Principal’s Message

Aboriginal Education Excellence Awards
Yesterday Mrs. Lawler and Mrs. Brennan had the privilege of supporting Jethro who received a Literacy Achievement Award at the Aboriginal Education Excellence Awards. My thanks to Jethro’s family for driving all the way to Batemans Bay for this occasion. Congratulations Jethro, you are a very worthy recipient of this highly regarded award.

What’s coming up

Thursday December 13
• Presentation Day
• Kinder-Year 2 9:30am
• Years 3-6 11:30am

Tuesday December 18
• Graduation Year 6
• Last day of Banking

Wednesday December 19
• SRC End of Year Show
• Last day of Term 4

Wednesday January 30
• Kindergarten Best Start
• Students return

Thursday January 31
• Kindergarten Best Start

Friday February 1
• Kindergarten Best Start

Reports
Teachers and supervisors are working to ensure reports will be available for issue next Monday 17 December, however, if there is a publication issue with just one class, then all reports will be held over so that reports are delivered at the same time. I am hopeful that technology does not interrupt this important process and our expectation is achieved.

Mufti Day
Just a reminder that the last day of school is a P&C fundraising mufti day. Please remember your gold coin to support the purchase of document viewers for our classrooms to support student learning.

Presentation Day
You are invited to attend our annual Presentation Day Assemblies this Thursday in the hall. The K-2 Assembly will commence at 9:30 while the 3-6 Presentation Assembly will begin at 11:30. Both assemblies recognise the high achievement and efforts of our students in 2018. We hope you can join us in celebrating these achievements.
Stage Three Camp
Those who have been following our Facebook page would have seen lots of fun pictures of the Stage Three Camp held in Berry last week. There were many smiles and amazing stories shared with me from the students and the teachers reported that their behaviour was outstanding so well done! My thanks to the Stage Three teachers who accompanied the camp and organised such a wonderful opportunity for our students!

2019
The executive team have been working on forming classes for 2019 and they are nearly at a point where we can start contacting families with students who require transition plans. Just a reminder to please let the office staff know if you are not returning to us in 2019, or if you will be absent for the start of the year but plan on returning. Thank you for your assistance with this.

With only one week to go I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support during 2018 and wish you all a happy and safe festive break.

Have a great week.

Kyleigh Liles

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Home Reading

It is fantastic to see more students reaching 100 nights of Home Reading.
Well done to:

100 nights of reading
Tatum 1/2C

Natalee Breenan
Learning & Support Teacher

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SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE
Today 1/2W enjoyed celebrating their School Banking Class Reward Ice Cream Party
Mr T facilitated a reward movie while the whole class enjoyed Vanilla Ice Cream with mix-in options and toppings. It was a huge success with many smiles on faces.
Thank you to the P&C banking volunteers and co-ordinators who attributed to this success.

The class with the most amount of regular bankers each year is eligible to be rewarded, while also growing their own personal bank accounts and creating future savers.

I wonder which class will be our winners next year?

Happy banking
School Banking Coordinators and volunteers,
Jodien Mortlock, Jenny Evans, Joanne Egan, Nicole Martin and Jenna Young.
Gifted and Talented News!

Registrations for the January GERRIC Student Programs for Years 3-10 students are now open. UNSW offer workshops in a huge range of topics, from art to engineering, with everything in between. Giving gifted students an avenue to explore their passions helps extend their thinking and reignite a passion for learning in a supportive environment. If you would like to see information regarding the workshops please head to: https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/

**Dates:** Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd January, 2019  
**Daily times:** 8:45am - 3:30pm  
**Venue:** Various rooms at UNSW Kensington Campus  
**Cost:** $365 per child (some workshops vary)

**Note:** Registrations are now on a first-come first-served basis. Register now to secure your place!
CREATIVE KIDS PROGRAM A STEP CLOSER

Families across NSW will soon be able to access the new $100 Creative Kids voucher unlocking the creative abilities of a new generation across the State from 1 January 2019 when the program takes effect.

All relevant providers have been asked to register with Service NSW so they can participate in the program.

Parents will be able to use one voucher for every school-age child per year to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design. So far more than $200 million has been returned to households this calendar year through various cost of living incentives. Creative Kids will provide parents with even more hip pocket relief.

There are thousands of organisations out there who could be eligible for the program. I am calling on them to register with Service NSW so that parents can claim their $100 vouchers with them in the New Year.

This is a fantastic initiative that is only made possible because of the strong economic position of the NSW Government.

We can afford to deliver real savings that help the working families of NSW and reduce barriers to healthy activity.

This program compliments the hugely popular Active Kids voucher and for a family with two children, Creative and Active Kids combined will save them $400 a year.

Creative Kids is one of a raft of NSW Government initiatives helping to ease cost of living pressure for households. Others include cheaper Green Slips and refunds, free car registration for regular toll users and the FuelCheck app.

Further information including guidelines for providers is available at www.service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids. I encourage parents to speak to the providers of their children’s creative activities and ensure that they register.

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