mar**  Nymboida Cross Country
  Funky Hair Day
- **Monday 16 Mar**  Dundurrabin Combined Schools Day
- **Friday 20 Mar**  Responsible Pet Education K-4 Leaders Conference Brisbane 5-6
- **Monday 23 Mar**  P&C Meeting 8.30am
- **Saturday 28 Mar**  Election Day - P&C cake stall at school
- **Monday 30 Mar**  Small Schools Cross Country
- **Wednesday 1 Apr**  School photos
  Ear health lessons

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