

# Newsletter



*We would like to acknowledge that our school sits on Bundjalung Country and acknowledge the Arakwal people and pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.*

## School Camp

The school camp to Hastings Point was a great learning experience and lots of fun for the students and staff. The children spent the days learning about the unique and surprisingly complex life with the fragile ecosystem of our coastal rock pools. Thanks to all the staff for the extra time and effort given to make camp a memory that all the children will take forward and talk about for a long time to come.

## School Performance

We are really looking forward to our school performance on Wednesday evening at 5:30. A note has been sent home reminding parents of times and little aspects that will make it easier on the day. As always our children are very excited to showcase their talents. We are endeavouring to make this a relaxed and social gathering with picnic baskets and blankets.

A reminder that alcohol is not to be consumed on school grounds.

## New Sports Equipment

We have purchased 2 adjustable basketball hoops for our school. Utilising funds from Sporting Schools and Premier's Sporting Challenge, the hoops can be used by all students K-6 to develop their gross motor skills.

## Celebration of Learning Assembly

Next Wednesday, 4 December we will celebrate the achievements of our students for 2024. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to this assembly commencing at 9.30am, to acknowledge and congratulate all of our students for a wonderful 2024. The morning will conclude with a tree planting by our Kindergarten students and morning tea. All students are required to be in school uniform for this formal assembly.

## Term 4 Save the dates

- Wednesday 27 November  
School concert, 5.30pm
- Tuesday 3 December  
Year 6 High School Orientation Day
- Wednesday 4 December  
Celebration of Learning Assembly, 9:30am
- Tuesday 10 December  
Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 12 December  
Byrangery Reserve excursion
- Wednesday 18 December  
Last day for students
- Thursday 6 February  
First day of Term 1, 2025



## Warm Weather

The days are warming up considerably this week. I ask that parents remember to pack a water bottle for school every day. The preferred dress code is school uniform, however if students are not dressed in school uniform, please ensure that your child is wearing sun safe clothing, i.e. no singlets or shoe string straps on tops or dresses.

## Environmental Education for our students - Byrangery Reserve

Our excursion to Byrangery Reserved was postponed from last Friday due the the wet conditions. The new day is Thursday 12 December. Please consent to this excursion on Compass if you have not done so previously.

Tony Hutchinson, Principal.

***“Mistakes are the proof that you are trying.” – Louis Sachar, Holes (1998)***



## Flo's Recount of Camp

Last Thursday was the overnight school camp. The whole school arrived on a big bus at Hastings Point caravan park for an epic 2 day adventure. I could feel the excitement as we brought our bags to the cabins, (there were 2 boys and 2 girls cabins, however half were not ready).

Our first activity was exploring the marine Discovery Centre, where there was a very interesting presentation by our main instructor, Rhett, on the rock pools and the very busy ecosystems that live there. After his speech, we looked at all the diagrams and information on marine life in the centre. Then we had lunch in the caravan park cafe, which was delicious chicken wraps and chips.

The second activity was exploring the incredible rock pools. We buddied up and walked along the road to get there, then the school split into 2 groups and explored the rock pools. Whenever we saw something odd we asked Rhett and he would explain how to handle it. My favourite sea creatures were sea cucumbers because they squirted white sticky stuff when you picked it up. When we finished with the rock pools we ate afternoon tea on the grass by the beach which was a massive piece of banana bread and a juicy apple.

Next, with the same groups, we walked along the tideline looking for sea creatures for sea sponges, shells and other debris washed up from the sea. Then we went into the dunes and searched for spinifex seeds which we used for a race on the sand. After the dune walk we walked back to the park and had showers and changed into pyjamas and settled into our cabins. As Soon as we finished, we walked to the cafe and had dinner which was yummy fish and chips and it was so good. We had a competition on the cleanest cabin, it was very exciting, everyone was rushing around tidying up. My cabin tried our best, however the other girl cabin won, but everyone got ice cream. When we were finished, we went upstairs to the loft, with a projector and the Year 6's and Alice played songs and everyone sang.

Tired and yawning everyone trudged back to the cabins. Unable to get to sleep, each cabin got to watch a movie. Our cabin watched Finding Nemo, but we only watched about half of it.

After 5 hours of sleep we finished watching Nemo, packed up (another competition) before heading to the water park and lunch. The bus was very quiet on the way home with lots of people sleeping.

Flo



