COMING EVENTS
Thur 16 May     NAPLAN
Tues 21 May     Yr 4 Botanic Gardens
Fri 24 May     Walk Safely to School
                     Crazy Hair Day
                      (Stewart House fundraiser)

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
The big event this week is the NAPLAN testing program for Years 3 & 5. You will no doubt hear many conflicting opinions about the relative merits of this evaluation process. I’ll stay out of the debate other than to say the results do give us a great deal of information that we are able to use in the planning process for both individual students and for the school as a whole.

This year we will be combining Years 5 & 6 for the excursion to Lightning Ridge. Preference will be given to Year 6 as the excursion will be combined again next year. An expression of interest letter has already gone out this week.

This year we will once again be competing in the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod in group verse speaking and individual verse speaking. Mr Tierney will be training the seniors, Mrs Bennett the juniors and Mrs Counsell will look after the individual competitors. With both groups experiencing wins last year I know the conductors will be striving to perform as well this year. A note has gone home to any child who has expressed an interest at this stage. This is a program where we have had a great deal of success which has come about by ensuring our performances are as good as possible. This can only happen with a great deal of practice by the students at school and at home. Your support is much appreciated. The eisteddfod date next term is Wednesday and Thursday 14/15 August.

At the last P & C meeting it was decided to call expressions of interest from our parent body for a treasurer. If you are interested in this position please give the office a call, come along to the next meeting on 6 June or call our president, Angela Condon.

Roy Counsell
Principal

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Many students will have already commenced the PRC for 2013, but if not there is still time to begin! The Challenge must be completed by the 23 August. Students can submit a written copy of their Reading Log to their classroom teacher or to me; or they can enter the information directly on-line. To enter books on-line students should go to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website and log in using their school log-in name and password. I know that many teachers are making the Reading Challenge a classroom focus, but please remember that students can also do the Challenge individually and either enter on-line or submit the completed Reading Log to me. For information about the rules and guidelines of the Challenge please go to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website, or contact me.

Mrs Lloyd.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
The Earn & Learn promotion has started and will continue until 9 June. By collecting stickers you will assist the school in providing additional educational resources. Stickers and charts will be issued at the checkout. A box to deposit these charts will be in the school office and also at both Woolworths stores.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS
$35 for one student,
$45 for two and
$60 for three or more children.
Payment can be made at any time, but early payment allows us to better plan for the year’s programs.
Payment by instalment can also be arranged.
SPORTS NEWS
Congratulations to Tyler Frawley, our youngest ever competitor (Year 3) to attend State Tennis trials. He was one of only 10 students selected from the south coast. The children travelled to Albury for a gruelling week of tennis. Although he didn’t make selection to state, Tyler won several of his games against students up to 3 years older than himself. The south coast boys’ team were 5th overall in the competition. We look forward to hearing more great things about Tyler’s tennis in the future.
In football, Cody Williams was successful in being selected to attend regional rugby union trials at Goulburn. Well done, Cody and good luck.
Last Thursday K-2 students attended an AFL skills day at Surfside. I’m sure they all learnt some valuable skills and enjoyed their day along with the beautiful weather.
Next Thursday a team of senior boys and girls will be travelling with Mr McKerchar to the 5/6 Gala Day at Surfside.

P AND C NEWS
As you know, last Friday we held our Mother’s Day Stall. Thank you to all those who donated gifts towards the stall. We hope your children were able to find that special gift for their mums. The stall raised over $850, a great effort! We were able to hold a raffle again with many great prizes.
Congratulations to all the winners
1st Amarlia Jaksic
2nd Ben Turner-Collins
3rd Jamacia Quinlivan
4th Caden Gibson
5th Chlo Pedler
6th Tanisha Brierley
7th Bradie Boyles
8th Shannon Byrne
A huge thank you to Jodie Hill who kindly donated several vouchers for photo shoots to be raffled.
I’d like to thank the wonderful ladies who help both with wrapping of gifts and selling at the stall on the day: Gabbie, Jo, Bec, Sunny, Lindsay, Justine, Shona, Sasha, Jodi and Jeni .. your help was greatly appreciated.
A big Thank you to Jasmine Giles, Olivia Alves and Mya Donoghoe who were ‘runners’ on the day 😊

SALE SALE SALE
We will be having a sale on some items in the uniform shop (while stocks last)
Skivvies $1
Recipe Books $1
Tea towels $1

Next P and C meeting held on Thursday 6 June at 1:45pm. All welcome.

CANTEEN NEWS
Lucky lunch order winner for this fortnight is Lara Vincent 5/6D, she receives a voucher to the value of $4.50 for a lunch order! All you need to do to be in the draw is place a lunch order.
Please remember that frozen items & milkshakes will only be sold while the weather stays warm after that warm milo & soup will be sold.
This week is national volunteers week, so if you feel like coming in and giving us a hand please pop your head in and say hello we are always looking for helpers. Thank you to those that already volunteer your help means a lot to us, as the saying goes many hands make light work! I just wanted to say a big thankyou to Janine who has been a volunteer in our canteen, working tirelessly 3 days a week for 4 years! I don’t know what I would have done without him. A sad farewell and thanks to Lud Krastins who also worked tirelessly alongside of us volunteering for the last 3 years!

Maria Biondo
Canteen Manager