Dear parents, carers and community members,

FAMILY CONFERENCES
Tuesday 15 March to Thursday 24 March
Notes for appointments for family conferences have gone home today. My apologies that the turnaround time for 3M is so tight, it was due to my oversight and absence. Again I apologise.

If you could reply with your preferred timeslot as soon as possible, teachers will be able to send home the confirmation slip and lock the time in.

All families need to come to the front counter in the administration building to sign in and Carol will direct you to where the conferences for your child are being held.

Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education 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.

More information about the survey is available at:

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. Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 will be asked to complete the survey during class time between 18 March and 8 April 2016. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (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 consent form to school by Friday 18th March 2016. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Kind regards,

Christine Wild
Principal
Family Conferences

Family Conferences will commence next Tuesday, 15 March until Thursday 24 March. Discussions will be held on the days listed below. Please ensure that you return your date and time preference as soon as possible on the note provided, so that planning can be finalised. Late replies may not be able to be accommodated in their preferred time slot.

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SPORTS NEWS

North Coast Cricket Selection
A big congratulations to Year 6 student Bryce Cook, who has been selected in the PSSA North Coast cricket team. Bryce’s North Coast team will participate at the NSW state carnival in Sutherland in term 4.

Bryce was selected after a series of games held in Coffs Harbour and Sawtell last Sunday and Monday. Bryce captained the Lower North Coast team and performed strongly with both bat and ball to win selection.

Well done Bryce! We wish you well in your preparation for the state carnival and know you will represent yourself and the North Coast in an exemplary manner.

Lower North Coast Basketball
Congratulations to Year 6 student Jonah Garven, on his selection in the Lower North Coast PSSA basketball squad. Jonah and his team mates will travel to Grafton shortly, where the North Coast team will be selected. Well done Jonah.

WORDS ABOUT WELFARE

Playground Citizenship Awards

Playground Citizenship Awards are given to children who have been noticed helping to make our school a safe and happy environment in the playground. Children may be observed doing such things as being kind to others, lending a hand to someone in need and caring for the school grounds and playing sensibly.

Staff or other children may nominate a student for the award. All nominations are recorded, then the playground co-ordinator ensures that nominated children are checked against behaviour records and are deserving of this recognition.
Kinder ORANGE Day - TOMORROW
Friday, 11th March is ORANGE DAY for Kindergarten. Kindergarten students may come to school out of uniform, wearing orange coloured clothing. If students do not have anything orange to wear, they may still come out of uniform and bring a ‘orange’ item to school.

NEXT WEEK – PURPLE DAY

The next meeting of the P&C will be Tuesday, 15th March at 6.30 pm.
This meeting will also incorporate the AGM and all executive positions will become open for nominations for the coming year.

All parents, carers & community members are welcome to attend.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY
The next primary assembly will be held on Monday 14 March at 2.20 pm. The Year 6 student councillors will co-ordinate the assembly and class 4/5B will present an item. All parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

K-2 ASSEMBLY
The next K-2 assembly will be held on Wednesday 16 March at 2.20 pm. Class 2F will co-ordinate the assembly and present an item. All parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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BAND NEWS

Band Fees
Families are reminded that term 1 band fees are now due. Payments can be made in small manageable instalments throughout the year and we are happy to discuss this method, but parents need to contact the school immediately if this option is being chosen.

Term 1 band fees have been set at $65 for term one plus $30 instrument hire (if applicable)

Senior Band
Members of the senior band are asked to be supportive of those students who have progressed from junior to senior band. Remember, a positive and encouraging attitude will help these new members settle in to the senior band more quickly.

Trumpeters Wanted
We have a few places available in the trumpet section of the junior band. If your child would like to audition to play the trumpet please see Mrs Skerritt tomorrow, when she will conduct auditions to check suitability, which may be influenced by such factors as mouth shape and dental development. Unfortunately there are no vacancies for other instruments.

Liz Skerritt
Band Co-ordinator
K-2 Hat Parade
Thursday, 24 March

A Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, 24 March for infants students K-2.

Parents and children are encouraged to start making their Easter hat. Do not go to any great expense. Re-use craft scraps, cardboard or other bits & pieces you already have at home.

The Parade will be at 10.20am. Parents are welcome to attend the parade and have morning tea/recess with their child.

Normal class lessons will resume at 11.30 am. Parents are requested NOT to take their child home early.

Eggshibition - 2016
Year 3 and 4 - Easter Activity

Using a play on words with the egg theme at Easter, we would like all stage 2 students to create a diorama to show, “EGG_______” words with as much CRE-EGGTIVITY as you can EGGSPERIMENT with.

Make a scene showing your word, eg. a couple of eggs escaping from a cell (EGGSCAPE) or a couple of eggs climbing Mt Everest (EGGSPEDITION).

A shoe box or a small fruit box would be a good size to do your diorama in.

Entries Due: Wednesday 23 March
Judging: Thursday 24 March

Prizes:
1. Most Popular entry per class
2. Teachers Choice per grade and
3. Principal's Choice over all entries

This is meant to be a fun activity that uses recycled/reused materials from home. There is no need to buy anything EGGSPENSIVE for this task.
We ❤ Kinder Colour Days
Free Screening Outside the Square
Empowering children with dyslexia in our schools

Inviting parents, teachers, specialist educators, tutors...

March 14

Event Details
Monday 14th March 2016
5.00pm - 6.45pm
Port Macquarie Library
Grant Street, Port Macquarie

5.00pm - All welcome - tea/coffee
5.15pm - Screening commences
6.00pm - Networking opportunity

For more Information:
Jo McNamara 0403 423 621
Kelly King 0416 850 555

Tickets are FREE and available NOW! Follow the link on Eventbrite to register.
A gold coin donation to cover venue hire would be much appreciated.

Outside the Square is a community project driven by parents and educators passionate about education reform.

Targeted Teaching for Students with Dyslexia outlines effective strategies, which include appropriate instruction, multisensory learning, classroom accommodations, adjustments for assessment, individual plans, assistive technology and tiered intervention.

The film is the second in the documentary series and highlights the importance of early identification and early intervention for children at risk. The recognition of dyslexia as a disability and the National Dyslexia Working Party Recommendations are also discussed in detail.

Social and emotional support can greatly improve the future outcomes for students with dyslexia. Outside the Square showcases the school program that will build self esteem and develop resilience.

Their dedicated teachers share their reflections that led to transformation in their teaching.

Progressive schools share their practices to support the education of students with dyslexia.

Specialist educators and researchers provide insight to effective teaching strategies to assist students with dyslexia in EVERY classroom.

Join our Support Group: www.facebook.com/groups/PortMacquarieDyslexia/

Mid North Coast Dyslexia Support consists of pro-active parents who are advocates for children with dyslexia. Our focus is to increase awareness, share information and provide support to parents and students on issues involving dyslexia and specific learning difficulties.
# Assembly Awards

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### Playground Citizenship Awards

- Aston Dixon
- Nate Downing
- Jakob Eggins
- Jai Wood Bruce
- Harry Bell
- Willow Hanington
- Alaric Waters
- Samantha
- Piper Sargent

### Value of the Week

**Responsibility**

North Haven Public School

**Student Absence Note**

My child __________________________________ of class ________ was absent from school on the following date/s ________________________________ for the following reason ____________________________________________

Parent/Carer Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________
COMMUNITY NOTICES

MID COAST FUTSAL WINTER PROGRAMS

Skills and games, use for extra night training for outdoors.
5 to 7 years       Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm at St Columba
8 to 10 years      Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm at St Columba
8 to 12 years      Monday 4.30 to 6 pm Westport Campus
12 to 15 years     Wednesday evening Westport Campus

Contact Alison 0412 191 923

FUN, FITNESS, SKILLS = FUTSAL

Get Creative with GLASSHOUSE SPROUTS: ART FOR KIDS!

Bring in the kids for an inspiring morning in the Regional Gallery; help them make an abstract piece of artwork, featuring an abstract home and person, inspired by the current local Pathways to Abstraction exhibition. This exhibition celebrates the creativity and artistic talent of Hastings Valley Fine Art Association. $5 per child, Saturday 12 March, 11 am. www.glasshouse.org.au/Whats-On/Glasshouse-Sprouts

O’RAFFERTY RULES JUNIOR SURFING

This event, which is held every two years is to encourage and promote surfing at Junior level in the Camden Haven/Port Macquarie region, as well as a good mix of NSW and interstate competitors participating.

Great prizes are on offer to everybody as well as a surfboard draw at the presentation. Entries online and at surf shops.

All enquiries to Andy Cross on 0413 487 173