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"Living and Learning Together"

Newsletter: Monday, Week 5, Term 2, 2011

What's on for TERM 2

Week 5

Thur 26/5 Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Week 6

Mon 30/5 Combined Schools Day at Ebor PS

Wed 1/6 Premiers Debating Challenge (Yr 5) – Coffs PS

Fri 3/6 YEC Bongil Bongil National Park – Coffs Hbr

Week 7

Wed 9/6 Clarence Valley Handball Championship-Grafton

Week 8

Mon 13/6 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Week 9

Wed 22/6 Small Schools Athletic Carnival at Urunga

Sun 26/6 Working Bee at School

Week 10

Tues 28/6 P&C Meeting – 2.30pm

Wed 29/6 National Tree Day & Crazy Hair Day

Fri 1/7 NAIDOC Day on the Plateau

Notes due: (if attached)

- Video Conference Consents
- Small Schools Day Consent & Lunch Order
- Yr 5 Premiers Debating Consent
- C.V Handball Consent – Selected Students
- YEC Consent – Selected Students



The frosts have finally come and quickly halted the growth of our tomatoes, beans and basil. This week we will be harvesting pumpkins and peanuts. Our peas have finally shot through the soil and our other vegies are growing well.



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - this Thursday 26th May

We will be hosting Australia's

Biggest Morning Tea here at school on Thursday 26th May at 11.20am to help

fundraise for The Cancer Foundation. We would love parents, carers, friends and community members to come along and enjoy morning tea at our school. If you cannot be here on the day, donations are welcome. Amounts over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Our P&C Firewood raffle will be drawn on the day. The School and P&C will be catering for the morning tea, so we are asking if each family could help out with donating cakes, slices, biscuits etc... on the day. Thank you



Knowledgeable

qr8 people are:

We are promoting the 10 most important attributes that we want to develop in students. We are focusing on one a week, this week's attribute - "Knowledgeable".

People who are knowledgeable: * Research to find out * Know about important things * Curious and want to learn more * Analyse and evaluate information * Build understanding from what they know.

Year 1 and Year 2 Homework

I have changed the format of Year 1 and 2's homework this term to allow the students some choice over the activities they do and to cater for a range of learning styles.

There has been a little confusion as to what is expected, though. The students need to complete a minimum of 2 activities listed on the sheet, which should then be coloured to show completion. I only ask that any written activities be completed in their homework book for me to gauge how the students are engaging with the tasks. All activities are designed with the understanding that homework is an activity that should reinforce knowledge learnt at school; therefore students should be able to complete homework with little assistance. In saying that, I am not trying to discourage any parents helping their children. At the end of term we hold a party to reward students who consistently return homework.



Miss Sommer.

National Walk Safely to School Day

On Friday we participated in Walk Safely to School Day. Jim dropped students at the community centre and we all walked back to school safely, learning important road rules along the way. Students then had a very yummy breakfast of yoghurt, fruit, porridge, raisin toast and pancakes provided by the P&C and made and cooked by the teachers. It was a really enjoyable way to start our school day.



Combined Small Days at Ebor Public School - Monday 30th May

We will be travelling to Ebor PS for our Combined Small Schools Day next Monday, 30th May. It will be a fun filled day involving lots of activities, meeting new friends and renewing old friendships! A special performance from a visiting school band has been organised for everyone to enjoy. A component of the day will include a mandatory stage appropriate Child Protection lesson, as approved by the Principal. The cost will be \$2 for the band. A lunch deal is available for \$6 which includes all drinks, recess, fruit and lunch, **but must be returned tomorrow - last chance**. We will be travelling on Jim's Bus to Ebor PS and back at a cost of the bus is \$10 per student. Students who do not travel on the normal bus route, please be at school by 9am. We will be back at school by 3.20pm. **Please sign and return the consent note attached.**

The Premier's Debating Challenge for Year 5 - Wednesday 1st June



Year 5 are invited to attend a debating training and development day on Wednesday 1st June at Coffs Harbour Public School from 9.15am to 2.45pm. Miss Sommer will be the teacher attending. Parent transport will be needed. The day will consist of workshops run by the department's most senior adjudicators and coaches, all of them state representative debaters themselves. The workshops will cover all aspects of debating, including definition, rebuttal, speakers' role and arguments and examples (as well as a number of games and activities). Students will need to take recess, lunch and drinks, as well as writing materials supplied by the school. Nil cost to parents as the school is funding this excursion. **Please sign and return the consent note with transport details this week.**

Selected Yr 5 – YEC Meeting at Bongil Bongil National Park, Coffs Harbour – Friday 3rd June

This terms YEC meeting and activities day is being held at Bongil Bongil National Park, Coffs Harbour on Friday 3rd June. There will be presenters from National Parks, Taronga Zoo, Waterwatch, Cascade, Solitary Islands Marine Park and Sawtell PS. The day will focus on developing some more scientific skills including specific species attributes, site and species monitoring practices.



There will be a minimal charge to students. **More details on cost, time, etc.. when we receive them. Please sign and return the consent and transport note if attached.**

2011 Clarence Valley Handball Championships – Thursday 9 June 2011

Congratulations to the students who will be participating and representing our school at the 2011 Clarence Valley Handball Championships at Grafton Regional Sports & Entertainment Centre, Powell St Grafton (opposite Grafton Race track) on Thursday 9th June at 9.30am. Miss Sommer will be the teacher attending.



Please sign and return the consent note attached. More details and itinerary later. If your child cannot attend, please notify Mrs Sangster as soon as possible, so that another student may have the opportunity of participating.

Video Conferences – Week 7

During Week 7 students will be participating in Video Conferences around environmental sustainability. Please complete the consent below to allow your child to participate in these valuable and interactive lessons.



Canteen this week

This week will be "Wrap & Roll Day" \$2.50 each. See attached canteen notice.

2011 Workbook Fees

Workbooks fees - \$30.00 each student. These fees help towards the costs of student items provided by our school e.g. Workbooks, pens, pencils, rulers, etc... Thank you to those families that have already paid.



Active After-School Communities Program

The Federal Government has decided to continue funding for the Active After-School Communities program, to keep kids involved in sport and physical activities. This means we will continue to have the program in 2012. The success of this program depends on the commitment and hard work of our teachers and sporting coaches who deliver the program, and Bruce Wallace our Regional Coordinator, for Coffs Coast/Clarence Valley. The students enjoy and benefit immensely from this program. Attached is a brochure 'Play for Life...Join a Sporting Club' from the Australian Government/Australian Sports Commission. Please take the time to have a browse at it.

P&C News & Community Notices

House Wanted – for our School Cleaner

If anyone in the community knows of a house to rent, please ring Laz on 66578060 or the school on 66578133. It would be greatly appreciated.



Book Club Issue # 4

If you wish to place an order from this issue, please have your order forms and money (cash / Cheque made to Scholastic) back at school by **Monday 6th June**.



P&C Monthly Wood Raffle - Drawn this Thursday at the Biggest Morning Tea



Throughout winter the P&C will be holding a monthly firewood raffle. It will consist of a 6 x 4 Trailer of Split Wood - ready to use. Free delivery up to 25 km (after that by negotiation). Price of tickets: \$2.00 each, \$5.00 for 3 or \$10.00 for 7. Tickets will also be available at Tyringham Shop and the school. This month's tickets must be returned to school by **tomorrow**.

P&C Membership Fees Due

P&C membership fees are due at \$2.00 per person. These fees mean that you are a financial member, can vote and are covered by insurance during fundraising events and working bees.

MediChill Ice Pads available for purchase

The P&C has available for purchase some Medichill Ice Pads and covers for **\$1.30 per sheet**. They are suitable for re-use or economical enough for single use and then disposal.



Dundurrabin Community Centre News / Upcoming Event & Dates May

May Thurs 26 The April Maze Concert at Com Centre 6.30 to 8.40pm

May Fri 27 Weeding at Com Centre 9.30am to 12.30pm

May Sun 29 Singing Group 11am DCC Meeting 1pm

June Sat 04 Kryptic Rock & Blues Concert at Com Centre 7 to 11pm.

June Sun 05 RFS Training 10am

June Sat 11 Tip Cleanup 10am on - **PAUL MUIR TROPHY** - noon

June Sun 12 PAUL MUIR TROPHY

June Mon 13 Green Lifestyle Group - Dorrigo

June Sun 19 Singing Group 11am Dundurrabin Com Centre

June Sun 26 DCC Meeting 1pm



TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the Scandinavian countries will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover - all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Consent note: Small Schools Day at Ebor PS - Monday 30th May 2011

I give permission for my child/ren _____ to attend the Small School Day at Ebor Public School on **Monday 30th May 2011**, including Child Protection, as approved by the Principal. Stage appropriate child protection may include the use of correct anatomical terms and involve students in peer discussion, led by teachers.

Travel will be by Jim's bus. **Cost is \$12** (\$10 per student for the bus + \$2 for the performance)

Signed _____ Parent/Carer Date _____

Schools: please return to school by tomorrow.

Ebor's Combined Schools' Day Lunch Order - Catered by Ebor P&C.

Cost \$6 which includes all drinks, recess, fruit and lunch.

Please pre-order you lunch choice/s, as follows.

Family Name: _____ School: **DUNDURRABIN PS**

Lunch sandwich choices are:	Number
Chicken, lettuce & mayonnaise	_____
Sausage sandwich	_____
Cheese & tomato	_____
Egg & lettuce	_____
Total number of students ordering	_____ Payment \$ _____

Consent note:

YEC Excursion to Bongil Bongil National Park at Coffs Harbour - Friday 3rd June 2011

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the YEC Activities at Bongil Bongil National Park - Coffs Harbour on Friday 3rd June, 2011, as approved by the Principal.

Private transport as organised by parents will be essential for this activity. If students cannot attend, they must attend school as normal. By signing this consent I am aware that prior to departure on any school excursion the Principal must sight current driver and vehicle registration details.

Transport advice as follows, (please ensure that you let us know your travel arrangements both to and from Coffs Harbour, if different)

I will be transporting my own child/ren _____ **YES** **NO**

I can also transport _____ extra students.

My vehicle registration number is: _____ & Licence No: _____.

OR

I have organised my child/ren's to be transported by _____ in vehicle rego _____.

OR

I have decided that my child will be attending school as normal for the day. **YES**

Signed _____ Parent/Carer Date _____