

Seahorse Tales

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

PRIORITY SCHOOL PROGRAM (PSP)

Over the next few weeks all families with children in Kindergarten to Year 3 are going to be asked to complete a short and confidential survey about their work and background circumstances. The survey is very important in that if the analysis (in Sydney) shows that our school warrants the extra financial support we will become a PSP school. This could involve additional funding of approx \$30 000, or more. We are aiming for a 100% response rate, and the survey is totally confidential.

KINDERGARTEN EVENING TUESDAY NIGHT

What a turn up! Thank you to all the parents and carers who took time in their busy lives to come along Tuesday night to hear about our Kindergarten program. Assistant Principal Kerry Dibb, and the Kindergarten teachers – Jenny Kingsley, Elayne Krestensen and Lynne McKeough, all played important roles in Tuesday night's very successful get together. Also, a special thanks must go to Andrew Mallet for his time and culinary expertise with the BBQ. Thank you. We plan to hold similar evenings over the year for various purposes.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

What a great day! The weather held and the kids were just fantastic. The participation, sportsmanship and success was outstanding. Well done to all students, and I hope they represent our school with pride at next Monday's Area swimming carnival in Coffs Harbour. Thank you as well to Jan Martin, and all staff in supporting her, for organising the day. And thank you to all parents and carers who came to support. It was wonderful.

Cheers, Graeme Ross, Principal

NEWS ARTICLE FROM 2R

Welcome to the first of our class articles that will now feature each week in the newsletter. A big thankyou to all 2R parents for supporting your child's class routines such as: home reading, homework and fruit break. This assists your child in developing their own sense of responsibility and independence during their school day. Throughout the day Year 2 students are increasingly encouraged to organise themselves and their belongings.

We are very excited about our recorder program on Tuesdays. This is a wonderful opportunity for Year 2 students to play an instrument at school and to benefit from the expertise of Nicola Fraser. For the small cost of \$6 initially, your child will have a 1/2 lesson each week for the rest of the year.

This will become a memorable part of your child's primary education experience.



Year 2 Recorder Program

Mr McRae and myself were delighted with our computer session last week. In addition to remembering their log-in and passwords the students were able to successfully move on to using Microsoft Word. They were able to locate keys such as CAPS LOCK, SPACEBAR and RETURN in preparation for typing their written work. Computer literacy will open the door to the many benefits of the computer as a learning tool for children.



Zac Farnsworth's Artwork

Our H.S.I.E strand for Term 1 is 'Celebrations'. We were able to link this theme to our visual arts this week and the children created some very 'colourful pastel and wash' pictures of a 'birthday cake parade'.

Jenny Read, 2R Class Teacher

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Coffs Harbour District Swimming	25th Feb
MNC Swimming Carnival	27th Feb
Stage 3 Boys to Pool	27th Feb
Clean Up Day at School - 2.00pm	29th Feb

Congratulations!

Certificate of Merit

- ◆ Rajeeva Chahal - 1H
- ◆ Harrison Miller - 1H
- ◆ Salina Chahal - 3/4C
- ◆ Daniel Ridge - 3/4E
- ◆ Lynette Hand - 5/6M x 2



Certificate of Excellence

- ◆ Alexandra Rook - 1B
- ◆ Mackinley Taylor - 3/4C
- ◆ Wyatt Anderson - 4/5C

SRC INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

Last Friday 15th February 2008 Woolgoolga Public School held an Induction Assembly for the 2008 Student Representative Council. Chosen by their peers, the SRC's responsibilities include acting as an advocate for the general student body, leading by example and electing the School Captains. The 2008 SRC consists of **Paige Nicolson, Zach Donnelly, Madison Murray, Brannan Murray, Gabby Simcoe, Joel Collinson, Jessica Midavaine and Nickalas Mallett**. The School Captains for 2008, voted from within the SRC were also announced, and a special congratulations goes to **Gabby Simcoe and Joel Collinson**.



The Assembly began with Welcome to Country, our School Song and a welcome by our Principal, Mr Graeme Ross. As in previous years, it was the proud parents who were charged with the honour of presenting their child with their Student Representative Council badge, a lovely tradition. Mrs Sharon Rovere presented the House Captains with their badges and announced the Vice Captains for each of the houses:

- Dolphins Captains: Kayla Connelly & Josh Murray
Vice Captains: Jye Orcher & Tia Weiss
- Sharks Captains: Bobby Shetra & Jessica McInerney
Vice Captains: Tumma Murray & Chloe Sankey
- Stingrays Captains: Joshua Butterworth-Harvey & Brianna Hughes
Vice Captains: Cadan Glattback & Cindy Johnson
- Whales Captains: Sione Fangupo & Elizabeth Noonan
Vice Captains: Tyla Medcalf & Tyler Murden

The organisation and successful running of this event by Mrs Jan Martin, one of our Assistant Principals, was acknowledged by the new inductees of the SRC when they presented her with an Achievement Award. A morning tea to honour our new SRC and their parents was held afterwards with Mr Ross and Teachers in the library.

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Maree Hartin Raelee Wright		Fri 22 Feb
CLOSED MONDAY		
Maree Hartin Loraine Webb		Tue 26 Feb
Maree Hartin Dot Falzon		Wed 27 Feb
Maree Hartin Scot Simson		Thur 28 Feb

TIPS FOR ENCOURAGING GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Show him/her how you feel.

If you can tell them honestly how their behaviour affects you, they recognise their own emotions in yours, like a mirror, and are able to feel for you. By the age of three, children can show real empathy. So you might say, 'I'm getting upset because there is so much noise I can't talk on the phone. 'When you start the sentence with 'I', it gives your child the chance to see things from your perspective.

<http://raisingchildren.net.au>

PHOTOGRAPHS

During your child's school years (K-6) he/she may be photographed or filmed for inclusion in publications such as newspapers, newsletters, brochures, internet, television or other associated promotional material.

Please complete the attached photograph form and return it to the school as soon as possible. We still have a number of families who have not returned this form. If you have already completed this form you do not need to return it.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

After School Care

Short Street, Woolgoolga
 Phone 6654 8554 for information

Monday
to
Friday