PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Greetings all and welcome to Week 2.

What a week it was!

The recent storms have had a major impact on the school. We lost 8 major trees and we still have 12 trees hung up or leaning on other trees for support. None of these trees are dangerous to children as they are in isolated positions in the grounds and will be cleared up as soon as possible. The trees which fell against H block have been removed by our staff so we could open the school as soon as possible. The damage to the back fences, paths and vegetable gardens will be prioritised and cleared up and repaired as soon as possible. The trees at the bottom of the oval and in the Aboriginal garden areas which are leaning and hung up will be felled and mulched as soon as possible also.

The damage to the roof spinners and carpets is relatively minor, as are the roof leaks. Our guttering suffered but will be replaced and repaired where possible. We will now have a lot of timber available for firewood as the standing dead trees are felled, so families can contact me in the near future to come and cut up these dead trees for firewood. All in all we were very lucky.

I would like to pay tribute to all the staff who pitched in and worked tirelessly to get us back in operation. Also I would like to especially thank one of our parents, Ross Kohlhagen who came off a 12 hour work shift to put in a full day on the chainsaw. He and Robert Reid cleared out and made the school safe for the children. The staff moved mountains of timber and branches. All in all it was a mighty Bonnells Bay effort.

Trinity Point Sign
The Trinity Point sign which appeared during the last holidays will be moved from its present position to a less conspicuous location at the end of the COLA area near the oval. This should happen at the end of this week. I regret the angst this has caused.

Josh Diebert’s Shave for a Cure
Josh has been growing his hair for two years now and has decided to get rid of his locks and support the leukaemia foundations ‘Shave for a Cure’. I think this is a wonderful gesture and encourage everyone to get behind Josh. Please see the advertisement for Josh in this newsletter for more information.

Screening Program Recognised
As mentioned last year our Kinder screening program has been recognised as a program of excellence across NSW. As late as yesterday Department of Education officers contacted the school to get more information so the program can be publicised and offered across the state schools as best practice and a model for the use of school funds. Congratulations to Mrs Corrigan for her work in developing this program.

Year 5 Opportunity Class Applications
Academically gifted children in Year 4 will be offered the opportunity to apply for placement in an opportunity class at Biraban Public School in 2016. These classes are aimed at academically gifted students and require applications to sit a placement test. Notes will be coming home to all Year 4 students today on the application process. If parents have any questions please contact the school for advice.

Have a great week.

Mark Stiller
Principal
2015 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

May
1st Zone Cross Country
8th Mother’s Day Breakfast
P&C Mother’s Day Stall
22nd Star Struck Choir Rehearsal
27th Star Struck Dance Rehearsal

Notes Home this Week
Community Partners
Zone Cross Country Note
Star Struck Excursion Note for Stage 3
Mother’s Day Breakfast Reminder

Canteen Roster

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Mother’s Day Breakfast
Mother’s Day breakfast forms are due back at the school office by Friday 1st May so that catering can be accurately organised for the day. Breakfast will not be available to those who have not returned notes as we are specifically catering to orders.

If you have misplaced your form, extra forms can be obtained from the school foyer.

Mother’s Day Raffle
Raffle tickets were handed out on Monday, please return the tickets sold or unsold by Wednesday 6th May. There are wonderful prizes which include movie tickets, day spa package, gift baskets and a high tea voucher.

Mother’s Day Stall
The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Gift Stall. For more information please read the P&C news in this newsletter.

Star Struck Rehearsal & Performance Dates

Dance
First Major Rehearsal Wed 27th May
Second Major Rehearsal Wed 10th June
Technical & Dress rehearsal Thursday 11th June

Choir
First Major Rehearsal Friday 22nd May
Second Major Rehearsal Friday 5th June
Technical & Dress Rehearsal Thursday 11th June

Star Struck Performance Dates
Friday 12th June
Saturday 13th June

Star Struck Tickets
Just a reminder that tickets are available for purchase through Ticketek outlets or Ticketek online. Come along and look at all the wonderfully talented youth that represent the Hunter area.

P&C Meeting
Mother’s Day Stall
The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day stall on Friday 8th May. There will be lots of gifts available for all students to purchase with prices ranging between $1 - $5.

Any parents who can help with the stall please leave your details at the office. The stall will run from 9:30am – 11:30am.

Disco
The disco for this term will be held in Week 7 on Wednesday 3rd June. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar now. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Donation Thank You
The P&C would like to thank Kara Tammekand for securing a donation from the Dora Creek workers club. The Club has kindly agreed to supply all of our cups for the disco. Thanks for pursuing this Kara. We really appreciate it. Thanks also to the Dora Creek Workers Club for their support.
LEST WE FORGET

ANZAC DAY 2015