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LITERACY NEWS
Term 3 is going to be very busy in literacy. The infants students are working on the book, ‘The Very Cranky Bear’ by Nick Bland. The students have produced some lovely art work around this theme. The primary class is studying the author Jackie French and one of her books ‘Hitlers Daughter’. Primary students will be attending the Byron Writers Festival at Murwillumbah in Week 4 where Jackie French will be a featured author.

SOLOMON ISLANDS APPEAL
Are You thinking about an early spring clean? We need stationery items and children’s clothing. Our school has been given a fantastic opportunity to support students in a Solomon Island School. Chris Millar is a local doctor who has had a major role in building a hospital in Namuga Village Solomon Islands. He and his team are eager to send educational supplies and children’s clothing to this and surrounding villages in a shipment leaving Mid August. The Solomon Islands is a group of islands located in the South Pacific close to Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu. Opportunities such as this provide our students with a greater understanding of our global community.

If you and your family have any unwanted educational materials, pencils, pens, books etc or unwanted children’s clothing in good condition we would love to have them. Please bring any donations to school and either give to Ms Young or to the front office. Donations will be transported to a shipping container in Brisbane within the next two weeks.