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From The Committee:

Hi lovely families and students, what this week means is that the holidays and Minjerriabah camping will be here so very soon. If you haven't booked your ferry yet, get booking! For those participating we will be having a chat with you to organise a suitable time to support the packing or unpacking of the trailers. I want to thank Nicola for all of her organising to get us to this point. It is such a mammoth task and we really appreciate it. Thanks in advance to Petria too, for organising the menu and food for the week.

Thank you so much to the families and teachers for a wonderful camp last week at Flat Rock in Ballina. Without the fabulous support of our parents, camps like this would not be as easy or run so smoothly. Students were given the opportunities to use their acquired skills in bike riding, which they have been preparing for all term. Thanks Will, for providing this continued and well-loved activity. Combining this with rock pool investigations, beach walks, star gazing and identification, poetry and art whilst at the lookout and watching for whales and dolphins, playing board games, athletics, a 2km run!! and creating sand sculptures on the beach made for a fun filled excursion. Camps such as these sit alongside of our family camping week at Minjerriabah, as they provide different opportunities and experiences. Taking learning beyond the classrooms is a priority at Tuntable Falls Community School. We do endeavour to take our students camping during the year on a number of occasions, as it is here that our students develop skills such as autonomy, problem solving, relationship building and decision making. It also provides our teachers with opportunities to teach the curriculum in an engaging and practical way. Committee and staff are aware that timing and notification of these camps is important for working families and will be using next terms strategic meeting to ensure dates are provided and put in the calendar for the coming year.



School calendar

Coming Up in Term 4:

Minjerriabah Camp
14th-19th October (First week of Term 4)

School Starts Back:
Monday 21st October

Kindy Orientation
Wednesday 13th November
1:30- 2:30 and the same times on the following :
Wednesday 20th November

Free Dental check up:
Kindy class Wednesday 30th October

School Fete:

Saturday 9th November

Reminders:

Next Committee Meeting : Thursday 26th September

Next Work Day: Saturday 19th October

Please start selling Raffle Tickets for our Fete

(Tickets attached)

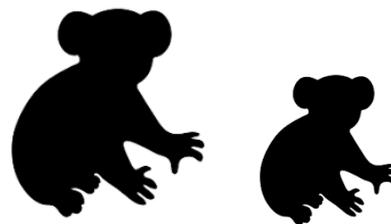
return the collected funds with filled out ticket books in bag to Office please...

Happy collecting and counting over the Holidays

We hope you have been delving into your cupboards in preparation for our annual fete. If you can please deliver to the school all of your good quality clothing and any bric-a-brac for our ever-popular stalls, that would be fabulous. Please start thinking about how you can support the fete on the day. A list will be compiled of all of the tasks and we would love it if each family could put their name down for one that suits them. This is our biggest day not only as a fundraiser but also as a day we open our doors to the public. If you have any new ideas for stalls or activities, we would love to hear from you. Also, if you would love to help with the fete organisation prior to the day, please see Blossom or a committee member.



Kindy Orientation
Wednesday 13th November
and
Wednesday 20th November
1:30-2:30pm



Buribi Class (Kindy)



Thank you Rom, for the maintenance work you do; Pete for gardening; Trudy and AJ for your art activities; and Scotty, Jacinta and Blossom - for jumping in wherever possible. Behind the scene, participating as a Committee member is not always seen - thank you to all parents who take on this role.

We have had some commendable parent-led activities recently, not to mention the continual commitment and reliability of Cushla and Nozomi in the kitchen. Thank you! For sharing your skills and interests and being a part of your child's learning - it makes a difference.

Throughout Term 4 we will be looking at houses in different places and starting to prepare for Year 1, including some transition sessions in the Gooarnj class. We will be continuing to write down all the

sounds we can hear in words (sometimes just the initial sound), leaving spaces between words and including full stops at the end of sentences. Our fluency with number relationships and patterns and working mathematically is an area we work on daily and will continue to do during next term as well.

As always, if you would like to know more about how your child is progressing in any area of their development, please come and make a time to see me.

Have a glorious spring break.
Jessica



Gooarnj (Middle)



What an exciting and enjoyable time we all shared at the Flat Rock Camp. Our First day included a 2km run on the beach and rock pool exploration followed by Board games and cards back at camp. On the second day we did Beach Athletics and ball skills. Letting our creativity run wild with sand sculptures in the afternoon. We all enjoyed a wonderful talent show in the evening.



Dancing with pelicans followed by a bike ride to the headland where we were blessed to see a breaching whale while we drew pictures and wrote haikus.



What an amazing, fun and energetic camp! Thank you to all those that came and those that helped organise.



Guruman Class (Upper)



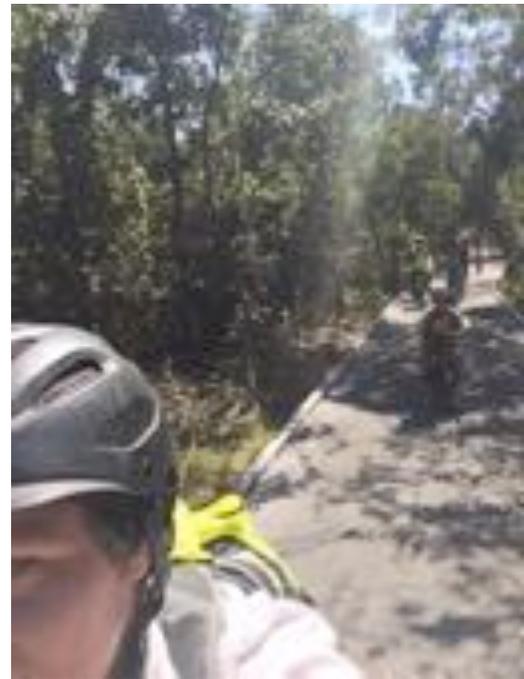
What a way to end a term. The flat rock excursion was a spectacular success in embracing the opportunity of a totally different landscape. The stretch of beach from the camp to Angel beach was perfect for the 2 km cross-country with Maximus and Nala covering the distance in 10:36.42 and 10:39.74 respectively. Congratulations to all participants.

The beach athletics and games worked well as a team activity with students working together towards a common goal. The sand art installations were incredible in their creativity, imagination and resourcefulness, and the search for special decorations lead to amazing discoveries such as Sea slugs, an octopus, pippies and a big dead pufferfish.

A short bike ride to the lookout gave us the opportunity to sit and contemplate the passing whales the beautiful seascape, and to express this experience through writing Haiku poems and sketching the view.

The night's stargazing and talent quest lead to some amazing new sightings and discoveries of the Southern Cross, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Jupiter, Lieka and Goldie's clever cup percussion performance, the circus crew with their own original collection of tricks, and the readings of the day's poetic creations.

The 12 km bike ride on Friday was a great way to celebrate the high-quality trails around Ballina and to soak up the views. Congratulations to all participants. A very special thank you to Will for the time and effort put in getting the



students to an ability and confidence level that allowed them to achieve this outcome.

The camp setup and food preparation was an excellent example of the school community coming together to achieve amazing results. It was heart warming and impressive to observe everyone in action: the planning, shopping, packing, set up, cooking, wash up and pack up. Thank you to all who were part of that process and thank you to all parents who helped out with the activities throughout the excursion.





*Sand shining like gold,
All the whales are breaching,
Rocks as black as night.*

Honeymoon

*On the hill I watch,
Whales doing heaps of flips,
Strong waves crashing down.*

Elke

*I can see beaches.
There are whales in the sea.
Oh the whale breaches!*

Nala

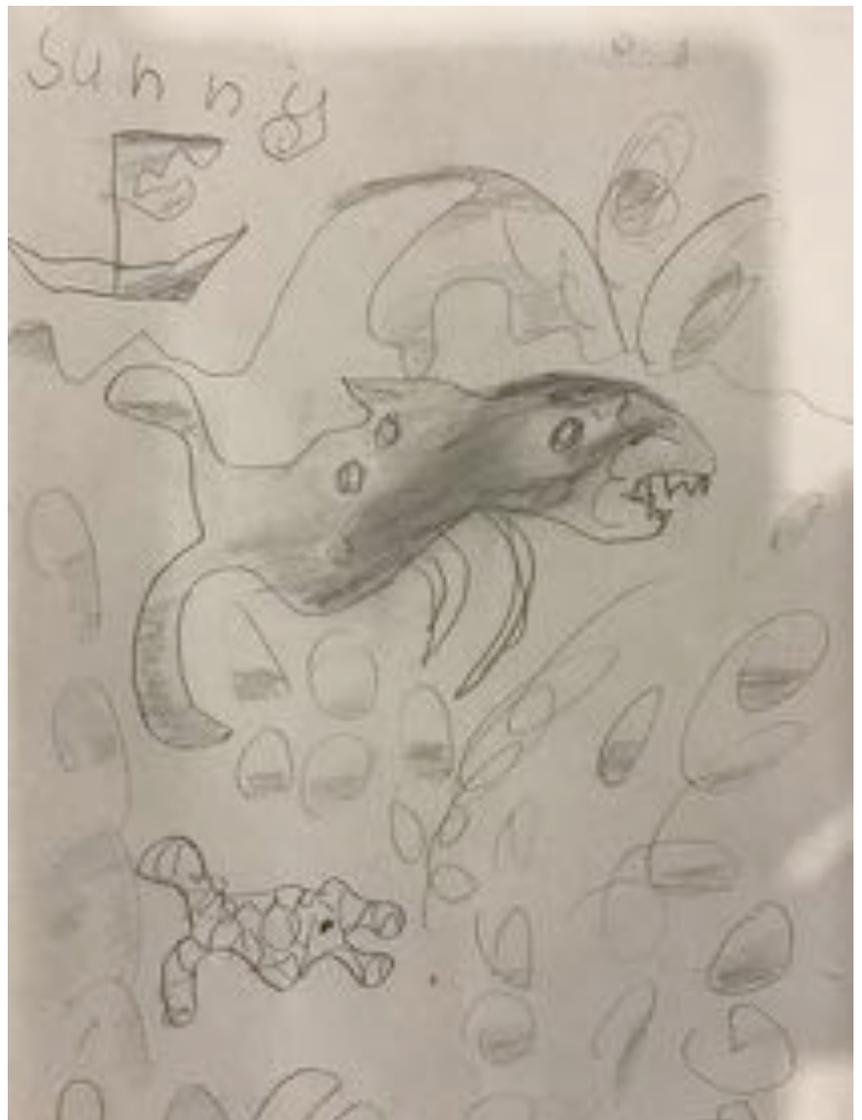
*Waves crash hard and smooth
Nibaru Migalu Whale
Breaching whales all day*

River.

*Lots of big fat waves,
Rocks with lots of green seaweed,
Little sailing boats.*

Toph





From The Garden:

Thank you for all the amazing parents who attended and helped make our spring garden day the fantastic seasonal celebration that it was.

The cooking group produced an exceptional meal of fresh salad, tabbouleh, potato bake and cauliflower & broccoli tempura-our tummies are so content.

80% of the ingredients were harvested straight from our vegetable garden!

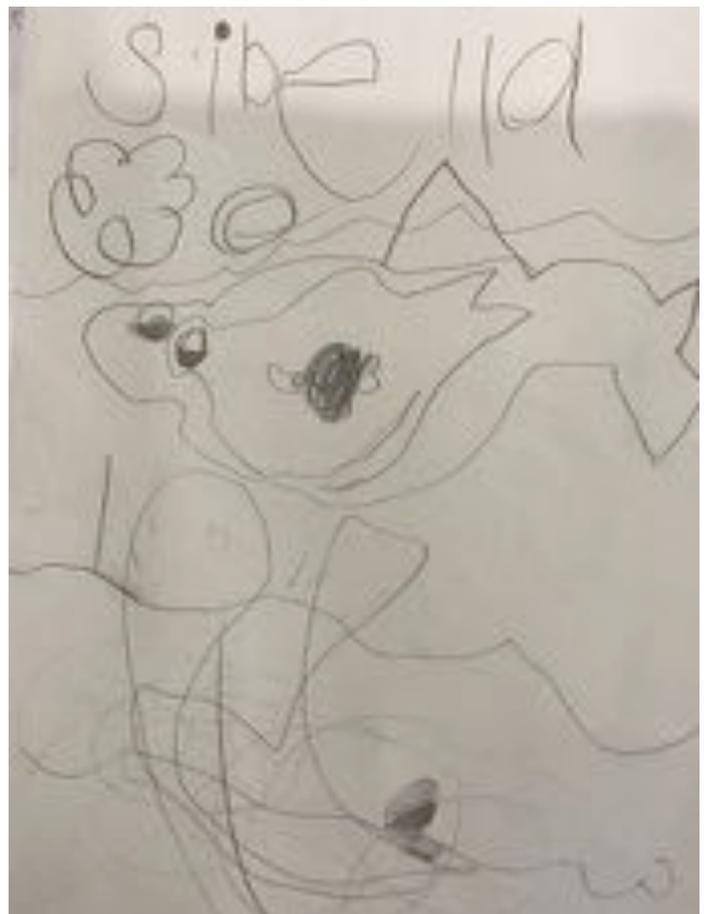
The garden group did a spectacular revamp of our courtyard garden, planting a colourful arrangement of native shrubs to attract birds, butterflies and bee's to our school!

The art group decorated our entrance with spectacular chalk mosaics.

As always the teachers and aids works so hard and the day was most enjoyable.

Thank you all
Happy holidays.

Ginger





If you are around during the break, please come and check in on our Chickens.

Thank you...

