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From the Principal's desk...

This week we're celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week. All students will be involved in a recap of their learning so far this year with our annual Mastermind on Wednesday morning. Mrs Carey has organised a wealth of question rounds, group challenges and interesting problems to solve. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us.

Today we received a special visit from New England Conservatorium of Music to support our choir students with their preparations for *New England Sings* in October. We were fortunate to be able to give all Stage 2 and 3 students the opportunity to listen to the impressive talents of the choir. Thank you Dr Guymer for coordinating this visit for our school.

Tomorrow I'll be taking the Gold Award recipients from Years 4-6 to the park for a picnic. We had to postpone our plans last week due to the lovely wet weather.

Thumbs up to Fred, Marshall, Cooper and Jasper for attending the Regional Spelling Bee last Thursday. The boys were asked to spell a broad range of words with a varying degree of difficulty.

Preparations are underway for our very popular Grandparents Day. Please mark **Thursday 8 November** on your calendar. More details soon.

Have an enjoyable week

Leah Keough
Relieving Principal

Canteen Roster

Week 8

Wed 12/9 Steffi & Michael Eppler
Fri 14/9 Michele Kellett

Week 9

Wed 19/9 Renae Connell
Fri 21/9 Mel Cardow

Reminder - Sauce is an extra 50c

Thank you to Michele Kellett for supplying us with a bright new lunch order box.

Term 3

Week 8 – Literacy and Numeracy Week

Wed 12/9 Mastermind 10:15 am
Teddy Bears Picnic with Preschool 1:45-3:00

Week 9

Mon 17/9 STAR- Kindergarten orientation

Week 10

Fri 28/9 Crazy Hair Day
Last day of term

Kindergarten Assembly

On Friday, Kindergarten students were very excited to present their Teen Numbers rap song to the school. Since our first ever assembly item involved the students counting to ten, I decided we would show off a song that has helped us consolidate the tricky teen numbers. Actually, virtually all students can count well beyond the teens now. It was also the students' idea to make sure we had the opportunity to dress up, hence the hats and sunnies!

There were certainly a couple of naturals up on stage last week, who had the moves, as well as the lyrics, down pat. Many thanks to the parents who came along and supported our performance, the students who put in a fantastic effort and also to Ellie and Mia for a wonderful job running their first assembly. We can't wait for our next chance to shine on stage.

Kirsti Hudson
Kindy Teacher

Textile Interest Group

Reminder to 3-6 students in the Textile Interest Group to bring in a white cotton T-shirt labelled with your name. Alternatively, a shirt can be purchased on your behalf. Notes and money for T-shirts to be returned ASAP – no later than this Friday 14 September.

Miss Jones

Assembly 14 September

Year 5/6 will be hosting the assembly on Friday 14 September at 11:15 am. Parents and interested community members are invited to attend.



Education

Staff Under the Spotlight

Kirsti Hudson
Kindergarten Teacher



I am currently the Kindergarten Teacher and I also have been helping out as the Assistant Principal on Thursday and Friday each week.

This is my third year at DPS and I love it here! Before becoming a teacher I completed a Bachelor of Science in Australian Environmental Studies, then I did my Masters of Primary Teaching degree from 2010-2013.

In my spare time I really enjoy cycling, yoga, reading, bird-watching and bush walking. My all time favourite holiday was going to the Himalayas and trekking for 2 months in the Everest region when I was 20. Now I like camping at Crescent Head with my family (a little closer to home).

ICAS Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates recognising their participation in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - Writing

Year 3	Josephine Eppler	
Year 4	Caitlyn Young	
Year 5	Jamison Dawes	Lucy Spencer
	Evan Ryan	Leo Tarran

Congratulations to **Josephine Eppler** who received a Merit Certificate.

Lifesaving and Beach Safety

Today Alex from Coffs Harbour Council came to talk to about lifesaving and beach safety. Alex is a fulltime lifeguard at Sawtell. He taught us how to recognise rips in the surf and the best way to get help. We learnt about the red and yellow flags and that it is the safest place for swimmers at the beach. If the flags are up there is a lifeguard on duty to keep swimmers safe. The black and white flags are for surfers with surf boards. The best place to swim safely at a beach is always one that is patrolled by lifeguards.

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates at our school assembly on Friday 3 September 2018.

Kinder	Ellie Keough	Sienna Tompkins
1/2	Toby Inkson	Evelyn Beaumont
3/4	Lacey Gibson	Macgyver Tarran
4/5	Diane Pineda	Harry Sisson
5/6	Evan Ryan	Jenaya Hall

Gymnastics Class of the Week 3/4**Positive Rewards - Gold/Silver/Bronze Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received a Gold Award at the assembly on Friday 3 September. Gold Awards are presented to students for excellence in maintaining positive behaviours and attitudes.

Jenaya Hall	Charli Sheather
Ruby Sheather	Lucy Spencer
Fraser McQueen	Callan Menzies
Julian Ridley	Lachlann Spencer

School Photo Day – Friday 26 October 2018
Week 2 Team 4

Order envelopes for school photos have been issued to students today, and can be returned to the school office any time up to school photo day. Sibling photo envelopes are available on request from the school office. Payment for school photos can be made either online at www.msp.com.au using the Shootkey Reference No. on your child's order envelope or by cash in the school photo order envelope. Envelopes to be returned to the school office.

Fruit & Veg Jokes – Celebrating Fruit and Veg Month

1. What vegetable did Noah leave off the ark?
2. Why did the tomato go out with the prune?
3. What sort of exercise does the fruit do?
4. What do you call a fast fungus?
5. How do you fix a broken tomato?
6. If you had 5 potatoes in one hand and 6 leeks in the other hand, what would have?
7. How does a lemon ask for a hug?
8. Why did everyone like to dance to the vegetable band?
9. What did the baby corn say to the mother corn?
20. What's green and comes down a mountain in the snow?

(Answers on next page)



Regional Spelling Bee

On Thursday 6 September, Fred and Marshall went down to Boambee Public School to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee.

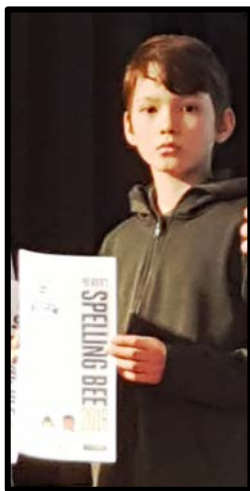
When we arrived we went to the hall and took our seats in the audience, waiting for our names to be called to go on stage.

We both made it through Round 1. However in Round 2 Fred got eliminated with the word “wavelength”. Marshall made it to Round 4, but was eliminated with the word “hybrid”.

Seniors started their competition at 12:10. Jasper and Cooper competed in these rounds. Jasper was eliminated on his second word, while Cooper made it to the top 4 before getting eliminated.

After each competition we got a popper and a packet of chips. It was fun day and we hope to make it next time.

The overall winner of the Junior Spelling Bee was Oscar from Mullaway Public School; and the senior competition winner was Poppy from Kororo Public School.



**Marshall Kellett
Fred Courtice
Cooper Packham**

1. Leaks
2. Because he couldn't find a date
3. Avo-cardio
4. A mush-vroom!
5. With tomato paste
6. Massive hands!
7. Give me a squeeze!
8. Because they have a good beet!
9. Where's pop-corn?
10. A skiwi!

Fruit & Veg Jokes - answers

Non-Teaching Staff School Introduction Training Days

The Department of Education is seeking people who are interested in commencing work within public schools.

The School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff Reference Group invites any people looking to start work in school administration to enrol in our Non-Teaching Staff School Introduction training programs.

The aim of this training is to provide participants with an overview of school administrative roles.

Participation in these introduction days are **not** a guarantee of employment with the Department of Education. Participants are required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance for paid work at their own cost.

It would be desirable if participants had a sound knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite.

The training days will be held at William Bayldon Public School on Wednesday 24 October and Tuesday 13 November, 2018.

To secure a place in this course, participants will need to register online as a community member on MyPI. Go to the following site <https://mypl.education.nsw.gov.au/> and select Register. After completing the details, an email will be sent with instructions on how to get started and select the venue you wish to attend. The course codes are Day 1:NR22842, Day 2: NR22844.

There will be no cost to the participant other than them acquiring their WWCC prior to attending the training. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the day. Participants are to provide their own morning tea and lunch.

Further information can be provided by contacting the SAS Staff Reference Group (SRG) Coffs Harbour on (02) 66235911 or by email at SRGCoffsHarbour@det.nsw.edu.au

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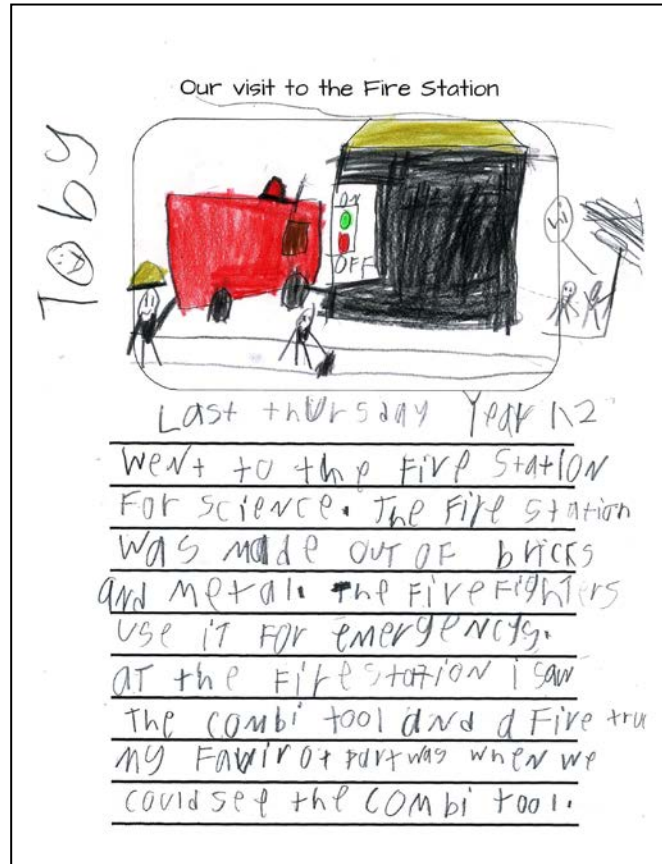
Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSO)
Assisted School Transport Driver (ASTP)
Taxi Driver's Full Shifts or Fill in Shifts

For more information please email susan.mcleod@bigpond.com

View the website

www.education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp
Or phone Greg 0427 341 679 for more details

Year 1/2 Visit to the Fire Station



Toby Inkson
Year 1/2



Thank you to Tony and Nathan, our expert Firemen.

