COMING EVENTS
19 - 20 Feb Year 5/6 Camp
Fri 6 March KIDSMATTER Presentation Assembly
Fri 20 March Harmony Day
12 -13 March Year 3/4 Camp
Wed 1 April School Cross Country
Thur 2 April Easter Hat Parade

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Our Community morning tea on Thursday, 5 February was fantastic. Our classrooms, school and courtyard were full of parents, carer’s and students. Morning tea was supplied by the teachers and everyone seemed to have a great time. Many parents commented on Mr Coulthards’ presentation and feel encouraged that these changes to our wellbeing programs will certainly benefit their children.

All classes have held parent teacher information evenings. If you were unable to attend these, the classroom teachers are happy to meet with you, contact them to make an appointment that suits you both.

Years 5 and 6 are off to Lake Tabourie tomorrow. I’m sure they will have an amazing time. This camp is a great way for staff and students to get to know each other better.

Mrs Maree Dielman
Relieving Principal

EXCURSION LAKE TABOURIE
YRS 3 & 4
Payment and notes are due by Wed 25 Feb
Please note our payment policy states that payment must be made by the due date. No exceptions. This policy can be viewed on our school website.

THE TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday, 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.
INDUCTION CEREMONY
Last Monday our 2015 school SRC all received their badges from their proud parents at the Induction Ceremony. After reciting the pledge, Ashlea and Zac responded on behalf of the school leaders, the house captains and the SRC representatives. We wish them all the best in their new roles and already they are showing how responsible they can be by putting out school flags, organising fitness equipment and speaking at assemblies. Keep up the fine work, everyone!

SRC Representatives

School Leaders

House Captains

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS
Invoice is issued to eldest child. Amount due is for all children in the family.
$35 for one student
$45 for two and
$60 for three or more children.
Payment can be made at the office with cash or cheque. Payments can also be made online.
Information available at the office. Early payment allows us to better plan for the year’s programs. Payment by instalment can be arranged.

BATEMANS BAY HIGH SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK PROGRAM
After a successful year last year Batemans Bay High School has invited Aboriginal Students in Year 5 and 6 to join in on Wednesday afternoons, 3.30pm -5.00pm at Batemans Bay High School Library for the “Write It Right!” Program.

The aim of the program is to improve students’ writing by practicing different text types. The emphasis will be on learning and using Australian Standard English. Students will also be encouraged to use the time to work on written homework.

Parents are welcome to accompany their children to help settle them into the new high school environment.

We plan for the students to leave Sunshine Bay School on Wednesday afternoons on Priors School Bus (East Lynne) which will drop them off at the High School at 3.20pm.

If you have any questions please contact Joelene Brierley or Scott Simpson on Ph: 4478 3600.

Permission notes have been sent home today. Please return to your child’s teacher if you’d like him/her to participate in the program starting next Wednesday, 25 February.

The Primary Assembly for this Friday, 20 February has been cancelled due to the Lake Tabourie 5/6 Excursion.