From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Just before we experienced the extreme weather conditions our school participated in the Wollondilly Schools Garden Competition. It gives me great pleasure to announce that we came third in this section. Our school looks absolutely beautiful at the moment. Our General Assistant Mr Russell Apps has done a wonderful job cleaning up our gardens and maintaining them to such a high degree. He was ably assisted by Mr Ken Anderson. Our cleaner Kim Fawcett gave a day’s voluntary work to clean up another large garden area. On behalf of the school community we greatly appreciate their efforts.

Buxton Public School has also been nominated and will receive an award on the 7th November at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre from the Regional Director to celebrate “student, staff and community achievements”. This is a tribute to all of you and all the staff who work closely together to enable our school to be an effective learning place for your children. If you are interested in attending the awards, you are most welcome. Tickets are able to be purchased online at: www.swsregionalarts.com.au

Another area to boast about is our boys relay team. As you have no doubt heard they participated at State level against the very best. In fact, they are part of the very best. They ran a personal best time and our school is extremely proud of their efforts. Congratulations Liam Sutton, Jamie Harper, Harry Neich and Jack Neich. Liam Sutton also competed at state level in the 800m & shot put. Wow!!!!!

Last week we received additional good news in that some of our Year 6 students participated in an assessment session to gain entry into the Academic Core Class at Picton High School for Year 7 in 2014. These people were successful – Aaron Jones, Dylan Miggins, Carly Chalker, Kiara Birchall-Willey & Roy Callaby. We are sooooooooo proud to see our academic achievers demonstrating their abilities.

Student Medical Forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health. If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we will be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

Year 1 will have been given new medical forms to complete today. Please ensure that the completed medical form is returned to our office by the 13 November.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

Sharing the learning journey with you.

Suzanne Crouch
R/Principal
From the Library

Wonderful Library Borrowers:
Throughout the year a record has been kept of all the books borrowed and returned by our students. Next week certificates will be given out to students who have read and returned 50, 70 or 100 books. This is an amazing achievement, especially for the Kindergarten and Year 1 students.

Home search for Library books:
Just a reminder that we all need to be looking for any stray Library books. Please return them as soon as possible so that our computer records can be updated before our Stocktake begins. The last return to be back in by Week 8, Wednesday, 27th & Thursday 28th November.

Thankyou

Mrs Hanna - Teacher/Librarian

Money Changes
You may remember that a few times this year I have commented that all school systems that staff at our school work are changing to a new state wide system known as L.M.B.R. This means Learning Management & Business Reforms. This is starting to have a huge impact on the "business" aspect of our office. From the 1st November our office will not be able to accept payments, provide payments or deal with money in any way until 15th November when we will be utilizing the new system. We would ask that all excursions etc be paid as promptly as possible. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Wednesday, 30 Oct - Transition to School -Parent session 9:20am
Friday, 1 Nov - K Treasures & K Surprise excursion to Sydney Aquarium - Assembly 2pm
Saturday, 2 Nov - Cinema Night
Monday, 4 Nov - Yrs 5 & 6 Science & Maths Expo
Wednesday, 13 Nov - Stage 3 excursion to Wollondilly Mud Fun, Play & Build Program
Friday, 17 Nov - K-6 Assembly —Item by KINDERGARTEN
Wednesday, 27 Nov - BOOK FAIR
Thursday, 28 Nov - BOOK FAIR

P & C REMINDER
Could you please send Cinema Night ticket orders and Raffle tickets to the school office by this Friday, 1 November 2013.

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4, 2013

Week 4
Monday, 28 Oct: CLOSED
Tuesday, 29 Oct: C. Harper
Wednesday, 30 Oct: S. Jackson
Thursday, 31 Oct: F. Patterson
Friday, 1 Nov: L. Remfry

Week 5
Monday, 4 Nov : CLOSED
Tuesday, 5 Nov: K. Mills
Wednesday, 6 Nov T. Peacock
Thursday, 7 Nov: L. Remfry
Friday, 8 Nov: L. Remfry

Week 6
Monday, 11 Nov: CLOSED
Tuesday, 12 Nov: N. Hale, K. Dore
Wednesday, 13 Nov: S. Jackson
Thursday, 14 Nov: F. Patterson
Friday, 15 Nov: L. Remfry

FROG DAY at Wirrimbirra Sanctuary
Bargo

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2013
10am—3pm
See the Frogs (Crocodile encounters will show you their frogs), Native Gardens, Plant Nursery, Bush Walks.
Sit for morning coffee and enjoy the food from the BBQ and /or the café
ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION
We look forward to seeing you there.
Email: enquiries@wirrimbirra.com.au or phone 46841112
**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**
Friday, 18 October 2013

**K Treasures:** Lily, William, Lucas

**Writers Award:** Indy

**K Surprise:** Alyssa, Kobi, Indy, Jorja

**Writer’s Award:** Caidan

**1/2 Hullabaloo:** Justin, Abbey, Dominic (x2), Eli, Cooper, Connor, Katherine, Blayke, Harry, Caitlyn

**Writers Award:** Ella

**1/2 Turquoise:** Ryan H, Harriet, Mitchell, Ryan S, James, Pheobe, Brandee, Heath, Jocelyn, Shae, Skye

**Writer’s Award:** Shae

**3/4 Silver:** Layney, Ashley, Stephanie J, Luke, Brooke, Stephanie H

**Writers Award:** Harry

**3/4 Polkadots:** Alexandreia, Chloe H, Blake, Cameron, Chloe P, Sean, Aleyah, Jade-Marie

**Writer’s Award:** Brittany

**5/6 Ruby:** Flynn, Holly, Isabel, Max, Mia, Ryan Joshua

**Writers Award:** Cooper

**5/6 Violet:** Geogie, Jade, Liam, Leiha

**Writers Award:** Madelin

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

**BLUE**

**K Surprise** - Kubera, Connor, Jorja

**K Treasures** - Ivy, Jenelia, Jessica, Lucas, William, Samuel

**1/2 Hullabaloo** - Harry, Aleisha, William

**1/2 Turquoise** - Ryan S, Braydon, Pheobe, Ryan H, Shae, Mitchell

**3/4 Polkadots** - Jade-Marie, Blake

**3/4 Silver** - Layney, Harry, Annabelle, Mackenzi

**5/6 Ruby** - Olivia, Holly, Daytona, Ashleigh

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**SILVER**

Brandee - 1/2 Turquoise

Jocelyn - 1/2 Turquoise

Alexandreia - 3/4 Polkadots

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Email: pyaddta@bigpond.com
Intention to apply: Year 7 entry into selective high schools in 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for selective high school placement will be determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 13 March 2014.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015, you need to do so soon.

Most applicants are expected to apply on the internet and submit their application online. They will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 15 October 2013 at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Online applications close on 18 November 2013.

If parents do not have internet access, commercially printed application forms become available from the school on 22 October 2013. They must be completed and returned to the school by 18 November 2013.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether parents apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: This is an intention to apply only, NOT an application. You will need to submit either an online or a paper application to be considered for placement.

Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2015

Student’s name: __________________________________________ Class: ___________

I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2015:  Yes  No  

if Yes:

EITHER

I have internet access and will be applying online  

OR

I do not have internet access and would like to receive a printed application form  

Signature of parent/carer: __________________________________________ Date:

Note: This is an intention to apply only, NOT an application. You will need to submit either an online or a paper application to be considered for placement.