



From the committee

Hi All,

The term has been so full of activities it's hard to keep up with them all. The excursion to the 78 Story Tree House last week was a blast. It was great to get the opportunity for our students to experience live performances. It was very funny and had all the students captivated.



Tuesday night saw our annual winter solstice evening. What I love most about this night is the coming together of community. Thank you so much to our wonderful parents; Louise, Tamara and Alice for preparing the food for the evening, it was delicious and so many people made compliments. Thankyou also to those at the other end of the night serving and cleaning up; Alison, Nicky and some throw ins like Drew and Stefan who buttered the buns. Nights like this can't be as successful as they are without that support. Well done to the teachers and students who gave us something entertaining to watch and listen to. Tuesday this week saw the upper-class head to Lismore for its annual science fix. Thankyou Emmy for taking them.

Next Tuesday the whole school is venturing out again to do our annual whale watching in Byron Bay. Please make sure you have filled in your excursion permission slips and return them to school. It makes the job a whole lot easier when the teachers have all the

necessary paperwork handed in so they aren't chasing up kids on the morning of the excursion. They want to leave at **9 am sharp**.



School calendar

Whale-Watching
Tuesday 3 July

Pyjama Day
Thursday 5 July

Last day of term
Friday 6 July

First day Term 3
Monday 30 July

Holidays 7 – 29 July

School and Pre-School Fete
date to be confirmed

Stradbroke Camp
6-11 November

School closed for the day
Monday 12 Nov

Roster days-The time you provide for a roster day doesn't have to be the classic 9-3, as I used to think. We would like to see you for as much time as you can give, even if that is for a couple of hours on one day or a pop in for an hour over a few days. There is our list on the blackboard for possible jobs and the ones below are mentioned regularly.

1. Nicola would love some help in the garden or any garden around the school.
2. The makers space can only work if we have some parent volunteers to run some lunchtime workshops. These workshops can be utilising any skill you may have. See Akash or any committee member if you are available.
3. Would you like to come in and play some games with the kids at lunch? Choose a game you like and come in. The kids would love some one on one with you. Great for relationship building.

If you would like to pay Stradbroke camp off, you are most welcome to start making payments to the school so its not such a shock to the system in November ☹ I don't have an exact figure as yet. As a ball park figure last year

Kindy class

Hello Parents

Thank you all for helping to bring the light to our winter solstice! The children worked hard all term on their poem and did so well teaching the preschoolers.

Such a busy term, how quickly it has passed. I have begun to remind the children that they are halfway through their first year of school: a time passed and a time to come that they relate so well too.

Thanks to our amazing Kindy teachers: Theo who immersed us in the world crocodiles and Tarnae and Ezekiel who have got us thinking about snakes. We look forward to Ruby - our tree expert - next week.

Next Tuesday is the whale-watching excursion to Byron. Please let me know if you cannot transport your child so I can help organize transport with another parent. We will park at The Pass, have recess and walk up to the lighthouse looking out for whales, have lunch in the lighthouse grounds

it was \$385.00 for a family of 4 not including the ferry.

We received a letter from the Northern NSW Local Health District Oral Health Service who wanted to thank all the parents of the Year 2 and kindy students who had their teeth checked. It is important to start them now in the promotion of positive and lifelong oral health. Preschool has asked that parents do not park in their car parking space. This is a gentle reminder to think about where you park ☹ The committee meets weekly and we would love to hear from you. Do you have anything that you need raised? Please either see a committee member-myself, Alison, Petria, Tamara or Ash, or put it on the sheet outside the office.

Pyjama day is happening again. We would like to see everyone in their woolly and warmest next Thursday 5th July. A gold coin donation would be great as the day raises funds and awareness for foster children.

Cheers, Nicole

and meet the bus, which will then drive parents back to their cars.

The children will need:

- Drink bottle
- Recess snack
- Lunch
- Warm clothes (and raincoat if needed)
- Hats (school hats)

Reports for semester 1 will be given out a few days before parent conferences to be held in week 2 of next term.

Have a safe and beautiful winter break.

Blessings

Deborah

Garden News

Haan and Sebastian have been busy in their playtime, digging up turmeric with Amanda. They reckon they have a WORLD-RECORD breaking root here!



Unfortunately the garden has a fungal problem at the moment – powdery mildew. This can happen in unseasonably humid weather. We lost ALL our rosella, which is disappointing as the crop was looking promising. Some of the rhubarb has also been affected deleteriously. The problem possibly began with the pawpaws, which did not appreciate getting decapitated! We have at least twenty large green pawpaws at school if anyone wants some for green pawpaw salad or pawpaw sauerkraut (which is apparently delicious!). They should also ripen in time.

We have some exciting activities coming up – a dramatisation of *The 78 Storey Treehouse* this Thursday, and a picnic and activities in the park in Lismore. On Thursday 28th June Em and I are facilitating a Mantle of the Expert Drama around the theme of OILSPILL! Some students will be playing the role of The Press, so it will be well documented. We are looking for donations of dress-up clothes and make-up/false moustaches etc for oil magnates, politicians, green activists, TV reporters and wild-life caring volunteers.

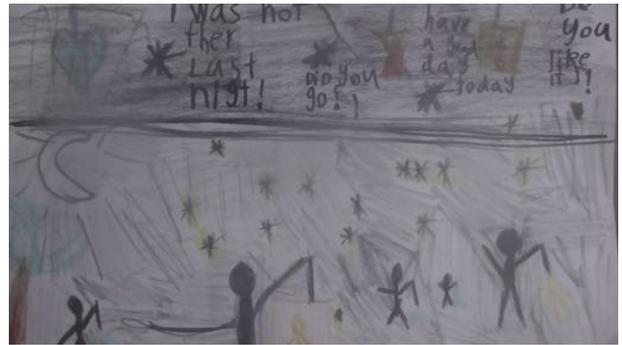
I have applied for a \$3 500 Eco-schools grant to help us with our Ethno-Botany Trail. We will be planting some more plants with Nerelle in the last week of term. HAPPY WINTER SOLSTICE! Here comes the sun!

HOLIDAYS are coming up from July 7-29, for 3 weeks. We need some volunteer chicken minders. Please contact Nicola if you can feed the chickens.

Lower class

The Lower Class recaptured moments from the Winter Solstice:

- 1 - Ava - I was not there on the night. Did you go? Did you like it?
- 2 - Haan - The Snake
- 3 - Savannah - The Winter Solstice had amazing lights.
- 4 - Nala - It was dark except for the fairy lights in the tree.



Upper class

Well as the term comes to a close so to does our unit on money and poverty and what a ride it has been! The children have experienced crashes and bubbles, learnt to convert between units of currencies and have earned and lost Blings which they have spent on items or experiences. Next Monday (2nd July) we are turning our classroom into a Market and the children will tend to their shop and sell their homemade goods to each other. If parents could assist their children with making their products over the weekend and ensure that they are here on Monday that would be great. We are also busily finishing our persuasive writing pieces on different charities which we hope to publish in the first newsletter of next term.

The upper primary performed very well with the children from Vistara Primary School at the Southern Cross University Science and Discovery Day. They attempted all sorts of challenging activities from building robotic hands and planning an electricity grid to sending coded messages and building catapults. Everyone had a great day and learnt something new. The last Tuesday of term is our Whale Watching Excursion so please ensure your child is at school on time for a prompt 9am departure as we will be unable to wait for late arrivals.

Next term we will be exploring electricity, movement and flight which promises be a hands-on and exciting unit. This unit will involve using the Maker Space a fair amount however I would love to see the kids able to use this space for their own creative endeavours during lunchtime. For this to happen we really need a parent volunteer to supervise the children on the tools. We are also still seeking softwood scraps, any hardware bric-a-brac you no longer need as well as broken electronics. I will also be requesting Parent assistance for some of the more challenging classroom activities. If you can help with any of the above please contact me. Have a wonderful winter break and I look forward to more discoveries in Term 3!

Love, Akash :)

Reconciliation Sub-Committee

The Preschool and our school are registering with the education section of Narragunnawali, which is a platform to develop a reconciliation action plan, and more connection with the local aboriginal community. It can be whatever we want to represent aboriginal culture in our school. Akash and Nicola are joining and we need at least one parent to join. The committee will meet twice a term on a Wednesday after school at 3 pm so anyone with ay ideas, come along to the meeting. Dates are to be advised. Contact Alison Southey (0414 013 318) if you want to be on the committee

Circus

Hey

Circus at the school is going well

We have had many shifts this term and I feel all the young people are in a good place with it. They are understanding the basic principles and getting strong. The skills are growing fast and we have started to work on putting skills together to make some performance acts. We hope to do a showing of circus skills in term 4, a kind of show off at the hall after school probably on a Thursday eve toward the end of term. I will confirm a date and let everyone know with plenty of notice.

Cheers

Simon