Term 3 Week 8

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE
As we approach the end of a very busy term there will be a number of things happening in the final two weeks. Next week the students will be visiting Fingal PS for Naidoc celebrations. This will involve some primary students sleeping over on Tuesday night and the whole school attending on Wednesday. Friday 11th is the Small Schools Ball Games, this year being held at Burringbar PS. On Wednesday 16th September we have our annual Multicultural Day, where Duranbah students are asked to supply morning tea and our visitors supply lunch. We hope you can help with this matter. On Friday 18th September is our last bowling day and parents are invited to come along and participate.

Naplan
Last week Year 3 & 5 students received their Naplan results. If parents would like to discuss these at any time, we are happy to do so. Contact the school to organize a suitable time.

Home-School Communication
We have had a number of instances recently where students have gone home informing parents of incidents at school, but unfortunately not giving parents the whole story. It is natural for children to relate a story from their perspective, often resulting in important details being omitted. This can lead to the wrong conclusions being drawn. I urge all parents to contact the school to discuss any concerns.

A misconception has also emerged that incidents occur and are not dealt with. I can assure parents that every incident that staff are made aware of are dealt with in a fair, impartial and timely manner. Often matters are dealt with the individuals involved, not in front of the class or whole school. We don’t conduct ‘public hangings’. We have a deep commitment to the welfare and happiness of each and every child at our school, your children!

Chris Pritchard,
Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 3
CONGRATULATIONS

Primary Week 6
Jesse-Lee

Infants Week 6
Layla

Primary Week 7
Maleke

Infants Week 7
Ashleigh
PETERKIN PORTRAIT COMPETITION
We are pleased to announce that some of our students artworks have been chosen for special mention in the Les Peterkin Portrait Competition. Congratulations to Emma who received the Coordinators Choice Award. Emma will have her work displayed in the gallery. Portia, Matthew, Chyna and Esha have also had their artwork chosen for presentation in viewing folders at the gallery. Les Peterkin was born in Lismore in 1934. He is a talented artist and musician with his ceramics and pottery very highly acclaimed. After training as a teacher, he completed national service before becoming involved in training physical education teachers bound for Papua New Guinea. Mr Peterkin established the Les Peterkin Portrait Competition as an art competition focussing on portraiture allowing primary schools in our area to showcase their talent and creativity. This year the theme of artworks was "Once Upon a time" which gave students an opportunity to illustrate a character of choice. The character could have been human or non human, real or imaginary.

BOOK WEEK

Larry, our local Kingscliff Public Library librarian visited our school last week to talk to our students about the wonderful selection of books called the Short Listed Books. These books have been chosen because of their value as quality literature for young people. Larry also reminded the students of the resources available at the Tweed Richmond Libraries and the ease of becoming a member. Larry brought with him, a singer, poet and story teller named Annie Bryant. Annie had the students and staff spellbound as she shared her unique ability to use music, voice and action to tell oral stories. Our school has purchased a number of her CD's.

NEW RESOURCES

We are very pleased to announce that our school has purchased a variety of new exciting resources including cooking equipment, sports equipment, science and technology resources and creative arts supplies. Yesterday our older students had an opportunity to listen to their heart and explore human body systems using our new stethoscopes and body system models. These activities complement their studies of the human body systems. Our younger students have had fun developing their gross motor skills with our new T-ball equipment and developing their fine motor and carpentry skills with our new hammer and nail activity boards.

Cudgen Headland Surf Life Saving Club
Sunday 6th September and Sunday 13th September
9am – 12pm at Kingscliff Pool
- NIPPERS SEASON STARTS 4TH OCTOBER -
- NEW MEMBERS WELCOME -
Nippers focuses on beach safety, education