PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 8.

It is really incredible just how fast time moves, especially at the end of the year. We have only a few more weeks until we finish. Just a reminder that the final day for students is Wednesday 16th December. It seems like just yesterday we were starting the year and now it is almost done.

Our new demountable building will be installed at the end of the car park at the end of L Block during the holidays. We have opted to put the building there rather than next to the library as it provides the best fit for our upper stages. I realise we will have to use the other sites in the future, but this time the site was in the best interest of all. Next year we have a record Kinder intake and we will have four classes beginning school with us. We will be starting 2016 with 449 children at this stage.

School Leaders
It was my very great pleasure to accompany four of our school leaders on Monday night when they went to address Lake Macquarie City Council and present the petition to expand the cycle ways on our peninsula. Jacinta G, Jasmin L, Bayley F, and Matthew G, delivered the petition to the full council meeting. Jacinta spoke to the meeting which included Mayor Jodie Harrison and all the councillors and staff of the organisation. The children looked fabulous in their blazers and they carried out their roles brilliantly. In 35 years of being an educator I don’t think I have ever been more proud of our amazing public school students. I must thank parents for transporting the children and presenting them so well. I would also like to thank Dave Lemcke for organising the petition, coming to the meeting and encouraging the children.

School Leadership Speeches
I had the pleasure of listening to the leadership candidates for 2016 early in the week. I must say the standard of the speeches increase in quality each year. So as our children have more exposure to public speaking and debating it shows clearly in the standard of their speeches. I will look forward to the end of the years’ presentation ceremony to find out the result of the elections. I will be happy with any combination of these outstanding children in our leadership group.

More Parking Issues
It has been reported that some parents are still sitting in their cars and calling children across the road at the end of the day. What will it take to get through to some people how absolutely dangerous this is. PLEASE do not do this.

Bike Helmets
It is law that children must have helmets when they ride bikes, scooters and skateboards on the road and cycleways. Please ensure children have helmets on and clipped up when they ride to school. Please also be aware that the school has a duty of care for students and when we insist on helmets to be worn it is not up for debate it is the law!

While it seems like I have been a bit negative in these last two areas I must say the school has never been better and it is a remarkable and happy environment. We have amazing children!

Have a great week.

Mark Stiller
Principal

SAVE THIS DATE!!

Presentation Day
Monday 14th December
10.00am
For Kinder to Year 6
2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November
27th School Spectacular Excursion
30th Stage 3 End of Year Celebration

December
1st Stage 2 Beach Fun Day
Infants Party Day
3rd Yr 6 Morisset High School Orientation Day
7th African Drumming Workshop Years K-6
Infants Assembly
14th Presentation Day
Year 6 Farewell
16th Last Day of Term 4 for students

Notes Home this Week
Community Partners Page
K-6 Presentation Day Notice

Canteen Roster
Week 8
Monday 30th Michele M, Gabriala V, Monica S
Tuesday 1st Vick M
Wednesday 2nd Jodie, Natalie P
Thursday 3rd Gabrielle H, Lisa D
Friday 4th Michele M, Gabriala V, Melissa M

Infants Assembly Week 8
The following students received awards:
Mikayla H, Hope M, Adrianna W, Harmony P, Sharni P,
Aiden S, Laura M, Cael S, Elise B, Brandon O'T, Noah B-A,
Rhiannon W, Toby W-C, Alex H, Chase A, Declan Y.

Library News
The term is coming towards the end at a rapid rate.
Borrowing has ceased for the year. This will allow all
the books to be re-shelved and the shelves to be put in good
order ready to begin 2016. Thank you to everyone who has
already returned their library books. Please aim to return
them ASAP if you haven’t.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates will be
handed out over the next week at the infants and primary
assembly’s. Congratulations again, to those students who
completed the challenge. Reading is a great holiday pass
time if the kids are short of things to do. It’s not only great
for the imagination and entertaining, it keeps student’s in
practice over the holidays.

Happy Reading
Mrs Wood

Book Club Reminder
Book Club Issue 8 is due back by 9am on Monday 30th
November 2015. Online orders are available through

P & C Notes
Disco
Thank you to everyone who supported the last Disco of
2015. Although numbers were a bit light on the night, we
still managed to finish with a bang and produce a profit over
$1300. I know all the children who attended had a great
time and we look forward to DJ Andy continuing to entertain
the children in years to come.

Christmas Raffle
Our last fundraiser for the year is our Annual Xmas Raffle.
Like the Easter raffle we will not be issuing physical tickets.
Envelopes will be sent home with the newsletter today. Fill
in the details on the front of the envelope of how many
tickets you would like to buy, place your money into the
envelope and return to the school office. Envelopes need to
be returned by Friday 11th December. The raffle will be
drawn at the Presentation Day on Monday 14th December.

We will be selling tickets at the presentation prior to
drawing the raffle. There will not be 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes etc,
the raffle will be drawn and winners will have their pick of
the prizes. Prizes will include:– $100 Coles Gift Voucher to
be used at the Bonnells Bay Store, an Ice Cream Maker, a
Remote Control Car, an Ultratune service voucher, dinner
at the Bay Hotel, Pizza voucher at Mangia Bene. Tickets
are $1, so bring some spare change to help support this
wonderful P&C.

Have a great week.
Therese Blair
P&C President

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop will only be open Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays until the end of Term 4. They
are also looking for more volunteers for 2016. If you can
help please leave you name at the school office.

Picking up Children at the End of the Day
A reminder to all parents that in the afternoon while waiting
for the children to come out of class, it is important to wait
under the cola and not outside the classrooms. It interrupts
the children if they can see their parents outside the
classroom. Thank You

COORANBONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

The school is having a fun filled afternoon on Friday 4th
December, starting at 4pm. Lots of food, drinks, giant
raffle, face painting, fairy floss, donuts, BBQ, white
elephant stall plus much more. All welcome.
Ethics
This week in Ethics, Early Stage One will be thinking about the question, "How can we work out what's true?" and "Does telling the truth matter?". Stage One are continuing their discussion of "being kind" by considering how others feel in certain situations. Stage Two are thinking about "cheating" by considering what it is, if it is wrong, and what it might be like if everyone cheated. Paul's Stage Three are pondering if it is morally justifiable to eat meat, while Marie Claire's Stage Three are talking about homelessness in Australia. A reminder that we still need volunteers for 2016. For Ethics to continue at BBPS, we need community members to join our fantastic team. Thank you to those who have contacted me expressing interest.
Erin Turriff, 0447771946 or c3150092@uon.edu.au

Garry Lawler’s Music Program for Schools
Dear Parents
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment in supporting the music program through the year. For those members that are going on to high school and the students not continuing I wish them every success and encourage them to continue their music involvement and I am very proud to have provided a musical foundation that they will carry all through their life. Thank you again for supporting your children's musical aspirations and thanks must also go to the teachers and various school communities for their support. If your child is continuing (re-enrolling) we are currently accepting 2016 Enrolments for Group and/or Private Students in Guitar or Ukulele. Re-Enrolments only require email notification to register for 2016. Please reply prior to 31st December to take advantage of an early enrolment discount on Term 1 2016 Fees. Sincerely Garry Lawler