COMING EVENTS
Fri 12 April  Reports home
Fri 12 April  Anzac Service Yrs 3-6
Mon 29 April  Pupil Free Day
Tues 30 April  Pupil Free Day
Wed 1 May  Students return
Thur 2 May  P&C Meeting 1:45-3pm
Thur 9 May  Auskick Gala Day
Thur 9 May  AFL Skills Day K-2

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
At the last P & C meeting I presented a short overview of the MySchool website. This site provides a great deal of information about all schools in Australia. We are particularly pleased to note our school’s strong performance in obtaining one of the highest growth rates between Years 3 & 5 in literacy and numeracy as advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald. The fundraising committee met before the actual general meeting and developed a comprehensive plan for fundraising including the usual Fathers’ and Mothers’ Day stalls, a giant end of year raffle, a Federal election day sausage sizzle, a June long weekend carboot sale and perhaps a Christmas stall. A reminder that P & C meetings are held in the special programs room next to Mrs Davis’ classroom at 1.45pm on the first Thursday of each month.

Next term is only nine weeks long but is going to be just as busy. In week three all our Year 3 & 5 students will sit the NAPLAN tests. It is vital that children attend school during that week.

Just another reminder that the first two days of next term are school development days (‘pupil free days’). Students return on Wednesday, 1 May. The extra school development day has been provided to schools to further plans to implement the new Australian curriculums in English and mathematics.

Finally, the P & C are looking at renovating the student toilets and we need advice from professionals in that area. We are hoping that a parent is out there who may be able to advise us on costing and project management.

If you are able to offer some time and advice please contact me.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY
We would like to encourage all students of our school to attend the Anzac Day Commemorative Service to be held in Batemans Bay on Thursday, 25 April 2013. We will meet students in the Soldiers Club car park at 10.15am. The march begins at 10:35am. Students can be collected on the grass near the Honour Stone at the conclusion of the service. This is usually about 11:30am. All students are to be in full school uniform. This includes broad brim School hat. We would like to see as many students as possible attend the march.

Thank you for your support.
Have a great holiday!

Roy Counsell
Principal

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE
Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend the Stewart House each year from public school across NSW and ACT. Envelopes will be sent home early next term, for your chance to win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice please place $2 in the envelope provided and return it to school by May 10 to be eligible to enter the draw.
MERIT BADGES
We now have our new merit badges. Students will start to receive these this week. They will be handed out in re-sealable plastic bags. Please return the bags to the office so that we can reuse them. There are three different colours i.e red, green and yellow smiley faces 😊 Parents will be pleased to know that these can be ironed on! Students need all three of these before they receive the cloth badge.

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to all our volunteers for your hard work and dedication this term.
Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless! Thank you!!
Lucky lunch order winners for this month are Julia Roberts, Yr 1 and Peter Roberts, Kindy.
New Menu is out now! Please check out price changes, this menu starts next term.
Have a happy and safe holiday everyone!

P AND C NEWS
Thank you to all those who donated towards our Easter Raffle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We raised over $1,100 which was a fantastic effort. Well done to those who contributed by purchasing tickets. Congratulations to all of our winners: James Robertson, Holly Kinnane, Sharon Vincent, Leanne Turner, M. Tran, Kaylee Mitchell, Chloe Pedler, Chaali Elliot, Tamara Farquhar, Tanya Lewthwaite, Tracy Doran, Cindy Bond, Cliff Wright, Destiny Bond, Kayhlia Burch and Baiden McCachlan. We hope you enjoyed your Easter goodies.

UNIFORM SHOP
Did you know that in our clothing store we sell shoes, vests, girls stockings, skivvies, as well as shorts, skirts, dresses, shirts, jumpers and long pants. We also have some lunch boxes available. All these items are just $2 each.

We are now also stocking brand new school hats. These are $12 each and are available in all sizes.

Our Uniform Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am – 9:00am.

A reminder to all parents and children that at the end of term, all clothing and lunchboxes will be cleared from lost property. If you have misplaced items please check lost property before end of term.

HEAD LICE
We have recently been informed of a number of headlice. Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat if necessary.
Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice:
• Regularly check your children’s hair
• Teach older children to check their own hair
• Tie back and braid long hair
• Keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.
As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.