Principal’s Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome back to what promises to be a very productive and busy term.

Class 1M

Our 13th class will start the term in the Library. We are expecting the demountable to be here in Week 3 and the classroom will be placed next to the sport and storage containers. Mrs Lauren Manning will be the class teacher.

ANZAC

Invitations have gone home for families to join us at school for our commemorative ceremony on Friday 24th April commencing at 12:45pm. On Saturday our students are also invited to participate in the march from LUSC. Students should assemble outside the club at 9:45 am proudly wearing their school uniform. Thank you to Mrs Regan and Mrs Bruggemann for their efforts in ensuring our students and community have opportunities to share this important occasion.

In commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli we have been very fortunate in having the Hogan family (Luke, Angie, Mackenzie and Rusty) donate expertise, time and materials to build a garden around our flagpole. The garden is beautifully edged and planted with rosemary shrubs. There are some photos in this issue of the newsletter. Thank you Hogan family for your generosity in providing our wonderful school with an opportunity to remember and commemorate such an important chapter in Australian history.
Gardens
As well as our special ANZAC Garden we have had our E-team, Mrs Martin, Mrs Bell and Mr Meeves working hard to beautify the entrance to our school and our Kindergarten classrooms. Mrs Martin put in an extra burst of “green-thumbed magic” during the holidays to get us to this point. We still have some ideas to put in place and some maintenance work due later in the year to continue the spruce-up. Our E-team works on Tuesdays and Fridays during lunchtime. Mrs Sally Saunders is also a most valued volunteer community member who works with our team. I am sure they would welcome any new volunteers.

I will be out of the school on Wednesday to Friday this week. Mr McGrath will be relieving in the principal role for those days.

Kind regards,

Christine Wild
Principal
WALK-A-THON

Parent Helpers Needed!

The walk-a-thon, a major fundraiser for the P&C, will be held on **Thursday, 30th April**. Students will receive an ice block from the P&C / canteen at the completion of their walk. Parents are welcome to walk with their child’s class on the walk-a-thon if they wish.

**PERMISSION NOTES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY, 29TH APRIL.**

**WHEN :** Thursday, 30th April leaving school at about 9:30am

**WHERE :** Infants along river to bridge  Primary to North Haven Beach

**SPONSORS:** We would like everyone to try and get as many sponsors as possible. Remember - DO NOT enter homes when seeking sponsorship

**HELPERS :** Parents, if you can help with road crossing supervision and / or drink station supervision please complete the attached note and return it to the office. Please do not return the note if you simply intend walking with your child.

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WALK-A-THON

I am able to assist as a road crossing supervisor or on the drinks station at the Walk-a-thon

Infants  Primary

Parent’s Name : _____________________  Phone : ________________

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School Cross Country

The School Cross Country will be held on **Thursday, 7th May** for primary students and all Year 2 children who turn 8 this year. Students can walk the course if they do not want to run.

The track runs beside and through bush land around the school.

**Parents are advised to ensure their children apply insect repellant before arriving at school. Old clothes in house colours may be worn during the event, and school uniform can be brought to school to change into at the conclusion of the run.**

Year 2 to Year 4 complete 2 laps, Years 5 and 6 complete 3 laps. Remember to **SLIP SLOP & SLAP!** and hydrate with water before and after your event. House points for the first ten place getters in each event.

Good luck!

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VALUE OF THE WEEK

Freedom
P&C NEWS
Ironman Day
Sunday 3rd May

Our school has accepted the invitation to run the Ironman site at North Haven, near the saltwater baths/boat ramp on Ironman Day, Sunday 3rd May.

Ironman Australia have organised a DJ, jumping castle, fairy floss, popcorn, slushies, face painting and spray tattoos. Our canteen and P&C will be adding a BBQ and cake stall to these attractions. Any profits from sales on the day come to the school.

The site will run from 8 am (set up) until approximately 3-4 pm.

We are inviting our school community to come down to North Haven on the day to enjoy the celebrations and support and help on the North Haven site. Tell your friends, family and neighbours to come down to support our stand.

Although it has been advertised that roads are closed, anyone wanting to come down to North Haven to enjoy the celebrations will be able to travel slowly, behind the bike riders. Road station personnel can be advised that you are volunteering at the North Haven site.

We hope to see you there.

Pauline Hearne
P&C President

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE TWO DAY WORKSHOP & INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM –

- Develop a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- Understand how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- Learn specific strategies that will help you:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child’s participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- Receive information about your local school system’s processes
- Have the opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- Have the opportunity to discuss a range of topics relevant to students with ASD and their families

Venue Taree Wingham Race Club, Bushland Drive, Taree
When Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th May commencing 9 am
Registration Online registrations up to two days prior at www.positivepartnerships.com.au
Registration forms are available from school if you do not have access to the internet.

NORTH HAVEN KIDS CLUB –
Fridays 4-6 pm from 1st May to 19th June at North Haven church (next door to NHPS). Play new games, make new crafts, explore the Bible. Afternoon tea and drinks provided. $3 covers craft costs. For more information contact Wendy Job on 6559 8076 or check out www.northhavenchurch.org.au