Principal’s Report
At last week’s assembly I very proudly drew attention to a letter I received from a member of the public who had shared the train journey with our (SRC) school leaders to the Royal Easter Show late last term. As you may know, student leadership and positive role modelling is a very high priority for our school, and this wonderful letter just goes to show that we are on the right track. With permission from this generous and thoughtful correspondent, I include this letter below for your enjoyment.

Dear Principal

I had the very great pleasure of sharing a carriage with some of your pupils on a train trip to Sydney on Friday 11th April 2014.

The students were already settled in the carriage when I boarded the train at Morisset with my son & daughter, and I was impressed how well-behaved they all were. It was a long trip and they were all obviously excited to be going to the Easter Show, but they maintained their excellent behavior for the entire trip. They were apparently under the supervision of a ‘Mrs Samson’, and it was obvious that they have great respect for her. She had a pleasant rapport with them all, and never had to raise her voice. The students had clearly been instructed on what behavior was expected from them, and they were happy to conduct themselves accordingly.

I’d like to commend three students in particular. As the carriage was crowded, my 24 year old autistic son, Douglas, had to sit with these three girls. They welcomed him into their group, listened with interest to his ceaseless chatter and engaged him in conversation. Never at any time did they appear to be uncomfortable with him or intimidated by him. I was very impressed by their friendliness and maturity. Of these three (according to their badges), two were house captains and one was a member of the SRC. You obviously choose your school representatives well. Your staff and the parents of these children have every right to be proud. With wonderful students like these coming up through the ranks, Australia’s future is in safe hands.

Please thank them, on our behalf, for a pleasant journey. I hope they all had fun at the show.
Best regards
Fiona and Douglas Madafiglio

PBL Award Recipients for Week 2 Term 2
Our weekly PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) awards are presented to students who have demonstrated excellence in our three core areas of "Safety, Respect and Learning".

The following students received awards last week.

K/1T: Jacob McC & Ninjirah B
K/1S: Holly P & Jasmin H
2H: Imogen B & Braedan D
2/3M: Sierra O’M, Aidan H & Zac R
3/4/5P: Noah Q, Kian N & Hayden H
5/6S: Lucy M, Seth G & Riley T
K/6K: Logan F

Fantastic Mother’s Day Morning Tea
What an absolute delight it was to see an abundance of Mums, Grandmas and even a few dads enjoying the glorious sunshine at our Mother’s Day morning tea last Friday. Our few wonderful Year 6 parents that are participating in fundraising for the Year 6 farewell put on a first class event and everyone commented on the high quality of the delicious fare on offer. Most pleasing, from my point of view, was the sight of our school community coming together once again to spend quality time with kids and other parents in our school. A special mention also to Danielle McCann and our wonderful P&C volunteers who did a great job coordinating the Mother’s Day stall.

Well done to all of our P&C and don’t forget, the welcome mat is always out!

Have a great week!

Steve Gately - Principal

Jackson Kicks On!

Congratulations to Jackson H who will be competing in the U/12 State Football Championships at Coffs Harbour over the June long weekend. Jackson will be part of the Lake Macquarie Football Academy team and we wish him all the best!
Important Dates to Remember

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School Assembly

The regular school assembly will take place on Friday at 11.40am. There will be no school assembly item this week as the Cross Country ribbons will be handed out.

Netball

Last Monday our girl’s netball team played against Jewells PS at Charlestown Netball Courts. It was a tough match but the girls played with courage and really enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to all the lovely parents that helped with transport on the day.

Mrs Hedley

Friday Football

Last Friday saw the kick off of our weekly rugby league competition. The junior and senior teams played extremely well, we scored a few great tries in both teams. There were some outstanding defensive efforts by our players, with some great low tackles by Grace, Adam, Jackson, Hunter and Cody.

Training will continue over the next few weeks when the oval dries out. Thank you to all the parents and cares that transported and supported the teams. We look forward to having you there every week.

A big thank you to Mr Trebilcock for volunteering to take the jerseys home to wash over the weekend.

Miss Kelly

Donation of Cars

We are in need of toy cars to go with our car mat that students can play with at lunch and recess. If you have any spare cars or some that aren’t used anymore and would like to donate them they can be left at the office.

Please note that the canteen is CLOSED on WEDNESDAYS

Canteen Roster – Week 4 Term 2

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Student & Staff Star of the Week

Name: Haylee Harris
Best thing at school: Friends, drawing pictures
Worst thing at school: People leaving toys behind
Hobbies: Running & hopping
Favourite Food: Lasagne
Favourite Band/Singer: Katy Perry
Things That Bug Me: People annoying me & naughty people.

Name: Jovi Quinlan
Best thing at school: Getting to learn
Worst thing at school: Homework
Hobbies: Skipping, picnics with my family
Favourite Food: Jam sandwich
Favourite Band/Singer: Katy Perry
Things That Bug Me: When I run into something.

Notices

- Years 4 to 6 CARES Excursion next Monday. Money and note need to be returned by this Friday.
- School Fees ($20 per child) are due now, payments can be made at the office.

Notice of the Week

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