Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**School Photos** Our School Photos were taken on Monday and Tuesday this week. Thank you for sending your child in full school uniform. They all looked fabulous and I am sure you will be happy with your child’s individual and class photo.

**Harmony Day** We will be celebrating Harmony day tomorrow. It is a Mufti Day and children are asked to wear orange (the colour recognising Harmony Day) or alternately red and/or yellow. There is no need for a donation tomorrow, as is usually required for a Mufti Day. Children will be engaged in a number of activities to celebrate diversity and tolerance.

**Out Of School Hours Care (OOSHC)** I am pleased to announce that the successful tender for our OOSHC was the YMCA. Their contract will commence from the 1st May. At this point I am unsure if the OOSHC will commence at the very beginning of Term 2 or if it will take a few weeks for then to become established. I am also unsure of fees etc. but I will keep you posted when I know more.

**Hat Parade** Our Fancy Hat Parade will be held next Wednesday, 27th March from 12 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Please see further details elsewhere in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing a wonderful turn out of parents at this very popular yearly event.

**Term 2 School Development Days** This year, for the first time, the Department of Education and Communities has declared that the first **two** days of Term 2 (Monday, 29th April and Tuesday, 30th April) will be School Development Days. This is to assist teachers to become familiar with the new English syllabus through extensive training and development. Students will therefore return to school on Wednesday, 1st May.

*Mrs Alanna Bell*

**PRINCIPAL**

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### SCHOOL NEWS

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Hat Parade - K-6 will be having a “Fancy Hat Parade” on Wednesday 27th March 2013. All parents and carers are invited to come and view our fabulous fancy hats. **When:** Wednesday 27th March  **Time:** 11.30 – 1pm. **At:** School. More information will be sent home soon.

**UNIVERSITY TESTS – 2013:** A note has been sent home outlining available Uni Tests and costs to students in Year 3 to 6 this year. The final day for payment for these will be Thursday 28th March 2013.

**KINDergarten SUPERVISOR - KIM LANSDOWNE**

Please label all your child’s belongings. Many items are being handed to teachers without any names on them.

Commencing next Monday 25th March the children will no longer be escorted to the gate at 3.00pm. Please ensure you are there on time to collect your child. They will be encouraged to return to their class teacher if they cannot find you. Teachers will still be monitoring their departure but not standing with them.

Home readers need to be returned on Friday so they can be exchanged.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Mega Fete on Saturday.

**Class Awards**

**KC**- Constantine, Tenika  
**KE**- Hayden, Hannah  
**KL**- Maddison, Matilda  
**KH**- Akesha  
**KS**- Lucy, Tevita

**STAGE 1 NEWS- Year 1 & 2 SUPERVISOR - BELYNDA GRUDEN**

**Home Reading** It is essential that children read each day to practise and maintain vital reading skills taught at school. Please continue to encourage your child to read each day. Thank you to all the families who have paid their $8.00 for Mathletics.

**Infants Cola** We are asking all parents to drop their child(ren) off and leave the K-2 cola before the school bell. It is important that the children in Year 1 and 2 develop their independence and learn to line up and get ready for school without the help of their parents or carers. There is only limited space for the children to play and we would appreciate if you could begin to leave the cola as soon as possible.

**Fete**- this Saturday is the Mega School fete, we hope to see you there.

**Hat Parade** – we will be making our fancy hats in class next week. We are asking each student to bring in a small supply of decorations and a hat or a piece of cardboard to make a hat. The supply of decorations will be shared with their class. Thank you for your assistance with this. The parade will be on Wednesday 27th March from 12 to 1pm.

**STAGE 2 NEWS- Year 3 & 4 SUPERVISOR - JASON CLENTON**

**Parent/Caregiver Sharing interviews** if you are attending parent/teacher interviews please be aware that the front gates are locked from 3.30pm. The back gates are unlocked until 6pm. Please phone the office if you are unable to make your appointment.

Thanks to all our parents/caregivers who were able to share such valuable information about your children either through the Yellow sheet or an interview. If you would like to see your child’s teacher at any time throughout the year please send in a note requesting an appointment or alternatively you can request an appointment at the front office. Please do not disrupt the students learning time by trying to see your child’s teacher during assembly or class time. We thank you in advance for your support and assistance in this matter.

**Congratulations to the following award winners:**

**Awards**  
3C Ryan G. Hope  
3G Daniel B. Kereama.  
3/4M Byron, Caitlin  
4G Isaack, Anna R.  
4C Harrison G. Kaitlyn R.
STAGE 3 NEWS- Year 5 & 6 SUPERVISOR - ANNETTE BERTRAM

Year 5 Thank you to all the parents who have met with their child’s class teacher for sharing important details about your child’s learning. These interviews have now concluded but you are most welcome to book an interview at a later date.

Camp Notes for camp went home last week. Please return with $40 deposit to avoid disappointment.

Maths Thank you to all parents who purchased Mathletics and Maths Plus resources. The children really enjoy using these tools in class and for homework.

Naplan Perhaps you have seen the new NAPLAN app for ipads? It is a great extra resource to help students prepare to answer NAPLAN style questions. Search ‘NAPLAN’ in the app store, select year 5. Mathletics have also just released their ‘android’ app for tablets.

Year 5 Awards Olivia D. Ashley S. Alexander R. Carolyn K. Dean B.Stefan D.

Year 6 High School Enrolment The Expression of Interest forms regarding enrolment into high school will be sent home next Monday. These forms must be filled in and returned to school by Friday 22nd March. If you have any questions please see your child’s teacher. The form provides a space for you to request an out of zone placement.

Years 5 & 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp - Notes went home last week regarding a Camp which has been organised for students in Years 5 and 6. The Camp will be held at The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber from Wednesday 21st August to Friday 23rd August.
The cost will be $235.00 and a weekly payment plan will be available to all students.

CANTEEN NEWS

FRUIT AND VEGIE FRIDAY - To be held on Friday 5th April, 2013. Only fruit and vegie items will be served at recess and lunch. Menu for this day will be advertised outside the canteen. Lunch orders are as normal.

CANTEEN ROSTER 2013 – Week 7 Term 1

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BOOK CLUB - Orders for Scholastic Issue 2 have been processed. Books should be returned to the children in Week 9.

MEGA FETE - Saturday 23rd March, 2013 from 11am to 6pm.

RIDES ARENA
Available from 11am to 3pm. Ride bands $30 for unlimited rides or $5 per ride.
1. Chair-o-plane
2. Giant Inflatable Slide
3. Jumping Castle
4. Adrenalin Rush
5. Fibre Glass Rock Wall
6. Bungee Tramp
7. Mini Jeeps
8. Water Balls

SCHOOL STALLS
1. White Elephant Stall
2. Book Stall
3. Kidz Stall - Novelties
4. Showbags
5. Garden Stall
6. CakeStall
7. BBQ
8. Canteen
**ACTIVITIES**
1. Dunk Tank  
2. Duck Pond  
3. Dragonfly Hunt  
4. Face Painting  
5. Cup Cake Decorating  
6. Hair Colour  
7. Raffle  
8. Chocolate Wheel  

**VISITING STALLS** - Wild4feathers, Aroma Shack, Opal Jewellery, Tupperware, Avon, Home-made craft, YMCA, Envy Jewellery, Name on Rice, Senior Citizens and others.

**DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM:**
Thank you to the following Companies/Venues/Shops for their generous donations towards our fete:
1. Forest of Tranquility  
2. Tree Top Adventure Park  
3. Captain Cook Cruises  
4. Bunnings  
5. Taronga Zoo  
6. Jenolan Caves  
7. Bob Jane T-Mart  
8. Hangdog Climbing Gym  
9. Unique Elegance  
10. Scholastic  
11. Australian Reptile Park  
12. Featherdale Wildlife Park  
13. Kmart  
14. Maitland Gaol  
15. Village Roadshow Theme Parks  
16. Wyong Leagues Club  
17. Coles  
18. John Brennan Hair  
19. Millers  
20. Flower Barn  
21. Butts Jewellers  
22. McDonalds  
23. Price Attack  
24. Terry White Chemist  
25. Spotlight  
26. Forest Fruits  
27. Lowes  
28. Priceline  
29. Smart Funraisers  
30. GoVita

THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO JOINED US IN MAKING OUR MEGA FETE MUFTI DAY A GREAT SUCCESS. YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.
SEE YOU AT THE FETE!!!!!!!!!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Toukley District Netball Club - need players to fill teams in 8 year, 10 year and 12 year old age groups. For more information please contact Heather on 0435718111.