**Term 1 Week 6**

**PRINCIPALS MESSAGE**
We are already half way through Term 1 and our staff and students have settled into our new organization which is working well. Responses from children indicate they enjoy the change of teachers for the different KLA’s (Key Learning Areas).

Woolworths Earn & Learn
The teaching materials ordered through the Woolworths program arrived last week and has already been put to good use. Ms Young is currently teaching the Money strand of the Maths Curriculum and is making good use of the money teaching kit. Many thanks to all those people who supported our school with their sticker collecting.

Fruit Break
Just a reminder that we have a mid-morning break where children have a piece of fruit or vegetable. Research shows the various benefits of this practice to students. We are noticing the increase in packaged snacks some students bring to school. These are NOT suitable to be consumed as an alternative to fruit during fruit break.

Sports Equipment
We have just taken delivery of some new sporting equipment purchased with a small grant we received through the Premiers Sporting Challenge. We now have a junior golf class set, which will provide the children with more new skills to learn (along with their surfing skills) Healthy Bodies = Healthy Minds!!

Police Liaison Officer
Next Wednesday Mark Harrison, the Police Liaison Officer will be visiting the school. He will be talking to the infants class about Safety and the primary class about Cyber Safety.

Chris Pritchard, Relieving Principal

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**WEEK 6**
- **Primary Class**: Nathaniel
- **Infants Class**: Emma

**WEEK 5**
- **Infants Class**: Tristan
- **Primary Class**: Taysha

**MARK YOUR CALANDER**
- 21 February to 28 March (Every Friday) Surfing Greenmount Beach
- 28 March (Friday) - School Photos
- 4 April (Friday) - Cross Country Stokers Siding
- 10 April (Thursday) - Y6 Griffith Uni Visit
- 11 April (Friday) - Last Day Term 1
- 28 April (Monday) - Staff Development Day

**Term 2**
- 29 April (Tuesday) - Students First Day

**EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM**
Primary students enjoy class activities with new resources supplied by the Woolworths program.

**MURWILLUMBAH DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
Indiana was a member of the Small Schools Junior Girls relay team who finished 4th on the day. Great work Indiana!!
SURFING

A Vegemite Surf Grom program run by Walkin' on Water Surf School has proven to be an outstanding success. Friday has certainly become the favourite day of the week as students, parents and teachers don swimmers and rash shirts and take to the surf at Greenmount. Our students have been inspirational: quickly donning leg ropes and paddling out to demonstrate explosive popups and lengthy rides. Our surfers have also been demonstrating excellent surf etiquette: being encouraging and respectful of others with just the odd drop in.

The Vegemite Surf Grom program has been developed to encourage a healthy lifestyle through surfing. Surfing assists with the development of balance, agility, coordination and confidence. The program also supports ocean awareness and beach safety. Surfing is a sport that people can participate in at any age, it is also one which involves lifelong learning. The Quicksilver Pro being held just around the beach at Snapper Rocks goes to show how popular surfing has become as a national sport.

As part of the program our students have received a Quicksilver backpack including a cap, drink bottle, water toy and rash shirt. Many thanks to the parents and carers who have assisted with transport and supervision.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GET OUT AND PLAY 2014

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR KIDS 2-8 SATURDAY 8 March 9am to 12pm at Salt Village Kingscliff. A wondrous day of outdoor fun. Join us for craft projects, yoga classes, kite making, cardboard city, face painting, weaving and water play.

FRIENDS OF THE POUND TWEED will be holding an “Adult Cat Adopt-a-thon this event will be held for two days over the weekend of the 22nd-23rd March, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm at our Rehoming Booth inside 100% Pets shop, Harvey Norman Homemakers Centre, Greenway Drive South Tweed Heads.. Please bring your cat carrier with you.”

CLOSE THE GAP DAY - Thursday 20th March from 10am – 2pm - Civic Centre in Tweed Heads

On Thursday 20 March 2014, thousands of Australians will take action to improve Indigenous health. Working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is one of the critical success factors. With support from the public, we can ensure the Australian Government continues to work with Indigenous communities, recommit additional funding and invest in real partnerships. We are inviting all students who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to attend and engage in the activities such as free health checks.

Nicole Julien | Manager Family Services  The Family Centre | 07 5524 8711  nicolej@thefamilycentre.org.au

UNIFORMS

There are a number of 2nd hand school shirts, black shorts and tracksuit pants and tops available. See Lorraine

Also if any parent has a spare hour to tidy up and sort the 2nd hand uniform cupboard it would be greatly appreciated.

CLEAN UP DURANBAH PS DAY

Yesterday enthusiastic students participated in our annual clean up day