



## From the committee

Hello from the committee. It's looking like our new activity should be rain dancing! At least this week's upper and lower camp should have perfect weather. Be sure to check the equipment list and remember school camps are **device-free** opportunities. This is to leave space for improvised creative pursuits such as rain dancing!

Interviews for Ginger's maternity leave replacement will be happening this term, so stay posted.

I'd like to welcome **Nicole** to the committee. Nicole is a dedicated teacher and parent and I look forward to collaborating with her.

It has been very difficult to come up with a meeting time that all the committee members can attend. We will continue with Thursday mornings for the rest of the term, although this means Iris and Nicole can't attend, and then try again next term for a time that suits everyone.

The **School and Preschool Fete** has been moved to 14 October.

Stay moisturised!

Cheers, *Elvis*

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## Woody Head Camp – please bring

- Wednesday recess and lunch
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Pyjamas
- Toothbrush and paste
- Clothes (include warm clothes)
- Swimmers
- Two towels
- TENT (or arrange to share)
- Mattress
- Sleeping bag, pillow and case
- Sheet and top sheet
- Covered shoes
- Thongs
- Spoon, fork, plate, bowl and cup (all labelled with child's name)
- Torch

## School calendar

### Kindies

No school lunch – Wed 16 Aug  
No School bus – Thurs 17 Aug

### Woody Head Camp

Uppers and lowers  
16-18 August

### Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Kindy class - 17 August

### WIRES presentation (at school)

22 August

### Red Inc Choir (at school)

24 August

### Strategic planning meeting

All teachers and committee  
Relief staff: TBA  
24 August

### Ginger on leave

Relief: Jessica and Deborah  
28 Aug – 1 September

### Akash PD

Relief: Michelle and Nicola  
30 Aug – 1 September

### NORPA's The Arrival

Whole school by bus  
19 September

### Music and circus performance

21 September

### Holidays

23 Sept to 8 October  
Pupil-free day 9 October

### Term 4 10 Oct –8 Dec

### School and preschool Fete

Saturday 14 October

### Stradbroke Camp 7-12 Nov



## Kindy

Hello Parents

Welcome to our early Spring newsletter. As things warm up, so do the Kindies. Their enthusiasm for life and learning is such a joy and how blessed I am to be their teacher.

Our learning around the sun, moon and planets continues with games and stories, questions and research. One of the questions they asked was about the gender of the sun and moon.

Consequently all the stories and books I have chosen, incorporate them as either sex and in one, they are even sisters. Good topics of conversation have followed as you can guess!

This week, we begin to find out more about the weather: how this affects us, and what part the sun and moon play in this.

In Maths, 'groups of ' is a focus as a foundation for multiplication. We will also be learning about 3D, using our prior knowledge of 2D. For Kindies, this is mainly working with shapes: polygons and polyhedrons, their manipulation and where we would find them.

The children are very excited about the trip to Currumbin on Thursday. We have been discussing the role of a zookeeper and working out what they do to care for animals. I will be in touch with all of you regarding transport but so far Gary, Christine, Sam and I are the drivers.

Blessings, Deborah

## School Facebook site

Thank you to the parent who has written to the committee with their thoughts about our Facebook site, and to those families who have returned forms marked with whether their children's photos may be included or not on this. We remind families to return their forms and if you would like the committee to discuss this, or any other matter, to please write to (or email) the committee. Facebook will be reviewed at the next meeting.

## Lower

The lower primary astronomers are shooting for the moon!

They have been working very hard on their narratives this term. They are using all the sounds, grammar, punctuation and vocabulary they have learned so far to write their narratives. They also use personification (giving the sun & moon human qualities) to explain why they appear at different times in the day. Their stories so far are very entertaining and this work will be continued over the next few weeks.

The class is also madly constructing the Earth and Moon models from paper mâché to use in a presentation.

During maths, we have been busily exploring division and multiplication. Working with hands-on materials to make arrays and groups to answer some challenging everyday scenarios. For example, *'Maximus has 26 chicken eggs, he shares them equally with Molly and Savannah. How many do each of them get?'*

Year 2's problem solving questions are a bit harder. Year 3 has been practising their times tables too. They are actively learning their 1's, 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's & 10 times tables and improving rapidly!

Finally, in Science we have been problem solving using our scientific brains every Friday. We have so far designed and built balloon rockets, windmills and boats.

The children have been asked to use this learnt information to create their own wind-powered machine. So bring in some recycled materials to design and construct a machine powered by the wind. Any toilet rolls or egg cartons can be a great start, depending on their wishes.

I told you they have been busy astronauts!

Thank you all for coming in for the meetings!

Peace, love and wind powered machines!

Love Ginger

## Upper

It has been a wonderful couple of weeks in the upper classroom.

The students are demonstrating greater maturity and focus in their learning and are treating each other with a great deal more respect, which is fantastic.

We have begun to explore the wonderful world of maps by identifying the features of good maps using the BOLTSS acronym. We have also used grid patterns and multiplication to explore scale, perimeter and area.

Our Karate banners are nearly complete and they are looking fantastic! In literacy we have been comparing the different types of language used in information texts and different types of fiction. Everyone is super excited for camp and it looks like we'll have great weather too! Peace and love to all.

Cheers! Akash



## In the Garden

All of us kids have been working so hard in the garden. Everything will look amazing for Spring.

All of us are having fun and we are happy that Nicola is back. Everyone is smiling and all the kids are playing together happily.

By Rosella

An advertisement for 'The Biggest Garage Sale Day' on the North Coast. The ad features a man on the left wearing a white jacket and sunglasses, pointing towards the camera. On the right, a woman in a blue denim jacket and sunglasses is posing. The central text reads 'SAVE THE DATE! Saturday 23 Sept 2017 THE BIGGEST GARAGE SALE DAY ON THE NORTH COAST'. At the bottom, there are logos for Google Play and the App Store, and the website 'secondhandsaturday.com.au' is displayed in a blue banner.



Upper and lower class preparing sushi and doing art with Cappy

