Around the school this week

Road Safety
Families using the Oxley Street area to drop off and pick up children are reminded to exercise maximum caution when driving through this area. It is used by families with very young children and gets quite busy. Please drive at or below the school zone speed in this area during the drop-off and pick-up times.

Sun Safety
Our school supports the Department of Education and Communities Sun Safe policy. This means for our students we expect them to wear a school hat when outside at school and on excursions. All hats are expected to be labelled with the child’s name. Students are expected to wear their own school hat.
In clearing-up and ensuring every child has their own hat we have a number of spare hats that do not have a name written on them. If you believe your child may own one of these hats please contact the school office to follow-up.
Any hats remaining unclaimed after Easter will be laundered and handed to the Canteen for sale through the second hand clothing pool.

Canteen
Keeping our fantastic Canteen open five days a week is a real challenge without sufficient volunteers. Every family benefits from the fundraising efforts of our active P&C of which the Canteen is an important component. We need YOUR HELP to keep the Canteen open for your children and the good of the whole school. If you can share just a few hours once a week or fortnight it would be of great benefit. It’s also a great way to make friends and meet families with children in your school. Perhaps you might like to come along with a friend and volunteer together? There are many options.
If you are able to help out or would just like to find out more please contact the cheerful front office staff, Jenny in the Canteen (who is also cheerful!) or, the mostly cheerful, Mr Reeson! We look forward to hearing from you.
PS If you can’t get in to see us why not fill in and cut out the return box to the right and send it in with the children and we’ll contact you.

Canteen Helpers
Please contact me about helping in the Canteen.

Name: ________________________________

My best contact phone number is: ________________________________

Please detach and return to school.
National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence 2013

Tomorrow, Friday 15 March is a Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence! This year we have decided to merge our Harmony Day Celebrations with this day which will occur on Harmony Day Thursday, 21 March 2013

Canteen News

Thankyou to all the parents who have been donating icing sugar, flour etc. It is greatly appreciated! An extra special thank you to Nicole, Chelsea’s mum from KC, for her donations. We are still looking for a regular supply of fresh fruit and vegetables, and welcome donations from your gardens! We also need volunteers for the canteen. If you can spare an hour first thing in the morning or a couple of hours during the day we would love to see you! Please see Jenny in the canteen or contact Fiona 0415749458.

P&C News

Thank you to all the families who are getting behind our Easter raffle selling the tickets and donating the chocolates! There are more tickets available for sale from the canteen and we can never have too many Easter Eggs!! Keep them coming!! We have been overwhelmed with the support for the sports shirts. Its great to see so many of the children wearing them on Fridays. They are available from the uniform shop in the canteen for $20.00. Our next meeting is Tuesday March 19th at 2.00pm in the Breakfast Room. We would love to see you all there!

Brekki Club News

Sally and Ronalda’s breakfast duties may no longer be required with these four wonderful girls (Jasmin, Zoe, Kalani and Miette) stepping up to help Mrs Sherriff in their absence. Every morning this week, the girls have sacrificed their play time and arrived early to ensure that the breakfast club can cater for our hungry children. Well done girls, it is great to see our students helping out with a smile. You are making our school a better place! We look forward to Ronalda and Sally returning ASAP.

District Trials- Basketball

A big congratulations to Malakai, Dylan and Ruben who trialled for the Tweed District Basketball Team recently. All students put in strong performances and played well for the entire day, narrowly missing a spot on the team. All students represented our school with excellence. A big thankyou to the parents that drove our students and also to Mrs Salmon for organising them.

District AFL Selections

On Friday March 1, Dainton and Dylan represented our school at the Tweed District AFL Selection Trials. The boys had the home ground advantage with the trials being held at Arkinstall Park. Both boys worked as a team within their team to make each other look good and perform strongly. Competing in a round robin tournament, both boys impressed the selectors to make the Tweed District team. They will now travel to Bangalow to trial for the Far North Coast Team which will see the best AFL players from the boarder to Yamba doing battle. Congratulations boys!
Preschool News

We have been busy at Preschool talking about our families and learning about parts of our bodies (sometimes a messy experience, indeed!)

The following are important dates for your diaries

**March 21 Harmony Day** Please try to find something orange for the children to wear to Preschool

**March 28 Easter Hat Parade** The Blue Whales Children are welcome to join us. They will need to have a parent or supervising adult with them.

A reminder that each day the children need to bring a hat and a sheet to Preschool. We also ask, in our effort to promote Sun Safety, that clothing has a capped or short sleeve. Our thanks to all the parents who have ensured that their child’s name is on all items brought to Preschool.

We are currently planning a Project with the children about Spiders. So if you have a book about spiders (fiction or non-fiction), or some other resource please bring it so that we are able to broaden our study. We plan to commence the Project in the next couple of weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak with us

Bronwyn Dowling and Robyn Sauer

Zone Swimming Carnival

The weather frowned upon our swimmers again last Monday as Chloe, Zack, Caleb and Noah travelled to Ballina to represent our school and district at the Zone Swimming Carnival. All swimmers put in strong performances in their respective events with solid heat times. Noah was good enough to make the finals and narrowly missed a podium finish.

Well done to all of our swimmers on a successful season. Continue training hard and look forward to bettering your times next year. Thanks to Don and Adam who provided our elite athletes with transport to and from Ballina!

Tim Chalmers - Sports Coordinator

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**Shining Star Awards**

**Term 1 Week 6**

- **Shining Star Award:** Jayden 5-6F
- **Reaching for the Stars:** Kaylee KC
- **Citizenship:** Aiden 1-2B
- **Sportsmanship:** Kimberly 5-6F
- **The Arts:** Azalia K-1W
- **English:** Madison 1-2M
- **Maths:** Dainton 5-6F
- **Science and Environment:** Neil 5-6C
- **HSIE:** Nia KC
- **MUSIC:** Nikayla 5-6C

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

Water is the best drink for kids

Students are able to keep a bottle of plain water on their desk to drink during the day. When students don’t drink enough water, they can become dehydrated, which causes headaches, irritability and restlessness in the classroom.

Plain tap water is the best thirst-quencher as it has no added sugars, and contains a mineral that helps strengthen teeth and bones. Soft drinks, cordials, sports drinks and flavoured mineral waters contain 6 teaspoons of sugar in every 250ml glass, which means they contain a large amount of energy. This can contribute to dental caries and decay and an excess energy intake (which can lead to overweight and obesity).

So make sure you encourage your child to drink plain tap water at school by sending a bottle in their school bag. Children often enjoy cold water, so why not freeze a bottle to send in the lunchbox?

Also, try making water readily available at home. Have a jug of cold water in the fridge and place a jug of water on the table at meal times. Or make jugs of water more appealing by adding a slice of lemon or ice cubes made in novelty shaped trays.

Sending water to school will help prevent dehydration and help your child work and play all day long.

School Sports Shirt

Our wonderful new sports shirts are now available from the canteen at a cost of $20. Children are to wear the sports shirt on Fridays.

Community Notices

After School Care and Vacation Care—provided in the grounds of Tweed South Primary School. We provide a healthy afternoon tea, lots of games and fun things to do. For more information phone Tweed Shire Vacation Care on 5523 3708.

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

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.

Head Lice

Once again we need all families to be on board to help control this "itchy" problem. It would be fantastic if you could, once again, please check your child’s hair.

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