PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

School Leaders Shine
Our school leaders were among those who attended The National Young Leaders Day at the Qantas Credit Union Arena on Monday 31st March. The event, which attracted 5,500 primary school students, is hosted by the Halogen Foundation whose mission is to inspire young people to lead themselves and others well. Guest speakers presenting to students included author Andy Griffiths, Ita Buttrose, Coen Ashton (double lung transplant recipient), and the Hon.Bob Carr. Each speaker brought their unique life experience to the platform as they shared insightful and encouraging sessions, instilling the message that despite circumstances, anyone can be a leader and make a difference in the world around them. I was very proud of our leaders as they looked fantastic and represented our school with pride.

Thank you to the parents who attended the event with our students and well done leaders. You set a fine example for other students in our school.

School leaders at Qantas Credit Union Arena

Rita Pittman, Principal

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NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

At the Young Leaders day I learnt that,” You should never give up”, and “Don’t listen to others because no one else dreams your dream” Dimity

I enjoyed the Young Leaders Conference because it was inspirational and the speakers were interesting. Hayden

Coen Ashton was awesome but Andy Griffiths was the best. He was really funny and he made up a story on the spot to tell the audience. It was great. Aaron

I really enjoyed the Young Leaders Conference and the speakers were awesome. I really enjoyed meeting one of the Justice Crew who came to sign autographs for students. Libby

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” John Quincy Adams

BOOKS TO BOOST BRAINS

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adults: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

KIK, VINE, INSTAGRAM – ARE THEY SAFE?

It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts at a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY
CROSS COUNTRY

All students are to be congratulated on their efforts in our Cross Country last Friday. Thank you to the many parents, carers and grandparents who supported the event.

Age champions for 2014 are:
5 years  Anwar Ali, Indiana Langbein
6 years  Khye Allen, Matea Brown
7 years  Jake Andrews, Jordyn Miller
8 years  Scott Walker, Natasha Pereira
9 years  Reid Watson, Ellie D’Elboux
10 years Ryan Allen, Holly Fahey
11 years Tim Walker, Jenna Rodgers
12 years Joel Jarvis, Chenoa Andrews
13 years Zayden Dahlstrom

The winner of the Cleavers Tyre Service trophy for Interhouse Champions was Macquarie 132 pts, followed by Oxley 114 pts, Parkes 111 pts and Manning 89 pts. A team of 34 students will now represent our school at the Manning Zone PSSA Cross Country next term. Good luck!!

CANTREEN NEWS

NEW - “Brainy Burger” meal deal – four fish fingers on a bread roll with lettuce and lite tartare sauce with an apple & blackcurrant popper - only $4.00 until the end of term. Yummy cupcakes and coffee/tea available on Friday 11th April.

Volunteers for the following weeks are:
Thursday 3rd April  Ronda
Friday 4th April  Roslyn, Jenny, Elicia
Monday 7th April  Maxine Manks
Tuesday 8th April  Jodie Payne
Wednesday 9th April  Monique
Thursday 10th April  Deb and Jill
Friday 11th April  Liz, Alison, Jenny, Elicia

First week back next term:
Tuesday 29th April  Noeline Darby
Wednesday 30th April  Cheryl
Thursday 1st May  Ronda
Friday 2nd May  Liz, Jenny & Roslyn

I am taking an extra couple of weeks onto these holidays so I will be away as from Friday 4th April and will return on Monday 5th May. The canteen is in the capable hands of Narelle Brislane and Liz Halfacre during this time. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break and thank you for supporting your canteen.

Verlie Blackmore, Supervisor ph 65535030

P&C NEWS

The P&C is still asking for donations of chocolate Easter eggs and bunnies. These can be left at the front office. Thankyou to the families who have already donated; we appreciate your support. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat parade. The P&C AGM was held 2 weeks ago. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our outgoing members for their support during their time on the P&C, and welcome our new members.

Our 2014 P&C Executives are:
President  Kathy McPherson
Vice Presidents  Renee Gilbert, Bree Seddon-Wickenden
P&C Treasurer  Sarah Ney
Secretary  Shannon McDean
Canteen Treasurer  Bonnie Leslie
Regional & State Representative  Andrew Green

Bree Seddon-Wickenden, Vice-President

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MANNING VALLEY OOSH  School holiday program available from the front office. Details ph 0422 147 019

KEEPING SAFE IN CYBERSPACE FREE WORKSHOP
Tuesday 20th May, 5.30pm-7.30pm at Manning Uniting Church, Albert St, Taree. RSVP 6592 5399

CARING FOR KIDS ONLINE FREE WORKSHOP
Tuesday 20th May, 9.30am-4pm at Manning Uniting Church, Albert St, Taree. RSVP 6592 5399