





The Gazette



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Principal's Report

Tathra Fun

Thank you to Mr Hartley and Miss Finigan for taking our secondary students to Tathra last week. By all accounts, it was a huge success! Thanks also to the P&C for their generous donation for the bus to reduce the cost to families.



Primary Captains, 2017

Four Year 5 students presented their speeches to the school last Tuesday. Nace, Ella, Ruby and Olivia all spoke extremely well and they all will make terrific captains. Captains will be announced on Presentation Night!



Intensive Swimming Begins

Perfect weather today for the start of our Intensive Swimming Program. Please remember to have all items labelled and if you have not bought a season ticket, then please arrange for payment for the entry to the pool.

Schools Spectacular

Congratulations to our students who were able to take part in this year's event! Jessie, Kylie and Amber were part of this year's record breaking performance over the weekend!



No Hat, Play in the Shade

Please remember that hats are an essential part of our uniform in Term 4 and Term 1. Students without a hat must move to play in the shaded areas of the playground.

Have a great week.

Calendar Term 4 2016

November

Mon 28 K –11 Swim School Commences for 2 weeks

December

| Wed | 07 | Presentation Night | | |
|--------------|----|-------------------------|--|--|
| Mon | 12 | K-2 Christmas Tree | | |
| Thurs | 15 | Lake Talbot Rewards Day | | |
| Fri | 16 | Last Day Term 4 2016 | | |
| January 2017 | | | | |
| Fri | 27 | Staff Return Term 1 | | |
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Mon 30 Students Return Term 1

Could you please check your cupboards and shelves for the following perpetual trophies still missing.

FINDLAYS SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR SHIELD JEFF AITKEN LIFESAVING SHIELD

WRITING COMPETITION: EARLY STAGE 1, STAGE 3, STAGE 4

These are needed to have engraved for this year. Thank you

Also missing some white school shirts and black ties. If you have borrowed one of these could you please return to front office.







| Mon 28/11 | Thu 1/12 | Fri 2/12 |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Sarah Lees | Sue Wilson | Karen Smith |
| Mon 5/12 | Thu 8/12 | Fri 9/12 |
| Colleen Brown | Linda Forrester | Beck Rainbird |
| Mon 12/12 | Thu 15/12 | Fri 16/12 |
| Linda Forrester | Rewards day | Canteen closed |

Canteen news

We are always looking for new volunteers in the canteen, you don't need to be a parent, just willing to help. Give me a call and I can run you through it.

Linda Forrester (canteen manager) Phone: 0421100893

2017 Canteen volunteer Interest

Please return this slip or text me, if you intend to volunteer next year for our wonderful canteen. I need to update records and prepare roster.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Name_____

Phone_____

Preferred days: MON_____THURS_____FRI_____

Days per term_____

Please let me know if a specific date or month etc is not suitable also :-

Signed ______

Next P&C Meeting: -

2016 finale! 29th November @ Rankin Springs (Hamish & Andy)

We have had a busy year, time to let our hair down.





Jacob Ashman Year 7 Partaking in the class presentation about 'likes'

Swim School

Swim School commenced today for all students in Years K - 10.

Students need to make sure they have a rashie, towel and swimmers with

them each day, clearly labelled with their name.

Students will also need to bring money for entry to the pool if they don't have a season ticket.

Swimming groups are on the notice board outside the Staff Room.

Any questions regarding Swim School please contact the school.

Book Fair Wrap Up!

A big thankyou to all who supported the Book Fair. Through commission we were able to purchase \$385 worth of books for our library, a mixture of



fiction and non-fiction, an awesome effort!

Scholastic also gave us \$60 worth of vouchers to spend at the Fair, which were given out to Term 3 AR target winners.

The assistance from our Year 5/6 students as cashiers and security was much appreciated.

Mrs Bandy



K/1 Class News

BCS has a rule during the hotter months 'No Hat, Play in the Shade'. Students must bring and wear their BCS hat to school every day during Term 4. It is a good idea to check that all school apparel is labelled and it is easy to read as it washed off over time.

As it is starting to warm up, please try and send your child with a water bottle.

Cricket Clinic is on again this Thursday. Please wear your sports uniform on Thursday instead of Friday.

Swim School

We will be swimming on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please also ensure students bring swimmers on Friday as we may be going to the pool for sport.

Can you please send students with their swimmers, rashie, towel all labelled in a bag. Students will not be swimming if they do not have a rashie as we will be going in the hottest part of the day. Students will also need to bring in \$2 if they do not have a season pass.

Christmas Tree will be on Monday 12 December after lunch. More information is in this week's gazette.

Important Dates to Remember: Swim School weeks 8 and 9 Wednesday 7 December—Presentation Night Monday 12 December—Christmas Tree Thursday 15 December—Lake Talbot Excursion

I hope you all have a great week.

| | This Week |
|---------------------------|--|
| Tuesday | Library, please remember your library bag. This is the last week for borrowing books. |
| Thursday | Cricket Clinic. Please wear your sports uniform, bring a hat and water bottle |
| | Homework |
| Home Read- ing | Although we are nearing the end of the year it is very important that home reading is completed every night to further their learning. Please remind students to complete their home learning |
| Reading Eggs Awards | Congratulations to all students who attempted Reading Eggs activities last week. |
| Mathletics Awards | Congratulations to all students who attempted Mathletics activities last week. |

4/5 Class Happenings

Mathletics/Reading Eggs

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Mathletics awards:

Bronze Certificate: Tre Kessey; Lillian Rainbird Congratulations to the following students for receiving **Reading**

Eggs awards:

Logan Dalley - for achieving 86% in the Map 6 Reading Eggs Quiz.

****Please** encourage your children to complete Mathletics and Reading Eggs daily as tasks are set by class teacher and are **excellent revision** of concepts learnt on class.

Important dates to remember:

Monday 28 November – Thursday 1 December: Swim School Thursday 1 December: Cricket Clinic

Home Learning

Home Learning tasks for Weeks 7-8 were sent home this week and are due back on Friday 2 December.

Very few students are returning Home learning tasks. They are revision for the past 2 weeks of learning and often include a lead-in task to future topics. If you have any concerns, please feel free to discuss with me. Daily reading and Times tables practise are of utmost priority. All students need to practise times tables at home every night until they can recall them instantly.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Intensive Swimming starts today and will run Monday to Thursday during Week 8 and Week 9. Please ensure your child brings: swimmers, towel, goggles (if needed), drink bottle, \$2 entry fee and sunscreen. **Please ensure all clothes and equipment is clearly marked with your child's name.**

SOLAR SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

Students were given a part to perform in our **Solar System Song** at the end of term. This will culminate our learning on the Solar System that we have been studying in Science this term. Each student received a note last Friday detailing whether they are a planet, sun, moon or star. Students are to learn their words and make a costume to suit their part. It does not have to be complicated – a list of colors and suggested costume was included on the note or they can make a planet/moon/star from cardboard and paint it. Costumes are required by *Monday Week 10*.

I have attached a list of student roles and costumes on ClassDojo if they have misplaced the note.

This Week

| Reminders: | Library Day is Thursday AR is on Wednesday and Friday. Music and trade Centre is Wednesday. Sport uniform to be worn on <u>Thursday</u> and Friday (change of days due to cricket clinic) |
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| Literacy | Text: The Twits Grammar: speech/drama skills Spelling: Spelling Mastery |
| Mathematics | Measurement Daily Timed times tables quiz; Daily Maths Mentals. |
| Geography | Great Barrier Reef |
| Science | The Solar System |
| PDH | Road & Water safety. |
| PE | Cricket |
| Sport | T-ball |

5/6 Class Happenings

Swim school begins today and will go for the next 2 weeks. 5/6 students will be swimming during periods 1 and 2 on Monday, and Wednesday and Period 2 on Tuesday and Thursday. Student names and the group they are in for swimming are displayed on the whiteboard outside the staff room.

Students MUST have a rash shirt to swim. Sunscreen is supplied for students and each classroom has some.

5/6 have been working hard to develop the Ag plot. Year 5 students have ordered bird nest boxes and will be putting them together and hanging them this week. For information on the birds they have targeted please read the fact sheet in this Gazette.

Save the Date: Presentation night is December the 7th. (Next Wednesday)

REMINDERS

- Please ensure students are bringing their hat and water bottle each day. Students are required to wear their school hat to play in the sun during recess and lunch. If your child is required to wear another hat please ensure you also send them to school with a note explaining their out of uniform reason.
- New bus routines. It is important that you keep the school updated with your child's routines after school.
 Please notify the school to ensure their safety.
- We are a crunch and sip school and students are required to bring a piece of fruit to eat each day.

| Inis week | | | | |
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| Mathematics | 3D space and views | | | |
| Literacy | Continue The Burrumbi Kids Text Study. | | | |
| Homework | | | | |
| Homework | The last set of homework will go out for this fortnight. It is due on the 9th of December. | | | |
| Mathletics | Bronze Awards: Jack 2120, Jane 1430, Tyler 1020 | | | |
| | CONGRATULATIONS!!! | | | |

1/2/3

Swim School started today. It was great to see so many bags with names on them which included the children's swimmers, rashie, sunscreen, goggles (not compulsory), and towel. Please send extra food with your child as swimming seems to make the children very hungry. Class structure will run as normal over the next two weeks with swim school being in periods 3 and 4.

This week is the final week of the cricket clinic on Thursday.

Students should be reading their **AR** book nightly.

Each week the Mathletics tasks are set to the topic being taught in the class.

Congratulations for the great effort the following children made in Mathletics last week. <u>Bronze</u>: Timothy, Ronan, Dakota, Alannah, Eli, Emmalene, Anika, Jordan, Bianca, Tom, Taylor,

Toby, Connor, Xavier, Bailey

Great effort: Darcie

This term our **Mathletics party** will be at the pool. Students are required to achieve 7000 points on Mathletics this term to be eligible to go. For students who do not have sufficient internet at home there are three options; use class time efficiently, in class Tuesday lunch and in the library at lunch time.

NO EXCUSES! Points are achievable.

It is pleasing to see so many **Human Calculators** in the classroom. The students have worked extremely hard on Live Mathletics to achieve this status.

Muliplication tables are a focus in our classroom and the students have been learning about the link between multiplication and division. Please revise and help your child learn and review the 50 challenge sheet that is completed weekly at school so that your child has instant recall of these facts.

Research of Birds for Bird Houses

Year 5 have been researching birds in our area so that we have the knowledge of the birds that we are trying to help. BCS has purchased the nest boxes for the following birds to be placed in our school Ag plot and around the school. When they arrive year 5 will put the boxes together. We have done this to encourage more birds to this area and encourage nesting.

Laughing Kookaburra

Where they are found?

The laughing kookaburra is found in eastern Australia

and they are more of a coastal bird.

What is their habitat?

The laughing kookaburra's habitat is in a bare naturally occurring tree hollow or in a termite mound on the side of a tree that has been hollowed out.

What foods do they eat?

The laughing kookaburra's mostly feed on insects, worms and crustaceans. What does it look like?

The laughing kookaburra has brown and black on its back and wings and

the tail is black and a dark brown eye-stripe across the face. By Ella

Australian Ring Neck

Description: What Does It Look Like

The Australian Ringneck is a large parrot, varied green and blue body with an obvious yellow band on the hind-neck.

Habitat: Where does it live?

Over lightly timbered areas, open woodlands and tree-lined watercourses.

Feeding: What does it eat?

They feed mainly on the ground. They eat seeds, and some fruits, flowers, nectar and insects. They often feed on spilt grain on roadsides.

Breeding:

Australian Ringnecks lay their eggs in hollows in living or dead trees on a bare base or on rotting wood dust.

Living with us:

Numbers are affected by clearing of mallee scrub and woodland for agriculture. By Jordan



- Common and familiar throughout the coastal regions of mainland Australia.
- There habitats are woodlands, mangroves and paper bark forests, tall open eucalypts forests and melaleuca forests.
- They feed on crustaceans, reptiles, insects, infrequently and fish.
 - It is a medium sized king fisher it has a tortoise back, tortoise blue rump and tail, bluff white underparts and a broad cream collar.
 - The sacred kingfisher only pairs in breeding season and usually nests in a burrow made from a termite nest, hollow branch or river bank. The nest chamber is unlined and is and can be up to 20m above ground.

By Olivia







<u>Red Rumped Parrot</u>

The male is 90 grams. 27cm 10.5in. The female is 70 grams 26cm. The entire head is light green and the chest is green. It eats fruits, vegetables, nut, and berries.

The red rump grass parrot isn't a fussy bird when it comes to breeding. They will accept types of boxes. Nest width 25cm-depth 26cmheight 30cm. Breeding period August-January. Lifespan 15-20 years. By Zach



Superb Parrot

*The Superb Parrot is found in eastern Australia across the Riverina.

*They eat grass seeds, sunflowers, oats and insects.

*They like to live near water and in nice shady trees with lots of bark. *They have a green body with a touch of red and yellow around the beak.

*The Superb Parrot is vulnerable to being endangered. By Ruby



Major Mitchell

- ⇒ The Major Mitchell's Cockatoo is a small, mostly white cockatoo with pink on the sides of its head, around its neck, on its underbody and under its wings. The crest appears white when folded but when raised and spread it has a broad red band with a yellow stripe through the middle.
- ⇒ Major Mitchell's Cockatoos live mostly in semi-dry and dry areas, in woodlands, particularly Mallee. They are also found in stands of River Red Gum, Eucalyptus and on sand plains and dunes.
- ⇒ Major Mitchell's Cockatoos may live in much the same area all year round if there is sufficient water.
- ⇒ The eggs are laid on a bed of rotting wood, woodchips and bark. Male and female will chew at a tree-hollow to enlarge it.
- \Rightarrow Major Mitchells eat seeds of grasses and plants, fruit and roots.

By Jack



Eastern Rosella What does it eat?

The Eastern Rosella mainly feeds on the ground, especially amongst grasses in lawns, pastures and other clearings. Also feeds in trees and bushes. Main dietary items include: seeds, fruits, buds, flowers, nectar and insects.

What does it look like?

Eastern Rosellas are medium-sized colourful parrots with distinctive white cheek patches. It has a red head, neck and breast, with yellowish to greenish upper parts, a yellow underbody and a yellow-green to blue-green rump, with a red under tail. The shoulders are bright blue. Females are usually similar to males, but sometimes duller and young birds are even duller and can be aged by their bill colour, which is yellow or orange, changing to off-white when mature.

Where does it live?

The Eastern Rosella is found in open woodlands, grasslands, farmlands and remnant bushland. Often found in urban habitats such as parks, gardens and golf courses. By Benjamin



Barellan Aged Care Save the Dates for 2017!

- Trivia Night February 11th at the Club
- Swap Meet March 26th
- Wine & Cheese Night April 8th @ the Golf Club

Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series Is this you?

Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner. Or your six year old won't share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you. What is a Stepping Stones Seminar?

Stepping Stones Triple P seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Seminars are for large groups of parents – possibly 20 or more. It's an informal presentation, a little like a public forum. There are three seminars that each last 90 minutes and cover a different topic. We encourage parents to try to attend all three.

When:

Seminar 1 – Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability Wednesday 30th November 9.30a.m –11.15am Seminar 2 – Helping Your Child Reach Their Potential Wednesday 30th November 11.30a.m – 12.45p.m Seminar 3 – Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour

Wednesday 30th November 1.15p.m – 2.30p.m Where:

Kalinda School Merrigal Street, Griffith NSW 2680 Light Lunch provided

Cost: FREE as part of a research project

Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years

How: RSVP by contacting the NSW Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team Call (02) 9114 4106 or email

fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au

For more information contact:

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