PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Mrs Seaman who has returned to school after her surgery earlier this term. Everyone has missed her lively presence at school and it’s great to see her well and healthy.

Last week invitations went out to parents and friends to attend our Easter Hat parade next Thursday 28th March at 12.00 o’clock. The students really enjoy this annual activity and they all look forward to proudly displaying their hats. Don’t forget all classes are involved and students have been asked to make their hats at home. The P&C raffle will be drawn so come along and enjoy the festive atmosphere with your children.

Yesterday I attended a Principals Conference in Coffs Harbour along with Principals from all over the North Coast region. The conference speakers included Dr Michelle Bruniges (Director General of Education & Communities), Greg Prior (Deputy Director-General, Schools) and Mark Youngblutt (Regional Director). The ultimate message from these distinguished speakers was that our region has exceptional students and teachers and that we have seen some outstanding successes in our local public schools. They also spoke about the many changes that are occurring in our education system and how these would benefit students in the 21st Century. I will let you know more as these changes occur.

Rita Pittman
Principal

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.  
*Aristotle*

ASSEMBLY

All parents and carers are welcome to attend the school assembly held each Friday in the school hall at 12.15pm. This week’s assembly will be hosted by KD.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual Cross Country carnival was run in perfect conditions although rain did mar the K-2 races. All students are to be congratulated on their efforts to complete the course. Champions for 2013 are:

- 5 years: Bailey Shields, Arley Germon
- 6 years: Thomas Andrews, Jordyn Miller
- 7 years: Scott Walker, Tarla-Jo Smith
- 8 years: Reid Watson, Lilly Mills
- 9 years: Lester Andrews, Ashlee Vickers
- 10 years: Tim Walker, Kara Allan
- 11 years: Joel Jarvis, Chenoa Andrews
- 12 years: Harrison Lewis, Layne Watson
- 13 years: Jayden Cornish

Winner of the Cleavers Tyre Service trophy House Champions for 2013 was Oxley followed by Macquarie, Manning and Parkes. A team of 32 runners will now represent our school at the Manning Zone PSSA carnival at Wingham Sporting Complex on Friday 5th April. Good luck team.
CROSS COUNTRY

Parkes supporters

Off and racing in the 8 year boys

11 year girls running

THANK YOU HELPERS

A big thank you to all the parents/carers who assisted at the Cross Country on Friday. The support of such wonderful people contributed greatly towards the success of the event.

ZONE WINTER TRIALS

A number of students have been selected to play at the Manning Zone PSSA Winter trials next week.

HOCKEY – Dimity Bartlett, Madeleine Betts, Jye Kucinskis, Kara Allan, Grace Boyd
NETBALL – Lauren Wenham
SOCCER – Jessica Morris-Jackson, Jordan Goodman, Nash McPherson, Andrew Nielsen, Tim Walker

Good luck to these students in their quest to be selected in the Manning teams to try out for the Hunter Regional teams in Newcastle on Friday 12th April.

HUNTER RUGBY LEAGUE

Good luck to Harrison Lewis and Nash Atkins at the Hunter Region PSSA Rugby League selection trials on Friday at Newcastle. Harrison and Nash will be playing for the Manning Zone team at the trials.

SATURDAY BASKETBALL REPORT

Our two teams scored big wins over St Joseph’s and Taree West PS last Saturday. Our two teams sit 1st and 2nd on the ladder and play each other this Saturday at 9.30am. Regardless of results from this Saturday, both teams will play against each other in the Grand Final on Saturday 6th April. There is no Basketball on Easter Saturday 30th March.

CANTEEN NEWS

Cross Country – thank you to all those parents who supported this event. The canteen had a great day and thanks must go to the wonderful team of volunteers at both canteens who worked so hard all day.

Delicious Easter treats will be available at recess and lunch on Thursday 28th March.

The LOL meal deal continues to be very popular. This will finish at the end of term so get in quick while stock lasts!

Volunteers for the following week are:

Thursday 21st March – Ronda
Friday 22nd March – Jill, Liz, Michelle
Monday 25th March – Alison
Tuesday 26th March – Dale
Wednesday 27th March – Liz Halfacre (Supervisor), Sandy Osmond

Verlie Blackmore, Supervisor ph 65535030

P&C NEWS

Easter raffle tickets went out last week, please see the ladies in the front office if you require more. The tickets are to be returned to school by Wednesday 27th March and we ask all students could they kindly send in donations to help assist with this fundraiser.

Our P&C AGM will be held this Thursday night, 21st March at 6pm in the staffroom. Please come along and support your school.

Louise Smith, President

TAREE AUSKICK AFL COME & TRY

Sunday 24th March, at Johnny Martin Oval, Taree, beginning at 10am. For more information please phone 6553 3345.