VALUES FOCUS: Participation

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

3 Weeks to go!!! Sell, Sell, Sell!! Want to win an iPod — The family who sells the most tickets will win an iPod. Our aim is to sell all our books and we will raise $10000. With the money raised we hope to buy some iPads for classrooms. This would be of benefit to all our students so please, please, please sell your raffle tickets.

Our school survey was sent out last week. We are very keen to understand your thoughts on our school. Please take the time to complete it as we really do want to know what you think as this will guide future directions.

This week Year 4, 5, 6 will attend camp at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat with Mr Edwards, Mr Halloran over the three days. Mrs Patrick and Mrs Morrison attending at night during this time. The students will be involved in activities such as ropes, rock hopping, canoeing, waterfall walks, BMX riding, archery and a special reptile show at night. It should be great.

Many thanks to our all students who raised money on Monday for our Year 6 garden. On Friday 27 November David Woodlee, Year 6 students and parents will be working to clean the garden up near the front office. It should be lots of fun.

Over the next few weeks our Year 5 students will be thinking and reflecting on leadership in preparation for nominations for SRC and House captains. We are looking to ensure we spread leadership across the school and therefore students will only be eligible for either SRC Executive or House Captain and not both. This year, students will be giving a speech to the school on Monday 30th November at 8:50 am. Please feel free to come along.

During the week classes spent a lot of time reflecting on Remembrance Day and the many people who died to protect our country. We had a service at school on Wednesday 11th November where we assembled near our school flag and stood for a minutes silence. We also completed writing and art tasks in class and presented these at the school assembly. Included in this newsletter are pieces of work from each class. Well done students. You did some wonderful work.

Peter Halloran

Intensive Swimming

The $80 payment for the 10 days of swimming is due by Monday 30 November. Swimming starts Monday 23 November. To assist with your budget instalments are welcomed.

Christmas Celebrations

On Friday 27 November, our School will have a special Children’s Christmas Celebration between 10—11:00 am. We are one of 10 public schools to host this Tweed Coast community initiative, in its ninth year. The whole of school programme will include an assembly and three learning centres, celebratory songs, activities, DVD & craft with the theme “Christmas Gifts”, including references to Christ and Christmas. There will be no cost to our school or students. If you
do not wish your child/children to attend, please advise the school in writing.

**Fleays Wildlife Excursion**

Our end of year whole school excursion to Fleays Wildlife Park is on Monday 7 December. Information and permission notes were sent home last week. Please return notes and payment.

**P&C News**

Canteen

Only 4 more canteen days left in 2015. The year has gone so fast! Some items on the menu will be unavailable in the coming weeks as I am letting stock run down. Children may be required to change their order. Items unavailable so far are; Spinach & Cheese Rolls.

Nina Bathie

Canteen Coordinator

**Community News**

**Hockey** Get hooked on hockey. Summer fun 5 a side hockey. 8 weeks. Starts 3.2.16 Last game 23.3.16. All you need are shin pads and mouthguard (no footy boots) no stick? just ask. Shirt supplied and icy pole after each game. All games on turf in Murwillumbah. Under 10s 5:30 pm. Under 13s 6:00pm. Under 15s 6:30 pm. Cost $30. New players to hockey need to register and pay $6 for insurance cover at: https://summerregistration2015.eventdesq.com. Cut off date is 15.12.15. Ring 0427 047 688 to nominate or enquire.

**After school care at Gumnut Community Preschool Burringbar in 2016.**

- 3-5pm every afternoon
- Buses pick up from school and drop off at the preschool
- Cost is $8.50 per hour.
- Child Care Benefit is available. Contact Lina on 0266771578

**Remembrance Day at Burringbar**

**Year K/1**

Remembrance Day is about the people that went to war and the people that died in war. We think about them. Elliot

The poppies were the first special flowers to grow. Nirvana

**2/3/4**

RIP By Cooper B

Making it a better place today
Marching forward with no fear
Being the one who gave us our freedom
Entering their own death without knowing it
Reacting to their lost ones and fighting back
Acting older to fight for our country
Not getting sleep because they were scared of death
Cutting enemies down one by one
Entering war for their mother kingdom
Dying for their families and loved ones
All we heard was dreadful call-outs
The scars and burns that remain
Save your breath, feel the pain
The entire empire will regret
Now we shout: Lest We Forget

Cooper and Layla delivering their Remembrance Day piece of writing at last Friday’s assembly.

**Remembrance Day Poem—Jade Toovey**

Anzac Cove is where it began and we will never forget
Young people enter war for Australia and United Kingdom
Remembering soldiers
Every person that goes to war
Make soldiers be safe
Enemies come to war
Make soldiers have more food and water
Be brave
Remember that no all soldiers come back
Always remember never forget
Never forget soldiers that go to war
Crash bang it’s so tragic
Even my great nan and great pop went to war
Do care
Always care for soldiers
You are always in our hearts
By Jade Toovey

**4/5/6**

Remembrance Day Poem—Charlie Munro

Sunken in our cobwebbed grave
Even now our souls won’t fade
The blood red poppy: a sign of peace
We will yet not forget the deceased
They bravely fought in the Great War
We cherish them for longer more
Faith and hope our heads held high
Do not forget us who’ve died
We stood in the trenches holding a gun
They strike us down’; the deed’s been done
Wounds and all our hearts still pure
Soon I’ll be knocking on heaven’s door
Lying down the reckless bullets