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## From The Principal

Literacy is the key to everything. Without being fluent in it, life can be tough. The only reason literacy exists is to enable communication with others. Our job, as educators (I include parents and carers in that category), is to engage learners and to immerse them in material that is irresistible to them, thereby helping them on their journey toward becoming literate beings.

Recently I was in a local book shop, and saw a Grandma buying books for her grandson. His eyes lit up with delight when he spotted the "Book of Vikings", and he started chattering excitedly about the various weapons (dripping with blood), and the ferocious Viking marauder portrayed on the cover. Grandma was concerned the book would be too violent, and did not want to purchase it. She presented alternative books that she would be happy to buy, and I could see the young boy's disappointment. The excited tone had slipped almost immediately out of his voice.

Grandma was right of course; we need to be aware of what we are giving our children to read.

What saddened me though, was the fact that here was a child eager to read, already engaged with a book and he hadn't yet opened the first page. He was already sharing his prior knowledge with Grandma, and was obviously thrilled about being able to find out more, to look and read and devour the information hidden within the pages. And he was denied that chance.

My own son was not a fan of reading. The first books he brought home from school that he truly enjoyed were from the 'Tashi' series, and they seemed silly to me. But he loved them, and I needn't have worried because he soon moved on to 'Captain Underpants'. (More silliness, but I didn't care.....because he was reading!)

If I handed you a 30 page essay on the 'Principles and Procedures of Primary Teaching' and asked you to read it, would you be engaged? Excited? Perhaps ecstatic?

No. Me neither. Now imagine I handed you a copy of the latest book on the topic which is your secret passion would your response be different?

My message to you all is this:

If we want our children to read with eagerness and enjoyment, it is essential that we provide texts that are of importance to them; not us. Ask your child what they would like to know more about, and seek out texts that will grab their attention. If the words are too hard...read it with them. If some of the concepts are too mature...have that conversation. These texts could take the form of books, magazines or even web pages.

Find the fire within your child, and fuel it.

**Carol Shipard**  
**Principal (Relieving)**

Mr Manser is attending a two day Principal's Conference in Coffs Harbour and will return to school on Monday.

## **Dunoon PSSA Carnival (Field Events)**

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Dunoon PSSA Field Events at Dunoon yesterday. We were proud of all of you ! A special mention to Djuan who was runner up Junior Champion. The Zone athletics carnival will be held next Friday at Riverview Park in Lismore. Students who have qualified will receive notes when we are notified. Mr Manser will be team manager for the Dunoon PSSA Team on this day. Transport will be by private car.

## **Byron Bay Writers Festival**

On Tuesday, the students in years 4-6 attended the Byron Bay Writers Festival at the Lismore City Hall. The authors' this year were Andy Griffiths, the acclaimed Australian author who has written more than 25 books and Terry Denton who has illustrated award winning books such as 'The Paw'. The presenters displayed a lot of energy and enthusiasm and amazed the audience with humorous stories and very funny illustrations. The students were provided with opportunities to share ideas with Andy and Terry about what could be included in future 'Tree House' series. The students got a lot out of the show and I only wish that it had gone longer. Some students were lucky enough to get personal copies of books signed after the show.

## **Australian Early Development Census**

On Wednesday, all families with a child in kindergarten should have received a letter from Mr Manser about the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). If you didn't please contact the school.

The AEDC is a nationwide census of early childhood development that measures the progress of children as they start their first year of full-time school. Census data is used by early childhood educators and health services, local councils, community groups, schools and governments to help plan and allocate the right type of services, resources and support for communities.

The census involves teachers of children in their first year of full-time school completing a research tool, the Australian version of the Early Development Instrument. The Instrument collects data relating to five key areas of early childhood development. Children do not need to be present when the teacher completes the Instrument and will not miss any class time, as the Instrument is based on teacher observation.

## **Lost Property**

We have acquired a large quantity of lost property lately. Please have a look next time you are in.

## Performing Arts Festival

This year PAF is taking place in week 7, with a rehearsal on Wednesday, 26 August and a performance that evening. This year we are also performing at the matinee which is during the day on Thursday, 27 August. Last week your child should have brought home a personal note to guide you with their costume requirements.

No shoes will be worn during the performance.

T-shirts can be turned inside out so prints do not show.

Koalas: grey pants and shirt (any shades.)

Tree (circus or band/choir): green clothes (any shades.)

Woodchoppers: baseball style cap, jeans (preferably blue) and a checked flannelette shirt.

Children: bushwalking clothes (preferably bright patterned fabrics.) Please avoid shirts with product logos, and green and grey.

Please let us know if you have trouble sourcing these, so we can find a solution. Once you have collected the costume items, please send them to school in a named pillow case.

Further information such as rehearsal and performance times will be sent out in the future.

**Tickets for the Performing Arts go on sale on Monday, 10 August 2015.** You can purchase on line by going to [www.lismoreworkersclub.com.au](http://www.lismoreworkersclub.com.au) or by phoning the Lismore Workers Club on 66217401. Tickets are Adults \$14.00 each/Child \$6.00 each.

## Aladdin Production DVD

We have been informed by The Rivers Secondary College that for parents who have paid for their DVD for the Aladdin Production that these will be sent to their child's school. No fixed date has been given and we will notify those parents when they arrive.

## Artist In Residence Camp

The Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre will be hosting an Artist In Residence Camp next Monday through to Wednesday. This year we are lucky enough to have all of our Year Six students attending. The students attending are asked to wear comfortable shoes for bushwalking and appropriate clothing. Parents, please ensure names are clearly marked on belongings and leave unnecessary valuables at home. Students, please bring lots of water and plenty to eat for the first day. We look forward to hearing about the camp when the students return to school on Thursday. There will be a showcase at 2pm on Wednesday as a summary of the event. An information sheet is attached to this newsletter.

## K/1/2 Recounts

**A recount is something that happened in the past. It is written in chronological order.**

Yesterday Mr Shepherd put up the tent and the first activity that I did was high jump. I came second. The second activity I did was shot putt and I came fourth. The third activity I did was long jump and I came 2nd.

### **Elke**

Yesterday I went to the athletics field events. Mr Shepherd set up the tent before I put my bag on the ground. After the first events were done I did high jump. I got out in my first try. Then I looked at the events around me.

After most events were finished I did shot put. After all the events were finished Djuan got a runner up ribbon. Then we went home.

### **Beanie**

At the carnival my first activity was high jump and I got a ribbon. It was a second ribbon. In my second event which was long jump I came fourth. My last event was vortex and I came first.

### **Hunter**

At first I got off the busy bus and ran down to the athletics field and put down my bag. Mr Shepherd set up the tent. After that Mr Condon showed where to go and I did my activities. At last Djuan got a medal!

### **Ollie**

At first Mr Shepherd set up the tent. After that it was turbo time. I felt like it was stupid because I did not even know what to do. After that I did high jump then I got to do long jump even though I did not qualify for this event.

### **Milaya**

Yesterday I went to Dunoon field carnival. After that I played with Elke, Milaya, and Saskia. I went to do javelin first. I was feeling nervous but then I was having a terrific time.

After we finished javelin the teacher handed out the ribbons. I did not get a ribbon but Indi came first and Zara came third.

I had a break because I wasn't doing high jump. So I went to the canteen with mum and dad. I got a cupcake. The icing was chocolate. It was yummy!

It was almost my turn to do shot putt. Then it was my turn to do it. I did not get a ribbon. I watched Hunter do vortex. He came first and Jeremy came second. I was so proud!

### **Lillyana**

On the 8th August I woke up and got out of bed. I was wanting to go to the shops and spend my birthday money. So I opened my door and went to the kitchen and asked dad to make me some cheese toasties. Dad said, "Yes". A couple of hours later me and dad went to the shops. First we went to Auto Barn and I saw a drill.

"I might get it", I said to Dad. But before I want to have a look at Masters.

In master's there were a lot of interesting things. I saw a diamond tip engraver. I saw a lot more interesting things. But what I thought was the most interesting was an angle grinder. I asked Dad if I could get it. Dad said, "Yes". So we went over to the counter and paid on our way out we hear an alarm. It went bip, bip, bip, bip; so we went back into the shop. The shop guy that scanned my angle grinder scanned my angle grinder again and then we walked out of the shop and drove back to Auto Barn and I bought the drill I was thinking about.

### **Tahj**

## K/1/2 Recounts Continued

I ran down. I was a pretty excited! Hunter and I placed our bags down. I ran over to the place where we were putting our tent up. We went down to our first field event.

### **Jeremy**

Yesterday Mr Shepherd put up the tent. Next was the high jump. After that I went to the canteen. Next were my events. I did them then I went back to school.

### **Saskia**

We arrived at the carnival. Me and Kya realised that we had the exact same tag with the same events. Our first event was high jump. Then we did shot putt and the last event was long jump.

### **Tumahn**

The first event was turbo. I did turbo. I threw the turbo so far that I almost qualified. I went around the place looking at other events and saw Djuan get his medal! I went home with Ivy.

### **Aslan**

I went to Dunoon and I saw some of my friends. Next I did vortex and long jump. I liked it but I was tired.

### **Maude**

I went Dunoon. Mum was there. She bought me a blue cupcake.

### **Bella**

First we went to Dunoon school. I liked long jump best. I bought three mini pancakes and piece of chocolate cake. It was yum!

### **Jett**

## Our Beautiful Koala

This week Bella spotted this beautiful koala in one of our gums trees very happily enjoying some gum leaves.





## STUDENT AWARDS

K/1/2

**Maude-**

**Super Writer!**

**Bella-**

**Fabulous Word Finder!**

**Beanie-**

**Remarkable Recounts!**

3/4/5/6

**Talia-**

**Showing great courage towards PAF!**

**Djuan-**

**Excellent results in Athletics!**

**Milly-**

**Great determination in Athletics!**

## SCIENCE

**Raphael-**

**Creative Problem Solver, (Splitting the Egg Atom).**

## Milo In2Cricket Skills Program

The MILO in2CRICKET program is designed for boys and girls. It is a fast, fun and active program that emphasises maximum participation, basic motor and cricket skill development. It is experience based and builds its foundations on the essentials for lifelong involvement in physical activity and sport.

Our school will be participating in a four week curriculum aligned program that is fun and exciting for students of all abilities, no matter what the students current knowledge of cricket is. Each Friday, Luke Cleaver (Northern Rivers Development Officer) will visit our school and run two skills sessions. The students in K/2 from 10:15 to 11am and the student in 3/6 from 11:35 to 12:35.

By offering cricket at our school, we are giving the kids the chance to experience a fun and safe skills program that is aimed to help kids learn to play cricket just like their Australian cricket heroes.

## Community Partnerships

A letter was sent out yesterday to all families about an after school program for the students. Each afternoon we have a large contingency on students who wait for the two buses. At present the students are waiting with the teachers until 3:30pm and then using the computers in the lab. As Principal, I propose that we work together to use the time from 3:10 until 4:10 more productively, using a pilot program over a period of four to five weeks followed by a review by all involved at the end. If you did not receive a letter about this program on Thursday, please contact the school.

**Happy Birthday**



**Morgan**

**12.08.15**

## Leader's Report

Wow! It's already the end of week 4. We had the athletics carnival at Dunoon Public School on Wednesday which was great fun.

Djuan came runner up champion in Junior Boys. Well done Djuan! Zara , Miriam, Izaiah and Morgan will be competing on Friday in Athletics track events.

On Tuesday 4/5/6 went to the Writers festival at the Lismore City Hall. We saw Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton which was fun.

Lily, Talia, Miriam and Malaika went to Goonellabah Public School on Thursday to practice for the PAF choir.

Today we had a cricket session at school for all ages.

**Talia & Miriam**

### **TERM 3 2015**

#### **Week 5**

##### **Monday 10th August**

Artist in Residence Camp Year 6

##### **Tuesday 11th August**

Artist in Residence Camp Year 6

##### **Wednesday 12th August**

Artist in Residence Camp Year 6

##### **Friday 14th August**

MILO in2CRICKET program

Zone Athletics Carnival

#### **Week 6**

##### **Friday 14th August**

MILO in2CRICKET program



**DUNOON PSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

We really enjoyed the day!





## BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL

It was thrilling to meet  
Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton  
at the Byron Bay Writers Festival!







## TEAMS DAY

This year Teams Day will be held on Friday, 4 September, 2015. This is a major fundraiser for The Channon P&C and we need all families to help in some way; whether doing a roster or donating goods. Please fill in the Roster attached to this newsletter and return to school by Friday, 14 August, 2015. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

## DUNOON PSSA FIELD EVENTS

