PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We look forward to seeing all our parents and friends at our Easter Hat Parade tomorrow at 12 noon in the hard court area. I know that for the early arrivals the canteen will have tea and coffee available as well as hot cross buns. It will be a wonderful opportunity to witness some colourful, creative hats so don’t miss out.

I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and if you are travelling please be safe on our roads. Have a wonderful break.

Some children are resilient by nature, however, it is becoming more and more obvious to educators that many of our children lack resilience and the ability to bounce back from even the smallest set-back such as forgetting to bring something to school, not being chosen for something, or having a misunderstanding with a friend. As parents ourselves we understand the need you feel to protect your children, how you want to fight all their battles for them and how you want to reward them for every little thing they do. Research indicates that by doing this we are not preparing them for future life, be it disappointment or success. In the next few weeks I will publish some parenting ideas that deal with the issue of resilience from Michael Grose, bestselling author and columnist.

1. Set **limits and boundaries** that expand as kids get older and become more capable. Boundaries make kids feel secure and teach them how to behave well.

2. Use a **negotiable style** with children according to their age and stage of development. Parents also need to realise that not everything is up for negotiation. There are times when the word ‘no’ needs to be heard as parents act in the best interest of their kids.

3. Use **consequences** and other tools to teach kids to behave well and develop a sense of personal responsibility. Resist the temptation to let kids off the hook when they do the wrong thing. Firm, but fair, is the key here.

Rita Pittman, Principal

DIARY DATES - TERM 1, 2013

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If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.

*Frank A. Clark*

LIBRARY NEWS

We have had a very positive response to the Premier’s Reading Challenge from students, parent/carers and teachers. Teachers of students in K-2 will be reading books in class enabling students to add these books to their reading log. If you do not wish your child to officially participate please contact the school or your child’s teacher. Students will be able to borrow over the Easter and upcoming holiday break. All books borrowed during the
holidays will be due back the first library day after the holidays.
It has come to my attention that over the years there have been many library books that have not been returned; it would be appreciated if you find any of these books that they are returned. Perhaps you could help your child look for books they know they still have as we would like them back in the library. Students need to value our school library collection. There will be an amnesty on all overdue books with no questions asked.
Over the Easter break relax, revive and read to a child 😊
Mrs Gregory, Librarian

YOUNG LEADERS DAY
On Monday 25th March school leaders from all over the state went to the National Young Leaders Day. Our school leaders, Nash, Layne, Hudson, Sumha, Hannah and Tahlia travelled down to Sydney for a once in a lifetime opportunity. We met many people sharing their stories and how they coped through the tough times during their careers. We listened to Mike Martin, Creel Price, Brett Lee, Jess Fox and Nathan Hindmarsh. There was a lot of music and the speakers were awesome. Mike Martin spoke about influence and to only take in good influence. Creel Price talked about setting goals and achieving them. Brett Lee talked about the cyber world and how to be a leader on the internet. Jess Fox talked about balancing your time with what you want to do and Nathan Hindmarsh talked about not giving up on what you want to do. We learnt that to be a good leader you need to have influence, ambition, self-belief, be caring and committed. We are very grateful to everyone who planned the trip to Sydney.

Sumha Taylor-Wilson

FAMILY CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
Results from our family division in our recent Cross Country were:
1st Walker (Tim, Scott)
1st Andrews (Chenoa, Lester, Darcey, Thomas)
2nd Morris-Jackson/Germon (Jessica, Arley)
2nd Watson (Layne, Reid)
3rd Vickers (Ashlee, Toby)
Well done to these families on their efforts.

CRICKET REPORT
Last Thursday the boy’s cricket team travelled to Wingham Central Park to play Wingham Brush. Hudson Bird lost the toss and they put us in to bat. Josh McTaggart and Hayden Essery opened the batting strongly with a quick partnership of 23 but soon after Josh got out for 15. Then Hudson came to the crease and got off to a slow start. At the end of the innings Hayden and Hudson both retired on 30. We ended up with a total of 108. We then went in to bowl and got a few early wickets. Nearly everyone got a wicket. Most of their batters were caught out or bowled out. At the end of the day we came out on top. Special thanks to Mr Jones and the parents for driving us to the game.

Hudson Bird & Josh McTaggart

HELP WANTED
We require assistance from parents/carers to look after our teams at the Buderus 7’s Rugby League/League Tag Gala day at Taree next Wednesday 3rd April. If you can assist in helping out please contact Mr Pensini.
BASKETBALL

Our two teams played each other in the Primary School Basketball competition last Saturday and put on a fine display of skills and teamwork. Nash Atkins and Harrison Lewis were in scintillating form scoring some excellent baskets. Andrew Nielsen, Logan Corbet, Jack Kelly, Harley Pike, Jayden Cornish, Blake Carey, Zane Dawson, Luke Dwyer and Josh McTaggart all played well. Both teams will now play each other in the Grand Final on Saturday 6th April at Saxby Stadium in Taree. Good luck teams!

CANTEEN NEWS

LOL Meal Deal – It’s been great to see so many children adding salad to their chicken finger wraps. Hopefully, once the meal deal finishes at the end of this term, they will continue to add a little bit of salad to their wraps now they know how great it tastes!

Easter hat parade – Hot cross buns and some Easter treats will be available from the canteen on Thursday.

Slush Puppie competition - The kite and yoys haven’t been won yet, however, a few free slushies have been given out. It would be great to have the major prize go off before the holidays!

Kindergarten kids and money - There have been a number of reports of the younger children losing money they bring to school. If you are ordering your child’s lunch, please send just the amount needed in a secure envelope or click lock bag to avoid your child carrying around loose change.

Volunteers for the following week are:

Thursday 28th March   Louise & Elicia
Tuesday 2nd April     Maxine Manks
Wednesday 3rd April   Susan Watson
Thursday 4th April    Ronda Brislane
Friday 5th April      Jenny, Liz and Marie

Hope you and your family have a lovely Easter.

Verlie Blackmore, Supervisor ph 65535030

P&C NEWS

The P&C Easter raffle will be drawn tomorrow at the Easter hat parade, and all tickets were due back at school today. Thank you to all families who have kindly donated items for the raffle and also to everyone who has supported the raffle by buying tickets. Don’t forget to come along and enjoy the creative millinery on display, the parade is always great to watch. Good luck to all who have entered the raffle.

The P&C AGM was held last Thursday and new executive positions were filled as follows:

President yet to be filled
Vice-Presidents Kathy McPherson, Bree Seddon-Wickenden
Treasurer Sarah Ney
Secretary Shannon McDean
Minutes Secretary yet to be filled

We are looking for a president who would chair meetings, and a minute’s secretary to record what happens at each meeting. Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month (except in school holidays) which is less than 12 meetings a year! If you would like to be more involved with school and help fundraise for the school, why not consider becoming a P&C member?

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our outgoing P&C members for the time and effort they have generously given to P&C. Some have moved on as parents of high school children and others have stood down from executive positions due to personal commitments but will remain on the P&C committee.

Bree Seddon-Wickenden, Vice-President

TAREE AUSSKICK REGO DAY

Thursday the 28th March at Triple C, Taree between 4pm and 6pm. Info ph 65533345.

KEY FOUND

Lockwood key on a G.James blue key ring. Please call to the office if it belongs to you.

SMITH FAMILY SAVER PLUS

Do you have a child at school and would $500 help cover your education expenses? The Smith Family is running a savings program that can help you save for your children’s education. Please contact Mark 6557 8284 or email mark.norris@thesmithfamily.com.au.