FROM THE FRONT DESK

Principal’s Report
We are almost halfway through the term already and it seems to be flying by. Everything has settled down and the students are busily learning and producing great work.

The first P&C meeting was held last Tuesday and it was great to see some new members who have joined. The P&C is a great way to have your say in what is happening at the school and you can choose how much or how little you would like to be involved. I would also like to thank the P&C for paying the PSSA Affiliation fees of $550.00 so our school can be involved in the competitions.

We will be having our Australia Day celebration on Wednesday 26th February. This is to celebrate everything we love about the place we live in. It will be a mufti day with a gold coin donation for those that wish to dress up. There will be thong throwing, gumboot throwing and a Sausage Sizzle on the day.

Our Special Education classes will be going on an excursion to Austinmer Beach on Thursday 27th February and we hope they have a great time.

Unfortunately the Rock Corps volunteers could not do the great things they were going to do the other weekend due to rain. However, they have a new date of Sunday 2nd March. You need to be over 16 and register online if you wish to volunteer.

We would also like to thank Whitney Dargin who was a teacher’s aide for the last year and a bit. She has moved away from the area and she will be a hard act to follow. She gave so much to the students and her fantastic artwork will be always be remembered, as she painted our bush tucker mural.

The DEC are introducing some new changes to the new systems over the next 12 months. Some schools in the area are already trialling this and we hope to start making a few changes so that when the new system starts, we don’t have a lot of problems. In saying that, change can be hard, and we hope that we can all work together.

Richard Ford

School Weeks
Q: Why does the school use “week 6” instead of dates? A: We find it useful for planning each term. Here are the actual dates for the rest of this term for most of NSW:

Term 1:
Week 5  24/2  Week 9  24/3
Week 6  3/3  Week 10  31/3
Week 7  10/3  Week 11  7/4
Week 8  17/3
**Helping With Homework**

How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it?


**Back To School**


**What Is Kik And Why Is It Popular?**

Kik is a free texting app popular with younger teens who generally have a limited texting plan or use an iPod Touch. Find out more about Kik messenger: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger)


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**Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have received Awards in the last 2 weeks:

**Principal Awards**

*Stage 1:*

*Stage 2:*
William Atie, Leah Mokofisi, Bianca White, Brock Aftanas & Faith Esekielu.

*Stage 3:*
Tiara May.

**Support:**
Tony Jeans, Liam Bush & Sabrina Jeans.

**K-2 Assembly Awards**

**Literacy:**
Michaela Mortimer, Aserie Coleman, Drew White, Marwa Amini, Jye-D Snaith, Ziahn Tuaru & Tinneka Jung.

**Numeracy:**

**Citizenship:**

**Writers:**
Tanika Terkildsen, Rory Kennett-Greenacre, Lewis Carr, Lefutu Tavana, Salima Moubayed, Kelemete Anderson-Paice & Elisha Mokofisi.

**P&C News**

The P&C will be holding an Australia Day Mufti Day on Wednesday 26th February. The money raised will pay for the “Bug Club” online home reading program which all students can access. There will be a ‘pre-paid’ sausage sizzle with a popper drink for $3.00. The students will also have a little fun with some gumboot throwing and thong throwing. We hope everyone gets into the spirit and has a great day.

Reminder, there will be a special meeting on Thursday 27th February at 9.30am in the P&C Community Room to discuss the Prescribed Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Conduct and Roles and Responsibilities. This will be the only business on the agenda. Mrs Sharon Johnson, general manager of the Federation of P&C Association of NSW will be the guest presenter on the day.

**Meal Deal 1 - $4.50**

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Also now available at the canteen: Coon Nibbles - Cheese $1.50, Sultanas $1.00, Muesli Bar $1.20