Dear Parents,

NAIDOC WEEK
On Monday of this week we had a special assembly to celebrate Naidoc Week. I would like to thank all the indigenous students – Adeline T, Tynarra T, Jamali and Zoe M and Yvonce CR who ran the assembly together with Hannah M. The girls are very proud of their heritage and told us about the meaning of Naidoc Week. They spoke confidently and worked as a team to run a very informative assembly.

Miss Shipman, one of our Year 5 teachers, worked with the girls to prepare their speeches and the script. She also spoke to the assembly about the theme of Naidoc Week: ‘We all Stand on Sacred Ground,” and what it means to her. All classes across the school have been involved in Naidoc Week activities and shared their paintings, rock art and murals with the school. Parents who attended the assembly were taken on a visit to see our completed indigenous garden.

EDUCATION WEEK
Next week is Education Week and our school will be hosting activities on Wednesday, 29th July. Parents and family are invited to visit their child’s classroom to share their learning journey. If you haven’t been to the school lately you might be surprised to find that blackboards and chalk are a thing of the past. All classrooms now have interactive whiteboards. Classroom visits will be followed by an assembly where we will showcase some of the Creative and Performing Arts activities taking place across our school. Parents are then invited to stay and share morning tea with their children. Tea and coffee will be provided in the hall.

Please remember this is an opportunity for your child to share some of their special work with you and show you their ‘work place’. Teachers are not available for interviews at this time as they have a class to look after and would like to be available to greet ALL parents. Our staff are always available to met with parents if you have scheduled an interview. Just ring the school to arrange a time. We have scheduled the activities in the morning, hoping to make it easier for working parents to drop in on their way to work.

June O’dell
Relieving Principal

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**Important Dates**

- **Friday, 24th July**
  - YEC Tree Day
  - PSSA Touch Footy Gala Day
  - 4CA Assembly at 2.30pm

- **Monday, 27th July**
  - Education Week

- **Tuesday, 28th July**
  - ICAS English
  - Stage 1 Water Excursion

- **Wednesday, 29th July**
  - Education Week Assembly and Classroom visits

- **Thursday, 30th July**
  - District Athletics

- **Thursday, 6th August**
  - Race Day - school closes at 12noon

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**Deputy’s Report**  
**Naidoc Week Celebration**

During the holidays the sign to accompany our Indigenous garden was erected. It has been written in traditional Gumbaynggirr language and loosely translated means “Hello Kororo Where the fresh water meets the salt water”.

This was a lovely talking point for many classes while celebrating Naidoc week.

The week was filled with many stages completing interesting and informative lessons to better understand the culture of our indigenous people. The week culminated with a Naidoc assembly recognising the message for this year’s celebration “We all stand on sacred land.”

Kindergarten made Johhny cakes and listened to stories from Aunty Glenda, an aboriginal Elder in our community. The Aboriginal dance group from Tyalla also came and danced for Kindergarten. The children then completed a variety of art work. Year 1 and 2 created a variety of art works using different mediums and painted aboriginal flags.

Students in Stage 2 created their own small aboriginal rock art. They planned their designs by observing a variety of different Aboriginal designs and then sketched their own ideas on paper. Once they were happy with their designs they painted the rocks and applied the designs to the rocks. These rocks may even find a home somewhere around the school.

The fabulous back drop to our assembly was created by Stage 2. Photos of notable indigenous people were placed on one board and the other contained a magnificent sun surrounded by hands which were created by Stage 3 students. 5RS used the traditional dot painting technique to paint the hands and then taught all the other Stage 3 classes, these were then joined to create two murals to show unity.

A fabulous week was experienced by all.

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**AN APOLOGY from the office.**

In last week’s newsletter, we missed placing Hunter Churchwell’s name as the Senior Boys Champion at our recent School Athletics Carnival. Well done Hunter! Sorry we missed your name.

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**NSW CROSS COUNTRY**

A big congratulations to Breah F, Olissa O, Joey K who have recently competed in the NSW Cross Country at Eastern Creek all had great results with Joey 6th (first reserve for Nationals) and Olissa 10th. Breah’s time officially came in at equal 8th. They did extremely well as it was a very muddy and slippery track on a cold and windy day.

*Breah on the home straight*

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**KINDERGARTEN 2016**

Our date for the Kindergarten Expo has been set. It will be held on **Thursday, 3rd September**. To go to this Expo you will need to register your child by calling or coming into the school office to give us your child’s details.

If you have a friend who is living in our zone and has a child starting Kindergarten next year, please ask them to give us a call as well. Thanks.

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**ICAS ENGLISH EXAM REMINDER**

The ICAS English exam will take place on Tuesday 28th July.
SCHOOL BANKING

Got a spare half an hour on Friday morning?

Thank you to all families that support the school banking program every Friday. Presently approximately a quarter of our student body is taking part every week (which is fantastic – we are the biggest banking school in the area). It is for this reason we are seeking more parents/grandparents/carers/adults in general to help each week with counting the deposits made by the children & administering their rewards. You do not need to commit to every Friday – any help will be gratefully received.

If you are interested, banking is processed on Friday mornings from 8.45 onwards. If you have any further questions, please feel free to phone Fi Sodeau (School Banking Co-ordinator) on 0424 448 897. Looking forward to seeing some new faces at banking soon.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY
- FRIDAY 8.30AM - 9.30AM -
AT THE SCHOOL HALL

EARN AND LEARN
IS HERE!

COLLECT YOUR STICKERS FROM WOOLWORTHS
AND PLACE THEM ON THE SHEET AND PUT THEM
INTO THE BOX PROVIDED ON THE SCHOOL
VERANDAH!!!!
(We would greatly appreciate it if you could put
the stickers on the sheet. We have spares
at the office.)

DON’T FORGET TO ASK AUNTS, UNCLEs,
GRANDPARENTS & NEIGHBOURS TO COLLECT
THEM FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Coffs Harbour Arts Council
presents
Macbeth
7th to 14th August
Jetty Theatre Box Office
Ph 6652 8088 to reserve your tickets

The order has been made
and the pavers are on
their way!!

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