Another term has again almost ended and we are starting to see signs of Autumn. Days are certainly getting a little cooler and shorter.

Some reminders about things coming up. The first day back for Term 2 for students is Tuesday 29 April 2014. The teachers will be working on a variety of things on Monday 28 April including an introduction to the new Mathematics Syllabus which will become mandatory next year, a talk about the up and coming Peer Support program that will begin during Term 2, as well as having a look at the Disability Discrimination Act which schools operate under. This day is sure to be very busy and my hope is that the teachers gain a lot out of it.

Also next week we will be having our combined assembly on Wednesday 9 April as normal but the time has changed. The assembly will now be on at 11:15am to enable us to conduct our ANZAC day service at 11:15am

Thursday – Volunteers morning tea (10:45am) / Easter Hat Parade (11:15am)

Thursday – NSW Schools Cup (Netball) @ Taree

With all that happening, the final day for Term 1 2014 will be Friday 11 April 2014.

Ms Johnson also asked me to remind you that the invitations for the Yrs 4 to 6, Mother/Daughter Dinner will be coming out next week. The event is scheduled to be on Wednesday 7 May 2014, so please save the date for that wonderful event.

Managing screen time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk

Books to boost brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a
night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?
It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY

Can I wish everyone associated with our school a very happy holiday and a big thankyou for a great term. I look forward to seeing everyone back again next term. (Tuesday 29 April)
Peter Johnson
PRINCIPAL

Coming events Term 1 2014

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TERM 2 Students resume classes 29/4/14

TERM TWO DATES/ PUPIL FREE DAY

Please note that term two for students starts on 28 April and finishes on 27 June 2014. **28 April is a Pupil Free Day**, otherwise known as a Staff Development Day.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The following students received Assembly Awards at the Infants Assembly on Monday 24 March 2014 and Primary Assembly on Monday 31 March 2014.

**Infants Assembly:**

K/1J
- Jordan Bendeich – an improved attitude towards learning
- Leilani Williams – reading with more fluency
- Clay Williams – always producing “quality work”.
- Te Ara Pounamu Walker – being an independent worker

KB
- Jessica Edwards – making great progress in reading
- Oliver Castle – his effort and enthusiasm in all key learning areas
- Charli Maxwell – his conscientious and dedicated work habits
- Luke Williams – a fantastic effort in maths groups

**1H**
- Lily Crook – quality work
- Charlie Keyte – quality work
- Holly Vaughan – quality work
- Malik El Mohamad – quality work

**1/2M**
- Angela Wigley – excellent reading progress
- Georgie Parkinson – interesting story writing
- Bradley Feehely – enthusiasm with all school work
- Maya Ljumanovic – producing quality work

**2/3M**
- Daniel Bush – consistent high effort in all learning activities
- Thomas Worth – improved effort in bookwork
- Tayla Wait – fantastic effort to improve reading

**Primary Assembly:**

5/6J
- Ashleigh Fernance – excellent effort in her Russian speech
- Sam Gray – consistent effort in class
- Keseah Bell – excellent effort in all exposition activities
- Joshua Williams – great effort with his Russian project

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Tanya Johnson who coordinated the Earn and Learn Rewards Program. Without Tanya’s efforts, we would not have benefitted from this program and received lots of in class resources for all our students to enjoy. An example of the resources received were puzzles and maths games, all of which makes learning fun.

COMBINED ASSEMBLY/ANZAC CEREMONY

The Combined Assembly and the ANZAC ceremony will both be held together on Wednesday 9 April, 2014 commencing at 11.15 am.
The following students received Merit Certificates at the Infants Assembly on Monday 25 March and at the Primary Assembly on Monday 31 March 2014.

**Infants Assembly:**
Zac Nicholson – Year 1
Georgie Parkinson – Year 2 (2 Merits)
Lily Moylan – Year 2

**Primary Assembly:**
Jasie Brown – Year 3
Laila Dangel – Year 3
Jack Edwards – Year 3
Jasmine Fraser – Year 3
Marcus Hanna – Year 3
Olivia Dew – Year 4
Xavier Hanna – Year 3 (2 Merits)
Indeanna Lane-McNally – Year 3
Zachary Millikin – Year 4
Luke Williams – Year 4
Zane Franks – Year 5
Fiona Gottstein – Year 5 (3 Merits)
Nelson Jackson – Year 5
Te Reremoana Walker – Year 5
Jak Wunder – Year 5
Chloe Young – Year 5

The school cross country was held on Thursday 20 March 2014, on a mostly cloudy beautiful day. Primary cross country students enjoyed a little rain which added to the excitement. Below please see results.

**5 Year Boys:**
1st Xavier Dixon
2nd Isaac Hourn
3rd Jett Nossiter

**5 Year Girls:**
1st Ramona Ljumanovic
2nd Meika Schmitzer
3rd Te Ara Pounamu Walker

**6 Year Boys:**
1st Troy Bush
2nd Jordan Bendeich
3rd Clay Williams

**6 Year Girls:**
1st Bridie Steber
2nd Ashlyn Johnson
3rd Ashlee Brabant

**7 Year Boys:**
1st Daniel Bush
2nd Sunny Aldridge
3rd Cody Hooper

**7 Year Girls:**
1st Ava Simnett
2nd Maya Ljumanovic
3rd Hannah Atkinson

**8-9 Year Boys:**
1st Schafer Aiken
2nd Ned Bush

**8-9 Year Girls:**
1st Emily Cougle
2nd Georgia Daley
Cross Country Cont …

3rd Izaac Boag
4th Ziggy Pickering
10 Year Boys: 3rd Indeanna Lane-McNally
3rd Oliver Wynne
4th Zachary Davis
11 Year Boys: 11 Year Girls: 1st James Davison
2nd Dylan Hooper
3rd Oliver Wynne
4th Zachary Davis
11 Year Girls: 1st Jasmine Nunn
2nd Grace Atkinson
3rd Tiah Carroll
4th Haylee Brabant
12-13 Year Boys: 12-13 Year Girls: 1st Ethan Williams
2nd Callum Boag
3rd Jesse Welsh
4th Harry Edstein
1st Laura Wilson
2nd Fiona Gottstein
3rd Te Reremoana Walker
4th Maddison Aiken

Good luck to our Manning Zone PSSA Cross Country representatives.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Here is an opportunity to encourage your child to read a variety of quality literature. If they read the correct number of books from the reading list by August 22, they will receive a Premier’s Reading Challenge certificate and may appear on the Premier’s Reading Challenge Gold and Platinum Honour Roll.

K – 2 read 30 books
3 – 4 read 20 books
5 – 6 read 20 books
A form will be given to every child and spare forms can be found at the library. Happy Reading!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILIES NSW
Free family fun days supported by families NSW helping families to raise children. On 14 April, 2014, “Troppo Bob” will be performing at John Wright Park, Tuncurry and on 15 April, 2014, at Fotheringham Park, Taree from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

PUBLIC LIBRARY
Check out the holiday programs at your local library. Taree, Forster and Hallidays Point libraries all have fun activities for kids aged 5 – 17. There are free movie screenings, drawing workshops, craft and more. All activities are free of charge, but bookings are essential. See information on the web or give them a ring.

| TERM 1 ASSEMBLY ROSTER – 2.05 PM |
| WEEK | DATE | CLASS |
| 11   | 9/4/13 | Wednesday Combined |

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

| DATE | EVENT |
| 3-8/4/14 | Life Education Van Visit |
| 8/4/14 | Stage 2 Timbertown Excursion |
| 09/4/14 | ANZAC Ceremony/Combined Assembly |
| 10/4/14 | Easter Hat Parade/Easter Raffle |
| 28/4/14 | Pupil Free Day/Staff Development |
| 29/4/14 | Students Return |
| 2/5/14 | Zone Cross Country |
| 19/5/14 | Beating Around the Bush Performance |
| 20/5/14 | NSW Computer Skills Competition |
| 4/6/14 | NSW Science Competition |
| 16-20/6/14 | NSW Writing Competition |
| 21-25/7/14 | Stage 3 Canberra Excursion |
| 29/7/14 | NSW English Competition |
| 29/7/14 | A Swag of Tales Performance |
| 12/8/14 | NSW Mathematics Competition |

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CANTEEN

RED DAY was a wonderful success. Thanks again to Steve Aiken and Peter Hanna. Thanks Alina and Jackie!! Overleaf please find the canteen roster for the rest of Term One and the roster for Term Two.
**TERM 1 2014 CANTEEN ROSTER**

Contact Jackie on 0447 621 340 to add your name as a volunteer

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**TERM 2 2014 CANTEEN ROSTER**

**FRIDAY MORNINGS:** The Canteen requires extra volunteers to help out for a few hours on Friday mornings during weeks 5 to 9 (the busier weeks of term).

Please see below and contact Jackie on 0447 621 340 if you can help out in any way! It’s great to have back-up for those that can’t make their shift!

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