**Dates to remember……**

**Intensive Swimming Program**
- 17, 19, 22, 24 & 26 February

**P & C Meeting**
- Wednesday, 17 February—1.30pm

**Walking on Water Surfing**
- Friday, 19 February

**Community Health Nurse Visit**
- Friday, 26 February

**FNC Swimming Carnival**
- Friday, 26 February

**Clean Up Australia Day**
- Friday, 4 March

**NC PSSA Swim Championships-Kempsey**
- Wednesday, 9 March

**Tweed Daily News Kinder Photo**
- Thursday, 10 March

**FNC AFL Trials**
- Friday, 11 March

**Chess Starts**
- Monday, 14 March

**Winter Trial**
- Thursday, 17 March

**Harmony Day**
- Monday, 21 March

**FNC Zone Winter Sports Trials**
- Wednesday, 30 March

**First Aid Yrs 3 – 6**
- Monday, 4 April

**NSW PSSA Swimming Championships**
- Wednesday, 6 & Thursday, 7 April

**Last day of Term 1**
- Friday, 8 April

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**Murwillumbah District Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to the children who represented the school and participated in the Murwillumbah District School Swimming carnival held last week.

Monty competed as a member of the Small Schools Girls Senior Relay and they placed 2nd qualifying to progress to the Far North Coast Championships being held on Friday, 26 February at Murwillumbah. (Please note change of date.)

*Congratulations Monty...have a great day!*  

**Community Health Visit/Assessment**

Judy Murray, our school nurse from Community Health will be visiting the school on Friday, 26 February.

Children will only be seen on a referral basis from parents, carers or teachers who have a major health concern with a child, e.g. vision, hearing, speech.

Forms have been sent home with children who have been nominate by either the Health Nurse for ongoing assessment or as a new enrolment or for referral by a parent or class teacher.

If you have a concern and did not receive a form, please contact the school and we will issue you with a form. Children cannot be seen by the nurse without parental consent.

*Please send in all consent forms tomorrow as they are to be forwarded to the nurse prior to the day. Thank you.*

**Walkin’ on Water Surf Program**

Our Walkin’ on Water Surf Program commenced last Friday. *The children had a great first day!*

Many thanks to our parents who have offered to drive each week.

**Dates**
- Friday 19, 26 Feb and 4, 11, 18 March.
- 11.00am
- 11.30am to 12.30pm
- 12.35pm

**Transport**
- Parents
- Cost: $69.00

(If you have not paid please do so this week or contact the office for a payment plan. Thank you.)

**The children will need to bring:**
Swimmers, Towel, Rashi, Sunscreen and a Water Bottle all in a small carry bag.
(The children will have an early morning tea at school and have their big lunch when they return to school.)

**Intensive Swimming Program**

Our Years K, 1 and 2 children started their Intensive Swimming Program today and will continue this Wednesday and Friday followed by the same schedule next week.

Many thanks to our parents who have offered to drive on these days.

**Dates**
- 17, 19, 22, 24 & 26 February

**Leave from School**
- 11.00am

**Surf Program**
- 11.30am to 12.15pm

**Leave to return to school**
- 12.20pm

**Transport**
- Parents
- Cost: Free

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**Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts…….Speech and Drama**

The Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts (Speech and Drama section only) will be held at Murwillumbah Civic Centre from Thursday.
16 June to Tuesday, 21 June.

Forms have been sent home. If you would like your child to enter the competition please complete and return your child’s entry form to the school prior to 6 March. We will only be entering children in the Speech and Drama sections so please disregard any information on the attached information sheet and form that does not relate to Speech and Drama.

Please note: Late entries cannot be accepted as they must reach the convenor by the closing date.

You will need to provide your child’s transport to and from the Murwillumbah Civic Centre and supervision for the appropriate days. **The competition will be held on Saturday and Sunday also.**

We would like parents to assist their child in choosing a suitable poem/prose for the competition. This does not have to be finalised by the 6 March but the entry form must be in. If you are having difficulties finding a suitable poem as it nears the competition, we can help with some suggestions.

Katie (Hester’s mum) will listen to the children’s poems and give some suggestions as it nears the competition date, but primarily it is parents responsibility to prepare their child for the competition.

Thank you Katie for helping the children once again this year!

**Reminders...............**

**Work books**

Our student work book order has been placed and in some cases received. The children will receive either subject books and/or booklet/worksheets throughout the year depending on their class and level. The cost will be $30 in total.

**Please reimburse the school for the cost of these work books as soon as possible.**

**General School Contribution**

(Voluntary School Fees)

The School Fees for 2016 school year for Years Kindergarten to 6 has been set at $40 for the first child, $40 for the second and $35 for the third child.

**URGENT..........Personal Information Declaration**

Permission to Publish and Online Access Forms are attached to this Newsletters. Some parents completed the sections when enrolling their child.

Some parents either did not tick 1 or both boxes on the form.

If you have not returned a completed form or you have ticked no, your child will not be able to be included in various activities. If you are hesitant to tick a box please give the school a ring for clarification. If you do not place a tick in the box it is classified as NO consent and it will not be possible for your child to continue participating in existing online curriculum programs or be included in a photo opportunity. If you would like further information or clarification please contact the school or speak to your child’s classroom teacher.

Thank you.

**Scripture Class**

The children started Scripture classes with Mary last Thursday. Classes will be held each Thursday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. The children are divided into 2 age appropriate groups for a 30 minute lesson each week.

If you do not wish your child to participate in Scripture, please contact the school.

**School Website**

A reminder...to check our school website for updates. You will find our weekly Newsletter on this also.

Occasionally photographs are taken of individual students or classes and may be included on our School Website. If you DO NOT wish your child’s photo to appear on the Website please notify the school.

**Term Dates and Staff Development Days**

The last day of Term 1 is Friday, 8 April for students and staff.

Staff Development Days – The first day of term for Terms 2, and 3 and last 2 days of Term 4. Students do not attend school on Staff Development Days.
P & C Meeting

Our first P & C Meeting for the years will be this Wednesday, 17 February at 1.30pm.
Everyone is welcome to attend our P & C meetings. There is a yearly $1.00 membership fee.

Items for P & C Agenda -

Name __________________________________________

I would like the following item/s included on the Agenda for the P & C Meeting to be held on ___________ at the school.

Agenda items/s _________________________________________________________

(Please submit Monday morning prior to Wednesday’s P & C Meeting)

Signed _____________________________ Date ________________

URGENT ………………Organised Excursion Out of School

We endeavour to book a bus for most of our out of school excursions throughout the year but sometimes this is not possible due to the cost. This is mainly when we are doing an intensive program such as the surfing lessons starting this Friday and Swimming next Monday.

Departmental Policy insisted that we acquire the following documentation in relation to excursions:

- Parental Consent Form
- Special Water Activity Form
  - Where parents are involved in transporting students other than their own - a photocopy is required of the following documents.
    - A current Drivers License is held.
    - The vehicle is registered and fitted with approved seat belts.

To make it easier for those parents who will be offering their services in driving students to and from venues at any future time, the school would like you to fill in the attached form and we can then keep this on file from this point in time.

Vehicle and Policy Details

Name of Parent/Caregiver ________________________________

Details of Private Motor Vehicle _______________________________________

Make/Year/Model _____________________________________________

Registration Number __________________________________________

Seating Capacity with approved Seat Belts ______________________

Do you have comprehensive insurance? Yes/No

If yes please complete details below.

Comprehensive Insurance Policy

Company _______________________
Number _______________________

Signature of Parent/ Caregiver ______________________________________

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