COMING EVENTS
Thur 12 Dec  Swimming Carnival  
Thur 12 Dec  Yr1 Mogo Zoo  
Fri 13 Dec  Yr 3 – 6 Picnic Day  
Mon 16 Dec  Christmas Performance  
Tues 17 Dec  Year 6 Farewell  
Tues 17 Dec  Talent Quest  
Wed 18 Dec  Last day students  
Wed 29 Jan  Students return 2014  
Mon 3 Feb  Kinder start full days

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE  
This week we held our presentation assemblies. Congratulations to all those who received awards for their fine efforts and achievements. I would like to note the students who received some major awards.  
Caleb Keller – Dux  
Calista Draper, Rose Vecchi, Chelsea Wetzell and Max Whitter – Vice Captains  
Marcus Cristallo and Hailie Hill – Captains  
Elijah Kinnane – Outstanding Citizen  
Ryan Foley – Talent Scholarship  
Elijah Kinnane – Principal’s award  
Bethany Zimmerman – Creative Arts award  
Jacob Barlow, Jescinta Brennan-Lal, Jasmine Giles, Ella Pearce, Daniel Purdom and Melanie Somerfield – Citizens  
Alannah McDonald – Sports girl  
Mitchell Hill – Sports boy  

I know he will enjoy an active retirement and we all wish him the very best.  

I can also announce today that one of our longest serving staff members is finishing her career at the end of this term. Mrs Boehme has decided it is time to enjoy the benefits of retirement. In her time at this school Mrs Boehme has undertaken a wide range of roles and has contributed so much to so many students with her professional and caring approach. All the very best Mrs Boehme.  

Next year we will be just as busy. Due to a new way of allocating funds to schools, our school is the recipient of a great deal more funding than in previous years. A large amount of this funding will go to direct support of students in the classroom. We will be able to build on the already very successful support programs that have been developing our children.  

The focus of our school planning over the next twelve months will revolve around targets aimed at improving our students’ phonemic awareness (spelling), reading and numeracy abilities. We are also striving to decrease the number of hands on incidents by a large percentage.  

This week we recognised the vital part our volunteers play across the whole school. Generous parents and community members have given their valuable time to help us in our job. Whether it is tutoring, assisting in the classroom, helping in the canteen, playing a role in the P & C or assisting with the Talk to Me program, it all means we are able to give our children that extra special individual attention or provide them with resources that will help them achieve to a higher level.  

A comprehensive Annual School Report is currently being developed and will be available next term.
I would like to wish everyone a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all back ready for a productive and enjoyable year.

Roy Counsell
Principal

FINAL END OF YEAR CONCERT NOTE
End of year Concert times for next Monday are:
Daytime:  12.00 pm – 1.00pm
Evening:  7.00 pm – 8.00pm
BBQ from 5.00pm
Children are to go to their class rooms before the night performance except 2B and 2JB are to go to the library.
Year 5 Mr Holder’s room
Year 6 Mrs Davis’s room
Could all children please be at their classroom by 6.45pm for night performance.
Thankyou

SPORTS NEWS
SBPS 2014 Swimming Carnival will be held next Thursday 12 December at Batemans Bay Pool. We will be combining.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL
The Year 6 Farewell will be held at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club on Tuesday 17 December 2013 at 6.30pm-9.30pm.
Dress is smart casual, semiformal.

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to the wonderful helpers who have volunteered in our canteen throughout the year.
Your time and effort is much appreciated.
Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday 😊
Maria Biondo