Congratulations to all our swimmers that took part in the carnival today. Thank you to the parents who were able to come along and cheer the children on and to the children for their great sportsmanship. A special thank you to Katie, Beverley and Stuart for timekeeping and Ms Belbin for her organisation. The children’s results will be included in next week’s Newsletter.

The children who achieved competitive times at our school carnival will represent the school at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival to be held next Monday, 10 February at the Murwillumbah District Swimming Pools. These children will receive a separate information note and consent form as soon as details are finalised.

Parents are asked to organise transport for their child for this day. If you are having difficulties please contact the school.

Thank you to the parents of our Kindergarten children for bringing your child along for the Best Start Assessment Program last week. It is a good opportunity for the teachers to meet and get to know each child individually along with acquiring specific and detailed understanding of each child’s knowledge about reading, writing and numeracy.

Beginning Monday, week 4, Ms Belbin will be offering the children Chess tuition. Students from Years 2 to 6 are eligible to join the Chess program. (Children please note that the classes will run into the first half of the morning recess break.)

Ms Belbin will start Week 4 with our Years 4, 5 and 6 students. Years 2 and 3 will join in from the start of Term 2.

Thank you Ms Belbin for offering this program to the children once again this year.

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

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from families seeking to enrol their children in Kindergarten over the next 3 years. They must be turning 5 by 30 June in their respective school year. Again, this information is extremely important to our school and allows us to plan for the future. Please direct any enquiries to the school.

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.

Library Borrowing

Library day with Ms Fairley is Wednesday each week. We would like to encourage the children to borrow each week and establish good borrowing habits. We have many wonderful books in the Library and would like them to be seen by the children. Please remind your child to return their Library books each Wednesday.

Work Books

We should receive all of our students workbooks order by the end of this week. Some of the classes have started to use these. The children will receive a Numeracy book and Handwriting Book and/or booklets/worksheets throughout the year depending on their class and level. The cost is $30 in total.

Please reimburse the school for the cost of these workbooks as soon as possible.

General School Contribution
(Voluntary School Fees)

The School Fees for 2014 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.

Details were included in the information booklet sent home last week. School fees can be paid at your earliest convenience.

Certificate of Exemption from Attendance at School

The Department implemented a new policy in 2008 regarding student’s exemption from attendance for periods in excess of 10 days.

Parents can apply for an exemption from attendance at school for their child under the following conditions.

♦ Domestic Necessary
♦ Health of a Child

Forms are available from the school. An exemption should be applied for prior to their leave of absence. If this is not possible an application must be completed on their return to school.

Student Canteen

In past years the P & C has outsourced the student canteen to our local Fingal Trading. This will happen once again this year. Fingal Trading offer the children a set menu on Thursday and Friday each week at the big lunch only.

There has been a price raise for a couple of items. Please see the attached Menu.

Parents enclose their child’s lunch order and money in an envelope with full details written on the front i.e.

- Child’s name
- Grade
- Items ordered
- Total of order

Total money enclosed in the envelope

Beverley (Ashi’s Mum) has once again volunteer to deliver the lunch orders to the shop each week. Thank you, Beverley!

Please ensure orders are in the canteen boxes outside the classrooms by 9.00am on Thursday and Friday mornings. Lunch orders will be delivered to the school at 1.00pm.
P & C News

P & C Meeting

Our first P & C Meetings for the year will be held on Wednesday, 12 February at 6.30 pm at the school.

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 ________________