Welcome back for the start of another wonderful term, I do hope everybody enjoyed the change in routine. It has been a busy first week. There is a lot of information to convey this week so I thought it was easier to send out a newsletter.

Photo day highlighted to us how we need to keep parents up to date and parents need to ensure they keep on top of things. As partners in the education of your children we always advise of what is coming up and usually send emails to remind parents. It is the parents’ role in the partnership to ensure they take action on the requests. I know parents are busy but then again so are our office staff. We always state deadlines and although the majority of our community can make them, there are many that don’t. As a result our office was severely disrupted yesterday and it could have been avoided. We have deadlines for a reason and it is upsetting our office productivity with the
continual late arrival of notes. We are happy to make adjustments like we did yesterday for sick students or those with other educational commitments but tardiness can be avoided. Our office efficiency is very important. We would appreciate if all our families could set themselves a goal and make sure all notes are in by the date/time requested.

Kind regards
Tanya Potter

What’s Been Happening

Report Surveys
Thank you to the many families that spent the time and completed our report process survey. The information you provided was very encouraging and we will discuss as a staff how we can make even further positive improvements to this process.

Staff Development Day
On Monday we joined the other Seacliff Community of Schools for a very productive day of learning at Bulli HS. After a keynote address from Jane Caro each staff member completed two different workshops. The afternoon was spent completing the last module of our No Gaps, No Excuse training.

Choir Rehearsal and Ticket Sales
The choir has been busy rehearsing and learning their songs for their performance night on Tuesday 29th July at Wollongong Town Hall. Parents are reminded that tickets are selling fast and to secure one you must see the office. Please also ensure the children are here at school early on the 29th as their bus will be leaving at 8am sharp.

School Buildings
During the holidays B Block or the 1/2B classroom block underwent some major structural repairs. Unfortunately the availability of bricks held this project up and the building is still propped up with the temporary under pinning. Parents can rest assured that the asset division has assured me this is perfectly safe. We expect the bricks to be erected early next week and this will allow normal access again for the other classes. Our new basketball rings are also nearing completion and will be installed very shortly.

Stage 3 Environmental Camp
Yesterday I gave a note to our Stage 3 students about an Environmental Camp that is being held at Killalea State Park. Unfortunately not everybody can be involved as we have only been allocated three places. If students wish to be involved they must have their note back by Monday 21 July so we can have a draw and select our three students. This was the fairest way of selecting when we have so many interested students in the Environment.

Coming Events:
Evaluation of Learning Support Team
Our school learning support team meets regularly to discuss how we can support individual children. Class teachers have input, as well as Kathy Cant our school counsellor and Rose Jackson our LAST (Learning and Support Teacher). We have processes in place for our record keeping and procedures. Our Student Welfare Policy underpins this framework. Like all things they need to be reviewed to ensure they are effective and perhaps changes made to increase their effectiveness. Last term I made application to complete an Evaluation of our Learning Support Team. This application was successful and as a result Carmen Milan, the Assistant Principal support for our area, will be involved in the review. Mrs Jackson will be the Team leader of the review and will be joined by myself, Mr Galvin, Mrs Porter and Mrs Cant as the committee.
Next week interviews being conducted of a sample of our students, parents and all staff. I will be contacting the parents that were chosen to see if we can arrange a time to meet or have a phone interview. As Principal I will not be involved in the interviews. The comments are presented anonymously to the Evaluation Committee. If you don’t wish your child to be involved please contact us by Monday 21 July. If any parent feels they would like to be involved please contact me by next Monday.

District Athletics
Notes have been given out to the students that will represent our school. Please ensure they are returned quickly so Mr Galvin can make the final arrangements. Best of luck to our students.
Peer Support
Our program for this year will be commencing in a few weeks following our successful leadership development with the senior students at the end of last term.

Child Protection
All classes will be participating in Child Protection lessons this term. Your child may have these lessons with another class teacher as we need to teach the content outlined in the program for each stage group. Eg. Year 5 from 4/5G will have lessons with 5/6S.

Education Week
Education Week will be celebrated from 28 July – 1 August, as our students are involved in District Athletics on Monday and Friday and the Music Festival on Tuesday. We will have Open Classrooms on Thursday 31 July. We are not having anything special with all the other events but rather just opening up our classrooms for parents to come and watch our key business of quality teaching. All classrooms will be open for the first and last hour of the day. Some teachers will be on RFF but Mrs Porter takes these classes at this time. See below the lessons for each class. We hope many parents can visit us during this time.

**Education Week – Open Classrooms Thursday 31st July 9-10am and 1.45-2.45pm**

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**General Notices**

Premier Challenges
Our school is involved with three of the Premiers Challenges – sport, reading and spelling. Students in Years 3-6 can be involved in all three while K-2 students only do the sport and reading. Teachers complete the recording for K-2 while the primary students are expected to complete their own records for the sport and reading challenge. Primary students should be keeping track of their sport on their log sheet and by going online and registering their reading. We have just over a month to go for both challenges so please ensure you are keeping your records up to date.

Spelling
The password is decade. Happy spelling! Later this term we will have our spell off to choose our two representatives for Stage 2 and 3.

Staffing
Mrs Bartlett will be away week 3 – Annie McNamara will be replacing.
Mrs Munn will be taking Maternity Leave on Friday 1st August so on Thursday 31st July we will be having an afternoon tea for her, in the Library, at 2.45pm. Please bring a plate to share. Mrs Munn’s replacement will be Mr Ben Cooper. He will be on 3/4 until the end of the year.

ICAS
The English ICAS test which is due to be taken on 29th July will be done on 30th July (due to Choral Choir rehearsal).

Stage 1 Excursion
KG, K/1 and 1/2 will be going on an excursion on Tuesday 2nd September. Kinders will be going to the Science Centre and Yrs 1 & 2 will be attending Nan Tien Temple. Notes will be sent home next week.

Canteen Volunteers needed URGENTLY for Term 3 and 4
We’d like to thank the trusty band of volunteers that help make the canteen run each week. Two helpers are required each Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, for a fun and easy shift, and the opportunity to meet new parents. Your child/ren will receive a sticker reward to wear with pride on your roster day.
Please contact Ang Clough asap with your availability and preferred dates, as she is in the process of drawing up the roster for this term. E: angelaruthclough@yahoo.com, M: 0402 424 810