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North Coast PSSA Athletics

Congratulations to our PP5 Relay Team Tayla, Ella, Indie-Bella and Grace who competed at the North Coast Athletics Carnival last Friday in Lismore. We are very proud of your achievement in making it to this elite level of competition.

Above: Tayla, Ella, Indie-Bella and Grace

Walk 4 William – Hat Head beach from creek to The Breakout - Saturday, 12 September

On September 12 last year three year old William Tyrell went missing from his grandmother’s front yard in Kendall on the Mid North Coast. His abduction rocked the nation, and despite an extensive police and community campaign he is still missing.

In an effort to maintain momentum for him to be found, a national walk will be held on the date and time that William was taken. In a show of support, you are invited to join in a walk from the mouth of Hat Head Creek to The Breakout (vehicle access point) and back. Encourage your family, friends, colleagues or neighbours to join in too. Come dressed in blue or red or dressed as a spiderman, or just come as yourself and join in the walk.

Meet at the shelter shed at Hat Head reserve at 10.30am Saturday, September 12th.

School Photograph Orders

Order your additional photos now @ $15 each!

School Leaders
Year 6 Fun
Whole School

Order forms available at the school office.

Rhythm Connect African Drumming

Friday, 18th September - $5 per student

Our school is joining with Gladstone school to host an African drumming workshop here at Kinchela Public School on the last day of Term 3.

The performance is a fun and dynamic learning experience, suitable for all students K-6.

Please sign and return the permission note sent out with your child today (one per family) together with the cost of $5 per student. We would like all students to participate in this culturally significant experience.

The full cost of the program is being subsidised by the school from its CAPA (Creative & Practical Arts) budget.
AROUND THE ROOMS

K/1
We are continuing our science focus on `Minibeasts`. We have been learning fascinating information about ants and snails. The students have created some amazing pieces of work which are proudly being displayed in the K/1 classroom.

Thank you to the Aulsebrook family, who kindly donated an ant farm to the K/1 classroom. K/1 students have enjoyed creating the ant farm and watching the ants working; creating tunnels and collecting food. Please ensure permission notes have been returned for the upcoming video conference `Amazing Ants`.

Kindergarten
The Kindergarten students are making excellent progress in their reading and writing. In reading, we are looking at strategies to decode unfamiliar words. In writing, we are looking at using appropriate punctuation and spacing and strategies for writing unfamiliar words.

In Mathematics, kindergarten students have been looking at ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd etc) and solving number problems using concrete materials. They have been looking at shapes and patterning.

Year One
The year one students are looking at initial blends. The current spelling focus is alternative ways of spelling the `ie` sound such as `igh` and `y`. In addition, we have been using the dictionary to assist in finding the correct spelling of unfamiliar words, as well as finding word meanings.

The year one students are producing some fantastic pieces of writing, with a focus on using appropriate punctuation and conjunctions (and, so, while, but, or, because) in their writing.

In Mathematics, the year one students have been working on measurement, with a focus on volume, and looking at place value through ten trading using concrete materials.

Ms Foulkes, Teacher

2/3/4
The children are all working well in class and are trying hard to learn and do their best.

The handwriting lessons we are completing are progressing well, with Year 2 improving on their letter formation and the Year 3/4 beginning to form most modern cursive letters, so they can begin `running writing` and can feel confident in doing so.

During our Literacy session each morning we complete spelling, grammar, writing and reading groups. We are continuing to progress in each of these strands daily. In grammar we have been learning how to change singular words into plurals. Some reading groups are reading The School Magazine and are comprehending well what they have read.

During mathematics we are continuing with learning our tables and completing our mental to quicken our mathematical brains. Year 2 have been looking at Number Patterns. Year 3/4 have been learning about division and measuring mass.

Jacqueline Ironfield, Teacher/Librarian

5/6
The senior class has been working well this fortnight. We have covered many areas of the Maths syllabus and been trying to master some very difficult concepts. Both Year 5 and 6 have been working on fractions and how to add and subtract with different denominators. All students have put in their best to master this concept.

In CAPA we have been making sculptures from wire. The students have been working out how to put their sculptures together and construct their bikes from detailed drawings they have made.

Right: Amelia with her wire giraffe

In spelling we have been working on “ough” and “augh”, using the words in sentences and finding their meaning from the dictionary. This is building their ability to construct complex sentences and discover how well they can use adjectives, nouns and verbs.

Photo left: The senior students have knitting each week on a Wednesday afternoon with our wonderful community volunteers, Anne, Carmen, Yvonne and Sandra. Heath is pictured concentrating very hard on creating a lovely needlework piece.

Mrs Nicholson, Principal / Teacher

GARDENING
The gardening students have been tending to the vegetable patch and garden. They harvested cabbages and other leafy greens which were sold at the Lower Macleay Fete.
TECHNOLOGY
Congratulations to the students of Kindy.
Using MSWord they can navigate these three tabs.

HomeTab for setting the font size and typing a sentence, Insert Tab for the date and graphics and the Page Layout Tab for page borders.

The students are proudly showing the results of the last lesson which included typing a sentence about an ant, finding a clip art of an ant and adding a border.

Well done to Leo, Jacob and Charlie.

*Mrs Daelman, Technology*

YOGA
Thank you to Gretchen for conducting weekly yoga classes at our school. It has been very beneficial for our students. The yoga classes concluded last Friday.

Willow showing Gretchen a thing or two.

And Ella demonstrating her flexibility!

Combined School Fete
Our combined school fete was held last Friday night and was a huge success. There were many different stalls, with the famous “Wack a Rat” stealing the show!

Thank you to all our parents, friends and community who supported the event by donating items, baking or giving up their time to help on the evening. Special thanks to Dave and Gavin (Wack A Rat), Robert (slushy machine), Nadeen for her tasty “Lemon butter”, Sharon (photographer) and Adrienne Foulkes and Pat Tubnor (community members) for bringing their delightful shetland ponies.

Thank you also to the staff, Kim and Nadeen for helping out on our very successful cake stall.

We have raised a total of $4,172.00 with some expenses to still be paid. As a school we should receive approximately $800 for each school. This was a great fundraiser for the school and a wonderful community event.

**SPRING SALE NOW ON AT THE UNIFORM SHOP**

**WEDNESDAYS 8.30 am-9.30 am**

2nd hand Uniforms $5 EACH.
New Uniform Items are available in the shop including our “School Fleecy Bomber Jackets” $27.00 each.
Book Week Thursday 10th September 2pm

Don’t forget our Book Week parade will be held next week, Thursday 10th September.

The theme this year is “Books Light up our World” and we are hoping everyone will make the effort to dress up as a book character. There are also lots of competitions to enter eg

- Best poster
- Best written story
- Best colouring-in
- Best poem
- Best diorama (a scene put into a box)
- Best book mark
- Best book mark

Mrs Ironfield, teacher/librarian