Welcome to the Week 1 update...

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to school for 2017! We are very excited to welcome back our students, staff and families for a brand new year of adventures and lots of learning. A big special mention must go to our new Kindergarten students who began their school adventure yesterday. They were all very brave and excited to begin ‘big school’. Also, a warm welcome to our new students Lunetta Cutajar (Yr 3), Bella Manewell (Yr 3), Harry (Yr 1) and Indianna (Yr 3) Macmillan and Sara Zuanetti (Yr 6).

The building of our new classroom has begun and yesterday the concrete slab was laid and the room is finally beginning to take shape. Everything seems to be progressing well and we are on track for our Kinders to be in their new room beginning Term 2.

Next week we have our annual Parent Information Night & FAN BBQ on Wednesday 8th February. This night is extremely important for parents to attend so that they can get an overview of what their child will be doing, meet their child’s teacher and ask any relevant questions. Our Leader of Maths, Mr Wickham will also be running 2 information sessions about maths and our FLGs before and during our information sessions. The times are as follows:

- 4.45pm Maths Information Session 1
- 5.00pm Year 6 Parent Information session
- 5.15pm Year 5 Parent Information session
- 5.30pm Year 4 Parent Information session
- 5.45pm Year 3 Parent Information session
- 6.00pm Year 2 Parent Information session
- 6.15pm Year 1 Parent Information session
- 6.30pm Kinder Parent Information session
- 6.45pm FAN BBQ (P&F)

Hope to see you all on the 8th! God Bless

Emma Timmins

School News.....

A big congratulations goes to Drew Cini in Year 5 who was selected to represent Australia in the Under 11 Boys for Futsal. Drew will now compete in Hawaii at the end of the year! We are very proud of you Drew!

Early Departure/Late Arrivals

Please note that it is extremely important to sign your child/ren in or out of school. This is required for legal reasons, as well as allowing teachers to mark the daily roll. When your child arrives late or leaves early they will receive a slip to be handed to the teacher explaining their partial absence. This must be handed to the teacher by the parent if leaving early. Thank you for ensuring the continuance of great communication.
Class P&F Representative

In an effort to provide better communication to our parent body, we are seeking 2-3 parent volunteers from each class to attend 1-2 P&F meetings per term. The representatives role would be to attend a P&F meeting and then share relevant information with other parents from their child’s class that they may come into contact with. This parent will be a liaison for the parents on school matters that may arise during the year.

The P&F is a vital part of our school and they meet once a month and the first meeting is the AGM on the 13 February at 6pm. If child care is an issue, please note that they are most welcome to come along and play in the resource room, next to Mary’s office. If you would like more information please contact the school.

The vision for the P&F in 2017 is to help support the building of the new classroom.

NEW BABY!

Congratulations to Leanne Lapsin on the safe arrival of “Bentley”, brother for Beau Yr 3

Also to Geoff & Jo Newby on the safe arrival of “Eric”, brother for Chloe Yr 4 and Paige Yr 2

School Fees

School fees for Term 1 will be issued in Week 3. If you are entitled to a HCC discount please ensure you provide a copy of your card to Mary for processing. These fees are important for our school’s financial viability and we appreciate your on-going commitment.

Please contact the Principal, if you need to discuss your account for 2017.

Important Events:

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The Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) News:

Week 3 Focus: I move to the music.

Week 4 Focus: I follow instructions.
Happy Birthday

Shane Clarke turns 6, Molly Pattison turns 7, Angus Mostran turns 7 and Bailey Mercer and Alex Letheren turn 11

Pupil Free days
Term dates
2017
Pupil Free Day: 28 Jan
Term 1: 30 January—7 April
Term 2: 24 April—30 June
Term 3: 17 July—22 September
Term 4: 9 October—15 December

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2017

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CANTEEN 2017

We are looking for Canteen for volunteers for 2017!!

The school canteen is a voluntary organisation. Money raised by the canteen is spent on the children at the school. The canteen cannot operate without the generous donation of time by our dedicated volunteers.

The canteen will operate on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week and volunteers are needed once a month for just 3 hours from 9.30am-12.30pm.

Everyone is most welcome to join including dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered. A roster will go home on Monday for you.

A canteen menu will also be sent home on Monday for your information.
Music Opportunity

If anyone in Year 3 and above is interested in learning how to play an instrument in 2017, please contact Mary for more information.
Enrolling Now!

Tel: 6553 1206 Mob: 0450 704 544
Email: kerrie@krdance.com.au

Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for a day of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person’s learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information on how to access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details

Venue: Rodgers Port Macquarie
1 King Street
Port Macquarie N/S, 2444

When: Wednesday 22 February 2017
9:30am - 4:30pm (Registration from 9:00am)

Catering: Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.

Register Online: www.positivepartnership.com.au. Registrations open on 8 December 2016 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited

Questions? If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships
Inquiries: 1800 501 575 or email parents@autismpartners.org.au