Dear Parents and Carers

The term is fast drawing to a close, and we are busy planning for a number of events including our traditional Easter Parade and egg-throw, a soccer gala day for the Year 4/5/6 students and major Anzac Day celebrations to recognise 100 years since the ill-fated attack on Gallipoli. More on that soon.

We often recognise children who make a special effort but I think it’s important to also make a mention of staff who give more to their jobs than they have to. This week I’d like to single out Mary Bijou for her commitment to the Home Reading program, and also for taking on a big role with the Student Representative Council. Her attendance at SRC meetings is purely voluntary, and fundraising days, such as this Wednesday’s Milo Day, would not be happening without her supervision.

Finally, the three year Strategic Plan is now being written up into the format required by the DEC. I’m looking forward to sharing it with you and getting more feedback over the coming weeks.

Kind Regards
Mr Greg Barron
Relieving Principal
Congratulations to all students who represented our school at the Mid North Coast District and Zone swimming at Macksville and Coffs Harbour. Everyone performed well and I thank Karen Lamb, Mary Cooper and Tracey Davis for their support and organisation during the carnivals. Also, thankyou to all the parents who took time out to transport our students to these great sporting events. The swimmers were well behaved and represented Eungai Public School admirably. Their level of sportsmanship is to be commended. One highlight was the girls’ junior relay team who were forced to compete against seven other boys’ teams and finished second. Awesome effort Maya, Charlotte, Eva and Taya.

By Gavin Jones
P & C NEWS

AGM- The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd April

Working Bee - to construct the new Chook House on Saturday 28th March at 9.00am. Sausage Sizzle for lunch. Please RSVP by calling the school on 65699248.
Bring your drills!

Mother's Day Stall- The Mother’s Day stall will be held in Week 3 Term 2. Please start bringing suitable items in.

Parents who are interested in the P&C but cannot make the meetings please email the secretary, David Hall, david.hall47@det.nsw.edu.au and the minutes will be emailed out to you.

P & C Easter Raffle

The P& C Raffle is on again. Please donate an Easter Egg or two and place them in the basket at the front office. Raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter for $1.00 each.
They can be handed in at the office. Extra tickets also available at the office.
Thank you so much the more eggs donated the more chances of winning.

SRC MILO DAY

This Wednesday 18th March, the SRC will be holding a Milo Day.

At lunch time students will be able to purchase a cup of Milo and a biscuit for $1.00.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nambucca Valley Basketball Club- Registration, training and informal games each Monday, 4pm - 5.30pm, at the Macksville Indoor Stadium. Registration is $20 for the year, with a $5 weekly game fee. Parents or guardians are required to sign rego form. Decent footwear and water bottles are essential. New players and parent helpers are always welcome. Ph. Michelle 0428 452 277 (evenings), or just turn up.
WORM FARM

The worm farm is now operational. Mary and the gardening group would like to say a huge thank you to the Overton family.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE VISIT

Franco Ozo and his bag of tricks visited our school last week to encourage us all to explore and enjoy books. Frank first learned his amazing magic tricks from books and he shared his passion for magic and reading that he has had ever since. The students were wowed and enthused by the show and they left with a greater understanding of how reading can open up a world of opportunity. Thanks Franco.
Please check your students for Head Lice

Head lice are small parasitic insects that only live on the human head. They do not live on any other part of the body or on any other animal. Head lice crawl very fast over the human head, grasping hair shafts to move quickly. Their grasp is very strong which makes them hard to dislodge from the scalp and hair. Head lice do not burrow into the skin. They feed only on human blood and they need to feed several times a day.

Eggs (nits) are laid by adult females close to the scalp on the hair shaft, usually no more than 1.5 centimetres from the scalp. These eggs are attached to the hair with incredibly strong glue.

Do head lice cause illness or disease?

Head lice do not carry any disease. Constant scratching may lead to sores on the scalp, however this is very rare. Parents should keep cases of head lice in their children in perspective. There are far worse health issues to concern a parent than head lice. Adults, more than children, suffer from considerable outrage at the presence of these parasites. This outrage usually outweighs any public health significance that head lice may present.

The most likely harm caused by head lice is from the inappropriate use of chemicals in an attempt to treat them. The continued application of chemicals to the scalp can cause severe reactions on some heads.

Parents, in their frustration, can resort to applying products not tested for human use and not shown to have any effect on reducing head lice.

How are head lice spread?

Head lice are spread by contact occurring between one human head and another human head. The head lice move along the hair shaft from the head of an infested person to the hair of another person. Head lice cannot fly or jump and they do not crawl along furniture or hop between car seats. Head lice cannot survive off the human head for more than a few hours.

Thorough cleaning of your home, washing bedding and toys and rigorous vacuum cleaning do not affect the head lice population on a human head.

It is thought that increased human contact, especially among young children, may have contributed to an increase in head lice because of increased opportunities for transmission.

K/1 LEGENDS

The K/1 legends for the past fortnight are Manasa-Ali, Tannen Pritchard, Cameron Bates and Ella Overton.
On Tuesday 3rd March 2015, students from Years 5 and 6 attended the Peer Support Camp held at Scotts Head Youth Centre. Students participated in a number of different activities to develop their leadership skills especially in the areas of teamwork, cooperation and problem solving.

Thank you to Mr Hall for organising the activities and a special thank you to Katherine Skinner, Leonie Gaymer and Nicole Pritchard for assisting in transporting the students to and from Scotts Head.

Thanks also Carina Howden for making such yummy cakes. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards

Miss Sinclair