**Disco News**

What a great night dancing our socks off was enjoyed by all! Thanks to everyone who contributed to a great time for the children. The mighty team from the P&C did a brilliant job as did the teachers who managed to get a leave pass from their own family for the night!

Check out the great photos from the night at the bottom of this page.

**Classes and Learning**

It’s very pleasing to report that the changes to classes went really smoothly with children and teachers continuing to work hard in all areas. As I move around the school I see in every room children keenly engaged in their learning, respectful authentic relationships being established between children and adults and well behaved boys and girls.

**Prepared for Learning**

Thank you to all our families for ensuring your children are dressed in uniform and have everything they need for a great school day. A good night’s rest, healthy diet and lots of exercise are amongst the easiest of things we can do.

Our lives can be so busy today that occasionally we may forget to provide something our children need for the day at school (e.g. lunch, medication etc.) please understand that wherever possible we will always try and contact you to follow this up. For children without food and where we can’t contact family a lunch will be arranged (usually through Brekkie Club or Canteen) and we appreciate families covering this cost when you can.

**Earn and Learn**

Last week lots of ‘goodies’ arrived at school from the promoter of the “Earn and Learn’ program. The equipment will be put to excellent use in all classrooms. A huge thankyou to students for bringing in all of those doockets, to Mums, Dads and extended families for supporting us and to Mrs Cowin in our Front Office for coordinating, counting and ordering all of the materials.
Preschool News

A big welcome to our Blue Whale preschool families and children. We are all settling into our preschool room and routines and are getting to know each other and our school. Even though the children have only just completed their third week at preschool, we have already been involved in many whole school events and are learning that we belong to the wider Tweed Heads South School community as well as our preschool.

In our first week at preschool we had a fantastic 'wet and messy play day' with the Kindergarten and Year 1 children as we participated in the school swimming carnival. We really enjoyed feeling oozy slime, sticky goop, sloppy wet sand and the freezing ice as well as having a jelly bath!

Last week both the Blue Whale and Red Turtle groups began visiting the big school library where we met our big school buddies from Year 4-5T. We really enjoyed listening to our buddies read the stories they chose for us and look forward to meeting them in the library each week this year for 'RAP' (Reading Aloud to Preschoolers) and other collaborative activities.

Last night, many preschoolers also attended the school disco where we had lots of fun dancing with our friends and participating in dance challenges such as the birdie dance, the hokey pokey and even gangnam style! It was great to see so many of our preschool children and families getting involved in this fun after-school event organised by our wonderful and active school P&C committee.

From Kate and Robyn

Basketball News

Basketball at the PCYC in Tweed Heads has commenced for the 2013 season and it is not too late to sign up for the February - June competition. It is a fun competition played against other children from local schools. Our school has a long tradition of success within the competition.

Times have changed from last year - 8's and 10's will be at 4pm weekly and the 12's will be at either 4:45pm or 5:30pm. Players are desperately needed to fill the 8's and 10's team. Fees are $10 for the annual club membership plus $65 competition fees per player (per season). Singlets are provided.

Please see Mrs Ware if you are interested in playing.

Look out next week for our District Swimming Results from Mr Chalmers

Community Notices

Camp Willing and Able North Coast Region (9-17 years)— to be held on Saturday & Sunday 16-17 March and provides a residential program suitable for people of all ages with a physical and/or intellectual disability. To enrol contact Sport & Recreation on 02 6618 0400

Understanding Teenagers Course to be held at The Family Centre 26 February –2 April on Tuesday 5.30pm-7.30pm. Bookings essential. Cost $30 Contact The Family Centre on 5524 8711.

Banora Point Netball Club is looking for players for our 11 years group. Contact Heidi on 0414 910 448 if interested

Yvette’s Family Day Care — Registered Carer with Newtrain— provides a small group care for children from birth to 5 years. Hours start from 6.30am. For more information contact Yvette Mackenzie on 0755130187 or 0434106250.

Girl Guides meet in your area! Laughter, learning, friendship and fun. Come along to find out what Guiding is all about! When: 4.30 to 6.30pm Mondays during school term. Where: Kingscliff Uniting Church Hall, 24 Kingscliff St. Contact: Helen Hargreaves ph. 02 6689 5294

PCYC activities – basketball comps, dance classes, after school care, martial arts, boxing & more. For more information contact 5599 1714.

Shining Star Awards

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Trophies are presented to students during each Friday morning assembly to display in their classroom for one week.