

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the parent/teacher afternoon on Monday. The teachers all enjoyed discussing the class programs with you and I was pleased to discuss school directions.

The PCYC and dance program kicked off this week. Parents, don't forget you are needed at the PCYC as part of the program. Contact me if you have any questions.

Our 10 day swim program is nearly full, but there is still a chance to enrol your child for this worthwhile program. I am very excited to announce that Mission Australia, through Communities for Children, will be subsidising the swimming program. The 10 day swim will now cost only \$20 per student! Also, each swimmer will receive a swim pack. Goggles, towel and swimmers are included. The towels and goggles will stay at school and will be laundered each week. The swimmers will stay at school until the end of the year, when they will be sent home.

Please complete the attached swim note, stating the correct swimmer size for your children.

Bullying is sometimes an issue at our school. Please talk to your children about bullying. Every child and staff member has a right to feel safe at school. If your child is worried about coming to school, please come and talk to me or to one of the class teachers. Also, if you think your child may be involved in bullying, going over the information below will be helpful. We must all work together to combat bullying at school. Over the next few weeks I will be talking with all of the children to develop a consequence chart for bullying.

Bullying Behaviour

Bullying can be defined as intentional, repeated behaviour by an individual or group of individuals that causes distress, hurt or undue pressure.

Bullying involves the abuse of power in relationships. Bullying can involve all forms of harassment (including sex, race, disability, homosexuality or transgender), humiliation, domination, intimidation and victimisation of others.

Bullying behaviour can be:

verbal eg name calling, teasing, abuse, putdowns, sarcasm, insults, threats

physical eg hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping, spitting

social eg ignoring, excluding, ostracising, alienating, making inappropriate gesture

psychological eg spreading rumours, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, malicious SMS and email messages, inappropriate use of camera

Coming up in the next few weeks:

Life Education Van: \$7 per student. Please see the office if you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like assistance for your child/children to attend this worthwhile program and meet Happy Healthy Harold!

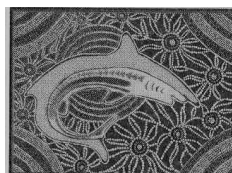
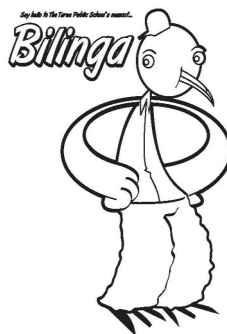
Regards

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KOOKABURRA AWARDS

Winner of Kookaburra draw:

Michael Halyley-Kent
Marley Delaney
Joshua Cochrane



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Biripi people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Biripi Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals.

CONGRATULATIONS

COMMENDATION AWARDS

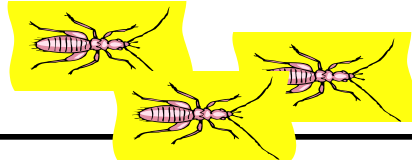
Madison Anderson

BRONZE AWARDS

Michael Nicholson
Samuel Trotter
Liam Noble
Zachary Ussher
Alice Kennewell



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CONTROLLING PESTS & TREATING CHILDHOOD DISEASES

In this hot humid weather we are experiencing a very common phenomenon and certainly not only at our school.

To assist in trying to minimise the outbreaks of the most common pests we have attached a flyer to this newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

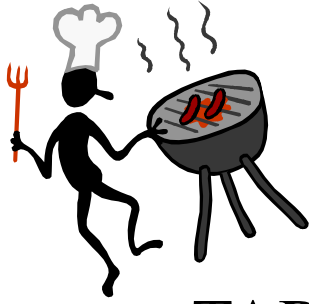
Mid North Coast Junior Rugby Union Axemen. We are looking for U12 to U18 representative players. You will have the opportunity to play in the country championships in 2011, have a lot of fun, meet some great people, gain exposure to national selectors, and ultimately improve your rugby game. Please come along on Sunday 27th Feb 2pm to 4pm at Verge St Kempsey for training. Bring/wear shorts, training shirt, boots, mouth guard, headgear and water bottle.

For more information

<http://www.midnorthcoastjuniors.rugbynet.com.au> or contact Richard Jagger: President 0409815503 or Rachel Fox: Secretary 0427121318.



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TAREE PUBLIC SCHOOL

DADS BBQ AT THE SCHOOL

**LUNCH TIME (11:00) WEDNESDAY
2nd MARCH**

Come at Lunch time for a sausage sizzle
and stay for the kids construction class...

The kids are building their egg-racer cars
and would love it if you could give them a
hand!

