Dear Parents/Carers

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS ONLINE**

Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for the end of this term. These interviews provide teachers and parents with a valuable opportunity to share information regarding children’s academic, social and emotional development and progress. We encourage parents to book interview times online. Details and a step by step procedure for booking interviews can be found as an insert in this newsletter and under forms and notes on our school website. Please note if you do not have access to online facilities we ask that you contact the office prior to the closing date of Friday 18 March and staff will book your interview online for you.

**STORY DOGS**

At Monday’s assembly we were fortunate to have a visit from the Story Dog team. Story Dogs have been part of our school for a number of years now. The dogs (and their owners) come to school on a weekly basis to listen to some of our Year 2 students read. Marlee and Chevvy, along with Pam and Jim, have been volunteering their time and reading with numerous students at our school. This program is free to our school and receives no Government funding. On Friday 4 March schools around Australia will be celebrating National Story Dogs Day. To help support this great program Pottsville Beach will be celebrating on Friday 11 March by having a Story Dogs mufti day. Students are to wear their favourite orange clothes or can dress up as a dog e.g Scooby Doo and are to bring a gold coin donation to help keep this worthwhile and enjoyable program running.

**YULI COASTAL CULTURE**

Our Stage 3 Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students attended a Coastal Culture day held last Wednesday at Fingal Head Public School. They were involved in activities that promoted cultural connection, such as dance, story telling, sports and bush tucker identification. They were also presented with workshops by the Banaam Cultural Intelligence team. The program aims to promote cultural connections and aspirations for Indigenous students. It was a great day and it was lovely for our students to connect with students from other schools in our community as well as students from Kingscliff High School. Thank you to Mrs Briggs who accompanied the students to Fingal Head Public School.

Jenny Foster - Relieving Principal

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Student artwork in front office

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DEPUTY PRINCIPALS’ NEWS

Bike Safety - National Ride2School Day is Friday 4 March. We would like to encourage our students that walk, ride their bikes, scooters and skateboards to participate in this day. National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity for our students and school community to embrace a healthier start and to try walking and riding to school for themselves.

You Can Do It! (YCDI!) Organisation - As part of setting goals it is important to get your child/children to start writing down some lists or schedules to help with their organisation. As previously mentioned for our younger children pictures instead of words can be of benefit. Our older students can start to use a calendar to write on to help when homework or projects are due. Don’t forget to praise your children when they are being organised.

2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) - The school offers an opportunity for your child to participate in ICAS assessments in a variety of subject areas. These assessments are offered to interested students only and take place in the school from May through to August. Parents are provided with a full breakdown of their child’s strengths and weaknesses when evaluation forms are returned to the school. If your child is interested in participating in any of the assessments please complete the subject offer form distributed with last week’s newsletter and return to the office by Monday 21 March.

Kathy Frost - Relieving Deputy Principal

YEAR 1 NEWS

Maths - Year 1 are working on place value and using 100s charts and base 10 materials to make large numbers. We have also been looking at numbers before and after a given number as well as ten more and ten less. We have been practising counting by tens off the decade and looking for number patterns on a hundred chart.

Reading - We have been exploring characterisation in literature focussing on Australian animals. We have read Edwina the Emu and Edward the Emu. 1W and 1S have created some wonderful art based on these two characters. Tuesday W of 1S was reading with Mrs Squires and found this amazing example of personification. “‘The wind whistled, howled and roared.’ Mrs Squires that is personification - the wind can’t really whistle, howl or roar.” Great spotting Tuesday.

Assembly - Congratulations to 1C for an awesome assembly. We look forward to seeing our family and friends at our next assembly which will be run by 1D and Mrs Donnelly on Friday 11 March.

Kathy Frost - Relieving Deputy Principal

YEAR 2 NEWS

Science - Students continue enjoying their study on ‘Watch It Grow’. They have been observing changes in their classroom’s meal worms and making sure the food is regularly changed. Students are also beginning to compare funny events and times in their lives when they were younger.

Parent helpers - Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist in their child’s classroom. The students love having you in as do the teachers. Just a reminder if you are helping out in the classroom that you need to sign in and out every time at the front office.

You Can Do It! - Year 2 students are continually surprising us with their organisational skills. Especially returning homework and library books. Keep it up!

Assembly - This Friday 4 March 2A will present the assembly and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Angela Burgess - Relieving Assistant Principal

SPORT NEWS

Boys Cricket - Congratulations to the boys cricket team who...
defeated Kingscliff in the first round of the PSSA knockout competition. Bowling first Pottsville fielded well with Nathan H taking a great catch and wicket keeper and player of the match Jack C taking four catches. Our run chase started well with Jack C and Ryan T playing some great shots to help guide the team to victory. Well done boys.

**Paul Kahl - Sport Coordinator**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Our school is connected to LOOP on the Scholastic book club site. Parents are able to go online, select your child’s class, enter the books you wish to buy, pay with a credit card and receive an instant receipt. The order will then be sent as a group order to your child’s class. I receive an emailed copy of your order and send it home with your child when it arrives at school. This saves the school and me an incredible amount of time. Books may still be ordered by sending them to school with cash or cheque and the order form. Please remember to write your child’s name, class and books on the form if completing it this way. You will receive a book club order form today. Each student will now be given one catalogue with all levels of books inside, ONE FOR ALL! Book club is due back at school or completed online by next Thursday 10 March. I look forward to making book club available to you and your family this year.

*Emma Andrews - Book Club Coordinator*

**OFFICE NEWS**

**Invoices** - Year 6 camp invoices were sent home with students today.

**Change in home routine** - If your children’s home routine is changed due to an emergency please contact the office by 1.30pm. It is difficult for messages received after 1.30pm to be delivered to students. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Sue Matheson - School Office Manager**

**ETHICS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Primary Ethics classes deliver philosophical ethics education for children who do not attend scripture lessons. Ethics classes have run successfully for almost four years at Pottsville Beach Public School and the demand grows each year. The program relies upon volunteer teachers, which we are currently seeking for the 2016 year. This is a very rewarding role and full training/mentoring is provided. Please contact me if you would like more information. kwo25823@bigpond.net.au or visit www.primaryethics.com.au

**Katrina Worth - Ethics Coordinator**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Tweed Coast Raiders Junior Rugby League Registration is open for boys and girls - new and existing players between the ages of 5 and 16. For new player sign on and more information please call the Club Secretary on 0431 751 223 or register online: http://tweedcoastraiders.leaguenet.com.au

**CANTEEN NEWS**

We would still really like to encourage anyone who hasn’t returned a green note for volunteering at our school to please do so. We are still in need of some help on a monthly basis in the canteen. Please text KYLIE on 0406 533 083 if you can lend a hand.

**Baking for Week 6**: fruit squares, pumpkin mini scones, cranberry and white chocolate clusters, spaghetti cups and chocolate coated bananas.

**Baking for Week 7**: BLT, banana and chocolate cake.

*Kylie Kelly and Rachel Oliver - Canteen Supervisors*

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**STAGE ASSEMBLIES**

**EARLY STAGE 1 (Kindergarten)**
Week 6: Thursday 3 March 2.10pm - KS

**STAGE 1 (Years 1 and 2)**
Week 7: Year 1: Friday 11 March 2.15pm - 1D
Week 6: Year 2: Friday 4 March 2.10pm - 2A

**STAGE 2 (Years 3 and 4)**
Week 6: Wednesday 2 March 2.15pm - 4W

**STAGE 3 (Years 5 and 6)**
Week 7: Thursday 10 March 2.15pm - 6H
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