PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

As we head towards the end of this school year, our school moves into a new three year planning cycle which develops the strategic directions for the next three years. This is an important process and will drive all that we do to improve student outcomes. Part of this process will involve close consultation with parents, community and school stakeholders. In the past a lot of our planning has involved what we do and how we do it whereas the focus will become why we do what we do….the purpose. We will be holding a forum at school where we will invite parents and community members to come and develop the school vision for the next three years. We look forward to your valuable contributions being included in our planning. A special invitation to this forum will be sent home soon.

Rita Pittman, Principal

ASSEMBLY

All parents and carers are welcome to attend the school assembly held each Friday in the school hall at 12.15pm. 1/2C will be presenting a class item this week.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

At last week’s assembly, Merit Certificates were awarded to the following students: Jerome Bramble, Frank Downs, Ryan Brokenshire, Zorah Cilliers, Rose Leslie, Zoey-Lee Minton, Hollie Leaver-Wells, Zane Blakemore, Mylli Buddle-Hanly, Jacob Russell, Ethan Jobson, Drew Cini, Bailey Saunders, Khalil Villagracia, Marissa Clark, Holly Fahey, Jordon Darby, Beau Brown, Kyra Lane, William Gee and Clancy Johnston.

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“Change is the law of life. And those who only look to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

John F Kennedy

WINGHAM SESQUICENTENARY OFFICIAL RECEPTION

Tickets are on sale for the Official Reception of the Wingham Sesquicentenary celebrations. This will be held on Saturday 13th September at 6pm at the Wingham Services Club. Entertainment will be provided following the formalities. Tickets are available from the school’s front office. They are $40 each, which can be paid with cash or cheque. Tickets will not be held without payment. There are only limited tickets available so get in early to avoid disappointment.

Michelle Williams
**TABLOID SPORTS DAY**

Our school will be celebrating its 150th anniversary (our Sesquicentenary) with a tabloid sports day at Central Park on Friday 12th September from 9.30am – 1pm. Information/permission notes will be sent home in the coming weeks. All parents, carers and grandparents are invited to attend the tabloid sports day and help our students and staff celebrate our 150th anniversary.

**HELPERS WANTED TABLOID SPORTS DAY**

We require the assistance of parents and carers to help out at the tabloid sports day on Friday 12th September at Central Park. If you can assist, please contact Mr Pensini and he will give more details.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Just a little reminder of some of the special meal deals we have available: “Brainy Burger” is a bread roll with lettuce, tartare sauce and four crunchy FISH fingers and a popper juice for $4.00, “Road Runner Wrap” is a tortilla wrap with chicken “pops”, fresh chopped tomato and grated cheese toasted till it’s warm and yummy for $3.00, Jurassic Park is a salad box with lettuce, cucumber sticks, carrot flowers and tomato pieces with two Dino nuggets and a popper juice for $4.00.

Please note that the Dinosaur nuggets can be ordered separately just like “normal” nuggets at the same price.

Volunteers for the following week are:

- Thursday 14th August: Lauren, Liz
- Friday 15th August: Suzie, Liz, Jenny
- Monday 18th August: Narelle
- Tuesday 19th August: Ray, Noelene
- Wednesday 20th August: Evelyn

Verlie Blackmore Supervisor, ph 6553 5030

**MANNING SUPPORT SERVICES INC**

A 3 week program will commence on 19th August at Manning Support Services, 78 Wynter St, Taree to assist parents to manage behaviour and to strengthen family relationships. Phone 65511800 or email reception@mssinc.org.au for details.

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**GROUP PHOTOS**

Group photos will be on display at the school and can be ordered by completing an order form at the front office. Please place either Cheque or Cash in the envelope provided. Credit Card payments can be made online through [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au), please enter your ORDER NUMBER on the envelope and return to the school by the 18th August 2014. Photos are $14.00 each or 2 for $26.00. Other prices are available for additional orders. Groups available are; School Captain, Infants Choir, Senior Choir, Debating and Junior Choir.

**P&C NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who supported our K-2 movie night last Thursday. The students were very well behaved and bought along their best manners! Thank you to all the staff who supervised the event, we appreciate you giving up your Thursday evening to spend extra time at school.

Steven and Liam enjoying the night

Lara, Jordyn, Sarah and Laura at movie night

I’m pleased to report that our cake stall earlier this term raised $350!!!! Thank you again to everyone who supported this P&C fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be held this Thursday night in the staffroom from 6pm, all are welcome to attend.

Bree Seddon-Wickenden, Vice President