Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the staff, parents and community members who helped to make our recent NAIDOC celebrations a great success. Particular thanks must go to Miss Deb who organised the day, Niki who did some fantastic weaving with the students, as well as Miss Subria and Polly and Maynard who put so much effort into preparing the food for us all. It was delicious!

Our after school soccer program starts next Friday 29th July. It was originally scheduled to start this week but has been postponed due to the Cairns Show Holiday this Friday. It is not too late to register, forms can be collected from the office.

Last week we welcomed our new Guidance Officer, Kim Holmes who will be working at our school each Tuesday. Kim has been working with us to implement a resiliency program called ‘Bounce Back’ which is designed to develop a more positive, supportive prosocial school culture as well as improve student mental health, especially for those who could be considered ‘at risk’. The program also aims to improve student learning outcomes as a result of:

- Increased peer connectedness
- Increased school connectedness
- Higher levels of emotional well-being
- Enhanced self-esteem.

A Brain Talk for Kids is scheduled for next Thursday 28th July. This talk is designed to introduce students to their brain and mind, understanding how the brain works and understanding emotional regulation and self-regulation. Research has shown that understanding how the brain works can help in cultivating happiness and wellbeing in our students.

Reminder: School Opinion Surveys close next Friday 29th August – please take the time to provide feedback about our school.

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

Wednesday 20th July, 2016

School Office hours:
Mon – Thurs 8:30am to 3:00pm

School Watch: 13 17 88

P&C Association Meeting is held once a month at 6:30pm
President: Andy Grainger
Next Meeting: Thursday 21st July

DATES TO REMEMBER

July Friday 22nd
Cairns Show Holiday

July Thursday 28th
Brain Talk for Kids

August Tuesday 9th
LOTE Speaking & Listening Comp.

August Mon 22nd – Fri 26th
Book Week

August Saturday 27th
Cairns Festival Parade

August Wednesday 31st
Prep Open Day

UNIFORM SHOP
Open each Wednesday from 8:15 – 8:45am for the purchase of school supplies.

Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.

Vince Lombardi
Year 2/3/4 News – Miss Carvill

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. The students have returned to school enthusiastic and eager to learn. This week due to class numbers we were lucky enough to welcome some of the Yr 4 students into our class. They have settled in quickly and I am sure they will be a great asset to our class.

This week we also delved into our new geography unit. The students enjoyed looking at images from all around the world and classifying things in our environment as either man-made or natural. Students then took this a step further and developed symbols which they will later use to create maps.

As you have all surely seen by now I have included a laminated sheet in the students’ homework folders. This sheet is for parents to help support their student in completing their reading and spelling at home. Homework gives students a chance to consolidate learning at school. It also allows them to take on a bit more responsibility over their own learning. I would like to thank all the parents who continue to support their child to complete their homework each night. I know that many of you have really tried to make homework a part of the nightly routine and it is showing in the classroom. It also greatly assists me as it means that I have lunch breaks free for planning and setting up lessons. So again a big thank you!

Yr 4/5/6 News – Miss Roe

It’s been a very busy but lovely first week for me at Machans Beach SS. I’d like to thank my wonderful new class, all the parents and everyone in Machans Beach for making me feel so welcomed, I feel like part of this beautiful community already. I’m so happy to be a part of Machans Beach SS and to have my beautiful, amazing class. I know I keep saying they are wonderful and beautiful but I can’t help it, these students are smart, funny, kind, amazing and eager to learn and I’m happy that I get to teach every single one of them.

Last week the class had been introduced to Poetry in English. So far we have learnt that poems evoke certain emotions, therefore we have been reading an array of different poems from all walks of life. We all enjoy discussing the mood, tone and imagery, thinking about what our mind’s eye sees when we read the poem. I hope everyone has a great week 2!

Students of the Week

Ned – for putting lots of effort into his learning.

Olivia – for being an all-round rockstar, demonstrating respect, being readily organised and being cooperative with all her classmates, and showing kindness to everyone.

Corey - for quickly settling into his new class and showing great enthusiasm towards every task that he completes.
To make sure that you have lots of raffle tickets in the draw you must make sure that you are at school by 9am every day of the week to receive a raffle ticket for that week. If you miss a day or are late that week then you won't get a ticket for that week.
TACKERS SAILING COURSE

The Yorkeys Knob Boating Club are offering six students the opportunity to join this fun sailing course for **FREE!** The spots will be first in best dressed of course.

**WHEN:** 6,7<sup>TH</sup> & 20,21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 9AM TO 2PM DAILY

**WHO:** Students aged 7 – 12 yrs old

**WHERE:** @YORKEYS KNOB BOATING CLUB

This is an Australian Sailing Approved Course. Other dates are also available.

To register please contact Phil Dry  pdry@ykbc.com.au or Phone YKBC 40557711