Dear Parent/Caregivers,

This week the students have certainly been very responsive to a range of opportunities both in and outside the classroom.

Throughout the week the SRC have been hosting a Second Hand Book Stall. Special thanks to those families who have donated pre-loved books. I have a feeling that some students purchased just as many books as they donated! Good holiday reading ahead for some! Thank you to Miss Elford for organising this opportunity for the students.

On Tuesday, the P&F hosted our School Disco. Thank you to the P&F for their organisation of this event. Special thanks to Mr Borger for the music and to the many families who joined us on the evening. Whilst the motivation for the Disco was to provide a supportive environment for our students to socialise; it was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and staff taking time to connect as well. The students had a great time.

Today we hosted the Primary Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to the students for their enthusiasm and participation on the day and to Mr Watts and the staff for their organisation. Results will be published next week.

Next Monday, Brainstorm Productions will present The Protectors. This educational performance was created to educate young people about emotional wellbeing. This anti-bullying program covers: bullying, resilience, positive relationships, self-esteem, cyber bullying, conflict resolutions, problem solving, conflict resolution and respect.

This Sunday the Parish Children’s Choir will be leading us in song at Mass. All are welcome to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

This week’s reflection is about encouragement. It is really important what we say to others. It can make a real difference. Encourage others to try; to be better and to live as Jesus did.

All the best for the week ahead

Many Blessings

Melissa Turner
PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (Years 3-6)
What a great day we had today at our annual Primary Athletics Carnival. Results will be published next week.

LOWER PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
This annual event will be held next Wednesday, 27th June on the School Oval. $1.00 levy per student to be given to the class teacher. Bring a safety pin for ribbons. Lunch orders need to be placed at the Canteen before the 8.55am bell.

DIOCESAN RUGBY UNION GALA DAY
Will be held in Coffs Harbour on Tuesday 27th June

PAUL KELLY AFL CUP
Will be held in Coffs Harbour on Thursday 28th June

GROUP 3 ALL SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVAL
This postponed event will now be held on Wednesday, 25th July (first day of Term 2) at Port Macquarie.

On Monday this week our day was made much brighter with the news that a beautiful little girl…Frankie Belle Edwards had entered safely into this world at 8.39am weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces.
Our sincere congratulations to Nicole, Mitchell, Hallie, Lennox and the entire Edwards and Watts families. May the joy of new life bring you love and happiness in abundance.
God’s greatest gift is the gift of love.

Encourage your children to write for different purposes and make it fun!

✍️ Give children the freedom to just write/draw without over-correcting spellings, letter formation, etc. There will be times when these things are important and need to be corrected, but sometimes kids just need to write for fun and let their creative juices flow!

✍️ Let them write about things that interest them.

✍️ Treat them as a “real” author by putting the books they’ve written on the bookshelf to be read, right along with all your other books.

✍️ Give them an audience for their writing. Find ways for them to share what they’ve written, respond to their writing, ask questions, or comment. Give them feedback.

✍️ Write for authentic purposes (letters, thank you cards, recipe, a grocery list, etc.).

✍️ Read rich literature of all genres to your child. Talk about how the author used this “wow” word instead of a “boring” word. Talk and introduce new vocabulary, encourage them to add these new
STUDENT BIRTHDAYS
Aiden Cheers
Dylan Cowling
Oliver Eakin
23rd June
Jaxton Buckley
26th June
Mahlia Hoskins
Abbey Spokes
Patrice Vale
29th June

PUPIL FREE DAYS TERM 3
Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July
First Day of Term 3 for all students will be Wednesday, 25th July

BOOK NOW FOR VACATION CARE FOR THE JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Booking Sheet now available on the School Website or on the Skoolbag App

CONFIRMATION GIFTS
A selection of gifts for Confirmation are on display and available for purchase at the school office.

Dear parent,

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years, who are above a healthy weight. Best of all it’s absolutely FREE!

WHEN DOES GO4FUN RUN? Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks after school during the school term, and children attend a fun filled 2 hour session each week with their parent.

WHAT DO WE DO AT GO4FUN? Every week children play fun and interactive games and activities to get their heart rates up and enjoying being active. You and your child also learn about healthy eating, setting goals, portion sizes, label reading and more. The child receives up to 3 attendance prizes, and parents a $15 fresh fruit and vegie voucher each session they attend.

Registration for Term 4, 2018 is open with limited places in Port Macquarie, Wauchope, Kempsey, South West Rocks, Nambucca Heads, Coffs Harbour.

We’d love to welcome you and your child to Go4Fun and encourage you to secure a place.

Register at Freecall 1800 780 900 or at www.go4fun.com.au

MORE RECYCLING OPTIONS (to bring to school)…….

Australia Post has joined with TerraCycle® to provide a second life for used Prepaid Mailing Satchels and Padded Satchels through the Mailing Satchel Recycling Program

And don’t forget to keep collecting oral care product packaging.

Don’t forget to go https://www.terracycle.com.au/colgategardenvoting and vote for our school!

Wanting to sponsor a Solar Light? Contact the School to place your name on the list ($25ea). Solar Buddy helps Australian students to develop a deeper understanding of energy poverty and the challenges faced by children and families living in developing countries. Australian kids build solar slights and learn — solar lights are given to communities

Colgate Community Garden Challenge
Vote tally as of publishing is 2067
THE GROUP OF FROGS

As a group of frogs was travelling through the woods, two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs crowded around the pit and saw how deep it was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them.

However, the two frogs decided to ignore what the others were saying and they proceeded to **try and jump out of the pit**. Despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up. That they would never make it out.

Eventually, one of the frogs took heed to what the others were saying and he gave up, falling down to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die.

He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, **“Did you not hear us?”** The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him!