Well done to the children in Years 3-6 who participated in the Learn to Swim program at South Tweed Pool last week. It was a fantastic week! Over the course of the week I witnessed our kids making huge progress with their stroke techniques, their breathing and kicking. The final day was very exciting - with water rescue, CPR and survival techniques being learnt. I thoroughly enjoyed being in the water with the kids assisting with teaching, and finishing off my assessment for Austswim, of which I am now qualified and able to teach swimming and water safety.

Next week students in Years 3 and 5 will be completing NAPLAN assessments. Please ensure that your child/ren are well rested next week, and at school on time if they are completing these assessments. Tuesday the students will be completing their writing task and language conventions, Wednesday will be the reading assessment and Thursday will be Numeracy. If your child is away on any of these days, Friday is available for catch-up.

Good luck to those kids competing at the district cross country carnival at Murwillumbah HS tomorrow! Thank you to parents who are able to transport.

Today an expression of interest is coming home for this year’s camp. It is for students in Years 3-6, and we will be travelling to Brisbane this year. I have done this exact trip twice before and can guarantee that it is a fantastic camp with many excellent opportunities for the kids. Its purpose is more educational this year, as opposed to last year’s being more physical education targeted. I really need an initial yes or no from parents as soon as possible, so we can plan ahead and work out monetary figures and costings.

A permission note is also attached to today’s newsletter for students in Years 3-6 to attend a ‘Jazz Club’ session at Condong Bowling Club. We will be asking parents to drive again, and those parents who are able on the day will be most welcome to stay and listen to the jazz. It sounds like a wonderful opportunity and will certainly expose the students to some new and interesting experiences.

Year 6 students have been invited to Tweed River HS next Friday for a science day. I hope all Year 6 students are able to attend – these days are very important and assist in making the transition to high school as smooth as possible.

A general reminder to parents/carers – if you have any concerns about your child/ren’s learning or any questions regarding school, please contact either your child's teacher or myself. Our doors are always open, and any issues are best dealt with swiftly. Parents are also very welcome in our classrooms to help out. If you are keen to come in, again, please contact your child’s teacher to organise an appropriate day and time.

Anna Starcevic
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Friday 8
- Book Club orders due back
- Murwillumbah District Cross Country Carnival @ Murwillumbah High School Oval

Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14
- Naplan - Years 3 & 5

Thursday 14
- Tooty Fruity – Julie on roster

Friday 15
- Naplan make up day for absent students
- Tweed River High School Science Day

Thursday 21
- Tooty Fruity – Anna on roster
NAPLAN 2015
The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for students in Years 3 & 5 will be as follows:

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CROSS COUNTRY
Murwillumbah District PSSA Cross Country is on tomorrow 8 May at Murwillumbah High School Oval. Good luck to those students who will be competing and representing Carool PS.

REMINDEERS
Library and sports day is on Friday for this term.

GIRLS SKORTS
We will be placing an order with our uniform supplier LW Reid, due to a number of parents indicating they are having difficulty finding black skorts to purchase. The skorts are made of easy care, crease resistant, soft finish gabardine. They have excellent stain resistance thanks to a long-lasting DuPont Teflon treatment. The skorts feature a ½ elastic waist for easy fit and a wrap over front panel so they look like a skirt but have the freedom and modesty offered by shorts.

An order form has gone home with the newsletter today for those parents wishing to purchase these skorts. I will advise parents when the order arrives at school (probably around two weeks).

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CRUNCH&SIP SNIPPETS
Here is another snippet from the Crunch&Sip program....

Children are more likely to enjoy their Crunch & Sip if their produce is fresh and delicious. Choose fruit and veg that are currently in season and that feel firm, smell nice and look appealing.

PARENT TIPS

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:


Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Plebs Pros and Personalities 4 Suicide Prevention Australia

This weekend there will be an exciting event held at Burleigh Bears Football Club, from 5pm Friday to 6pm Saturday. The aim of PPP4SPA is to raise money and awareness for Suicide Prevention Australia, in a fun way. The event involves 8 treadmills running simultaneously for 24 hours. There will also be market stalls, a jumping castle, kids' activities, live music, food stalls, Yoga, Pilates, Hulanesian Fitness, raffles and an auction. If you would like to run or walk for half an hour on a treadmill, you can register here: http://www.ppp4spa.com.au/register-run If you would like to help raise money and awareness for Suicide Prevention Australia, you can donate here: https://ppp4spa.everydayhero.com/au/natalie

Donations over $2 are tax deductible. I would love to see you at our event!

Natalie Elliott