PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

SCHOOL PHOTOS
A reminder that our school photos will be taken next Tuesday 8 March. Please ensure children wear complete school uniform on that day. Also the Kindergarten photo will be taken on Thursday 10 March for the Daily News ‘Welcome to School’ supplement.

CAMP EXCURSION
Year 4/5/6 Students received an expression of interest regarding the Term 4 excursion to Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast with Condong, Burringbar, Stokers Siding and Tyalgum schools. This is going to be a fantastic experience, (especially sleeping over night in Underwater World) but we need to have the EOI’s back by 18 March so that definite bookings can be made. If you are unable to pay the $30 deposit at this time that is OK just let Lorraine or myself know.

STORY DOGS
Thank you to our student leaders for organising the Mufti Day today. Story Dogs is a great organization which aims to help and encourage students to read. Our students love reading to Merle and Scottie.

MUSIC
Students are enjoying our music program with Mr J. As well as the Ukulele’s for the primary class we have purchased tuned percussion instruments for the infants, who are thoroughly enjoying making music.

WELCOME MRS BADGER
Mrs Badger will be replacing Ms Young for the next three weeks while she is on leave. Ms Young will be in the Solomon’s doing volunteer work in schools which are far less advantaged than what we are used to here in Australia. Mrs Badger will be continuing with Mrs Young’s program and we hope she enjoys her time here.

Chris Pritchard
Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK TERM 1

CONGRATULATIONS

Primary Week 5
Eliza

Infants Week 5
Me’Sharn & Keya

Primary Week 6
Nicholas

Infants Week 6
Cooper & Lachlan

Duranbah PS is very proud of Chyna who represented us as part of the Small Schools Swimming Team at the Far North Coast Carnival last week. Chyna competed in the Junior Girls Relay.
YULI - COASTAL CULTURE
On the Wednesday 24 February 2016 Portia was lucky to be invited to Fingal Head P S for the Coastal Learning Community’s launch of the Aboriginal Education program, Yuli - Coastal Culture. It was a workshop day designed to enhance outcomes for our Indigenous students.

This is Portia’s story about the day:
‘Many aboriginal children from the Coastal Learning Community schools participated in this day. In groups we did lots of activities, such as, going for a walk in the bush to learn about bush tucker. We went to Echidna Rock, Fingal Lighthouse and beach. We learnt different aboriginal languages (dialects) and how to play some aboriginal games. My favourite activity was being shown how to do an aboriginal dance called the Pelican Dance. We were taught how to make fishing line out of paper bark and the Aboriginal leaders told us native stories. We were even shown how to track a bush turkey after finding its nest and following its tracks. It was a great sharing day and I made lots of new friends.’

SCIENCE
The science unit in Light has been progressing very well in both classrooms. The students are extremely lucky to have 3 teachers in the classroom during the Primary Class lessons. This week Mrs Opfer led the students in an engaging practical session to investigate how light travels. They demonstrated using cardboard and a torch that light travels in a direct straight line through air. Mrs Badger and myself investigated the difference between “transparent”, “translucent” and “opaque” materials. It was really exciting to be in the classroom and observe how engaged the students were and how pleased they were with their successes. To hear them using scientific terminology in their discussions with each other was very rewarding. A highlight in the lesson was Mrs Badger leading a discussion on the effects of coloured laser beams on different coloured balloons. Ask your child or children what they thought was the science behind it. Beginning next week Mr Pritchard’s daughter will be working in the Infants classroom during Science as part of her Education studies. She will be working with the children exploring the new Science Curriculum. We all look forward to working with her.

LIBRARY NEWS
Borrowing and returning is programmed on Tuesday’s for K/1/2 and Wednesday’s for 3/4/5/6. Please encourage your child to return their books each week so that can re borrow. Both classes have been investigating some of the wonderful resources available. Ms Kirk and our new owl puppet Hoot have been very popular with the Infants Class. The students are very excited to have Mrs Badger for library during the next few weeks while I travel to the Makira Province in the Solomon Islands to engage in some volunteer work. I will be visiting schools both in Namuga Village and nearby. Library Bear has decided to come along for some adventure as well. I look forward to sharing some stories with the children when I return.

YOGA
Students are really enjoying the Yoga sessions with Skye from Karma Kids Club. Skye presents a mixture of exercise, well being and mindfulness in her classes.

COMMUNITY NEWS
TWEED VALLEY RELAY FOR LIFE 12 & 13 March Merv Edwards Field Kingscliff.
Enter a team or join in the fun. Competitions Children’s activities, Entertainment by Tara Williams, Music and Billy & The Kid. See www.relayforlife.org.au/tweed or phone Dot 0438 742 637, Lorelle 0407 162 378

FERNVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL 100 YEAR REUNION CELEBRATION 18 September 2016 9am to 3pm.
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