

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 4 3rd November 2011

REMINDER - Canteen Closed Tuesdays

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Last week, Mrs Duguid, Mrs Greenway and I attended an Aboriginal Education Program called 'Connecting to Country'. This program taught us a great deal of local Indigenous cultural knowledge. We had the opportunity to visit Bongil Bongil National Park, Mutton Bird Island and Yarrawarra and learn about some very interesting local Aboriginal history.

Next week Mrs Duguid, Mrs Greenway and I will attend Port Macquarie where we will have the opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal culture and its inclusion in the broader curriculum. This course is also aimed at 'closing the gap' in the educational achievements of Aboriginal students. Our school was nominated to participate in this 'Connecting to Country' program because we have a significant percentage of students who are Indigenous Australians.

Calendar change for BER OPENING

As a result of staff being engaged on courses and being out of the school we have had to postpone the formal OPENING Ceremony to Friday the 18th November at 12 noon. Please adjust your calendars to show this new date.

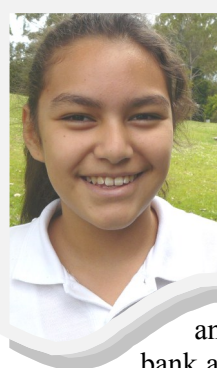
Public Speaking

Thank you to Mrs Greenway and Mrs Craddock who organised the Bongil Bongil Public Speaking Competition. Our congratulations to all students who participated and a special thank you to our Senior Judge Joanna O'Donnell. Mrs O'Donnell is a very experienced Debating and

Public Speaking adjudicator. The assistant judges were Kiara Greenway and Jessica Lyne. These two senior students are themselves competent public speakers with much experience in this field. We thank them for volunteering their time and experience to our students.

Banker of the Week

Ksena Griffiths 5/6M



Ksena started saving with the Commonwealth Bank School Saving Program last year and has been banking at school most weeks since then. She does jobs at home, like keeping her bedroom tidy, and receives pocket money for her parents each Friday. Ksena puts some of this money in her piggy bank and the remainder goes into her school bank account. She says that she will use her piggy bank money to buy new folders, books and pencil cases for high school and that she is saving her money in the bank for much later "..... I am saving for a trip all over Australia. I know that I've got a long way to go with my savings". "I like saving my money, thinking about how I will spend it and then I'll be able to collect it in cash when I am ready". Fantastic saving, Ksena!

Congratulations to the following achievers



Club 1000

Ricky Johnston	1G
Shyanne bullock-Harding	2/3T
Breanna Campbell	1G

Club 2000

Kea Shooks	3KC
Alicia Tate	2/3T
Ellie Davis	KB

Gotcha Being Good

Winners of this week's "Gotcha Being Good" awards for demonstrating one of our school rules—Be Responsible

Thu	27/10/11	Shaylee Hardcastle	4J
Fri	28/10/11	Gabi Nash	2B
Mon	31/10/11	Dakoda Bailey	KC
Tues	01/11/11	Macie Gow	2B
Wed	02/11/11		

Our School Community



Mrs Trudy Thomas

Mrs Thomas is our Reading Recovery Program Teacher.

The Reading Recovery Program identifies Year One students who need extra support with literacy.

Mrs Thomas works with these young students in a one on one environment daily, teaching and practicing reading and writing skills aimed to accelerate the students' literacy levels. When students progress to their average reading level, they leave the program and are replaced by another student who requires assistance. Students spend between 12 and 20 weeks on the Reading Recovery Program. Mrs Thomas enjoys getting to spend time with students on an individual basis and gets to know them quite well. She is inspired by seeing how hard our students try with their reading and writing. Unfortunately the Reading Recovery is only able to assist up to eight students each year. Mrs Thomas cannot emphasize enough the importance of children reading and taking part in discussions with family and friends every day. This can include reading books but also recipes, can/jar labels, street signs and making words with magnetic letters on the fridge. Discussing what is going on around them also greatly assists children with their reading skills.

Mrs Thomas has lived in the Coffs Harbour area for the past nine years, having moved with her husband, Peter, and their children Jesse, 13 and Nicole, 9 from Sydney. She loves living here, and away from school there is nothing that she enjoys more than being with her family down at Boambee Creek Reserve.

Elizabeth Paff
Community Liaison Officer

2012 School Captains

Congratulations to our 10 nominees for School Captain and School Vice-Captain for next year.



Left to Right - Emily Sagaris, Zac Horsburgh, Luke Zerbe, Hayley Masling, Kiarna Ryman, Bailey Palmer, Liam Taylor, Kara Donnan, Jayden Kitchener, Tori Van Stijn

Our girl nominees are: Kiarna Ryman, Tori Van Stijn, Hayley Masling, Emily Sagaris, Kara Donnan and Bailey Palmer.

Our boy nominees are: Luke Zerbe, Zac Horsburgh, Jayden Kitchener and Liam Taylor.

Due to the uneven number of girls and boys in year five we have decided to have four male nominees and six female nominees.

Students will prepare a 1-2 minute speech to present to their peers on Monday 7th November at 2.20pm.

Students from year 2-5 will then vote with the new captains being revealed the following day. Parents are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to all students for being nominated and good luck on Monday.

Stage 3 Teachers

4HB News

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Mackie
with our
1kg
Zucchini

4HB has a wonderful vegie patch which is currently producing enormous fruit. The students have grown plants from seeds and planted them in our vegetable patch. As part of their environmental studies they have learnt the processes involved in producing healthy foods. They look forward to other vegetables yielding more tasty treats.

P&C News

Hi everyone,
Yesterday the recipe book was all bound, thanks Judith, Sara, Lorinda, Toni and Karen for all their hard work. With over 90 recipes including slices, cakes, soup, mains, desserts and dips. This is a great buy at only \$10 each, books are now available for purchase through the office. The books will also be available at the Carols By Candlelight. (Great Gift Idea).
You can now start bringing in donations of non-perishable items for the Christmas Raffle, eg. Chips, chocolate, canned and packet foods, lollies, Christmas decorations. Please make sure the dates are not expired before Christmas.
Thanks Angela

Bongil Bongil Public Speaking 2011

Our school had the pleasure of hosting the Bongil Bongil Public Speaking Competition on Friday 28th November. There were representatives from each of the five schools and the quality of each category was of a very high standard. Each and every student should be proud of themselves as they were a fine ambassador for their school. Our adjudicators found the task of choosing a winner in each group most difficult. There was intense deliberation at the conclusion of each category. The results of the day were as follows:

Early Stage 1 - 1st Place—Kira Long—Bonville
Highly Commended—Lillian Howarth— Bonville P.S
Ben Chisholm—Sawtell

Stage 1—1st Place—Mia Benson—Boambee P.S
Highly Commended—Ruby Ensbey—Toormina P.S
Imogen Hely—Bonville P.S

Stage 2—1st Place—Amy Grey—Bonville P.S
Highly Commended—Matthew Donnan—Toormina P.S
Melanie Hughes—Boambee P.S

Stage 3—1st Place—Pippa West—Toormina P.S
Highly Commended—Drew Gilchrist—Bonville P.S
Emily Brockett-Branster—Toormina P.S
Danielle Craddock and Pam Greenway

5/6C News

Students in 5/6C have been busy writing short stories as part of the Dymocks Andy Griffiths Writing Competition. The stories have to be developed around the topic of 'treehouses'. The popular children's Author, Andy Griffiths, will choose the competition winner who will then have their story illustrated by Terry Denton. The winner and nine runners up will also receive a collection of Andy Griffiths' books.

5/6C studied the author's writing style and content over a period of two weeks and participated in small writing workshops, sharing ideas and feedback on each others stories. The students became so enthusiastic about the project that they struggled to keep their stories within the 200 work limit. Tori Van Stijn said that she "...had never read any of Andy Griffiths' books before the project but now I love them!"

(See coloured insert for some samples from 5/6C)

Dorriago 100th Show Fun Run

Sunday 27th November, 2011



Entry Fee \$10 - Adults \$6—17 years and under \$30 Family. This fee includes admission to the Dorriago Show for the day. Prizes given for various category winners and random prizes drawn at presentation.
For your convenience a bus leaves Dorriago Showground main gate at 7.30am and 8.00am.

Registration on the day will only be taken at North Dorriago Store and to be completed 20 minutes prior to the event. Entrants in the 1.5km run/walk will be conveyed by bus to the Summit Close starting line.

Fun Prizes to be won!

Contact: Kellie Cochran on 6657 4006

Canteen Roster

Fri	4.11.11	Taquita Garlic, Angela Phillips-Gow
Mon	7.11.11	Louise Pearsall
Tue	08.11.11	Canteen Closed
Wed	09.11.11	Kerrie Laroux
Thur	10.11.11	Toni Montgomerie, Louise Pearsall