Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Just a quick reminder that our Swimming Program commences next Monday – please ensure that permission notes are returned and that students remember to bring their swimming gear each day. Parents are welcome to attend swimming lessons at the pool between 11:30am and 12:15pm however there will not be room to travel with the students on the bus.

It has taken quite some time, but our class sets of XO laptops are all finally online! There are enough XO laptops so that every student can have their own device to use when conducting research online. These laptops also contain a variety of learning apps for reading, spelling and numeracy. Our students in the upper two classes have already been using them to research various topics in English and Geography.

As I visit classrooms each day I am always very impressed with both the quality of teaching as well as the student engagement. Our students are always very focused and engaged in their lessons and are eagerly participating in discussions and activities. It is so pleasing to see students so interested in their learning! Keep up the hard work everyone!

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

Wednesday 19th October, 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 10th November

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 24th – 28th 
Swimming Program

October 28th 
World Teacher’s Day

October 28th 
Bandanna Day

October 28th 
School Disco – Halloween Theme

November 9th – 11th 
Artist in Residence – Print making

November 17th 
Yr 4/5/6 Excursion

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream – C. S. Lewis

OSHC

Outside School Hours Care is taking enrolments now for vacation care for the upcoming school holidays! To book please contact Jane on 0456 588 887
This week we have continued our Science unit on Light and sound by looking at light, but have now also begun sound. The children particularly are enjoying the hands on activities associated with this unit. Year 1’s, we need to continue learning our spelling words. No one earned 10 out of 10 on their spelling test last week, even though the words were once again sent home to practise. Year 1’s have also looked at Chance in Maths to consider what is possible, impossible, likely and unlikely to happen and have enjoyed this. Both Preps and Year 1’s have sight words to revise each night. This only takes 5 mins and will really help to improve their reading ability. These come home in their homework folder each week. The most important thing for all children to do is still to participate in reading each night. Reading is the basis of all learning in every subject area, so it is so important to keep reading each and every single day.

Happy Week 3 everybody! Year 4/5 and 6 have been working tirelessly in English with every student determined to create the most convincing argument as to why the government should or should not introduce Nuclear Energy into Australia. Students have experimented with different forms of emotive language to make their argument more persuasive as well as using text connectives to ensure their arguments flow. With some reminding, students understand the importance of including facts and statistics from reliable sources to support their opinion and the XOs have been a wonderful help to conduct independent research online to find such facts. We really are very lucky to be able to provide each student with an XO computer to use during class! I am really impressed and proud of how the students take initiative in forming their own opinions and conduct their own research, distinguishing between important and unnecessary or false information, an important skill needed throughout life.

Permission forms have been sent out regarding the boat day excursion at Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre on November the 17th. If you wish for your child to come along, please ensure they bring back their signed form and $12 by November 3rd. Food is not included so students will still need to bring their own lunch, as well as a hat and sunscreen. Transport is not included either, therefore you will need to ensure that your child has a way to and from the centre. It will be an amazing day of croc spotting, bird watching and crabbing, I’m absolutely excited and I know the children will enjoy themselves and this unique ecosystem right in our very own backyards! Have a great week everyone!

**Students of the Week**

**Seraphina** – for showing determination in Maths lessons!

**Sunni** – for having great manners and always being on ready to learn in class.
Over the first two weeks of this term students were introduced to their new technology assessment. We recognised that this assessment requires us not only to draw on our design and planning knowledge but also content across other curriculum areas. Students will be using their knowledge from our English unit on informative texts to help them gather and record information. They will use their understanding of materials developed in science to help produce their design. Students will also draw on information from our geography unit as they are required to select a familiar landmark.

Students started off by recording the steps that they would need to complete in order to present their finished assessment at the end of the unit. Each student chose a familiar landmark that was of interest to them. They then used their XO laptop (which is now connected to the internet! Yay!) to look up their landmark so that they could start to plan how they would construct their model.

As I am sure many of you are aware this assessment will be completed both at home and at school. Students will be marked on their planning and design skills and it is therefore crucial that their folder is not lost as this will make a substantial contribution towards their report mark. I have asked students to return their technology folders each Monday to not only allow for us to work on their assessment at school but also for me to check-in to see how students are progressing.

I hope that students and their parents alike enjoy this task. I know that many of the students are very excited! I still have fond memories of constructing a model of the Eiffel tower with my father when I was in Grade 3. I used vines and recycled timber. I look forward to seeing what our creative geniuses come up with!

Lilou with the model of a pyramid that she created!

Corey with his model of the Golden Gate Bridge!
Halloween Disco!

WHEN: Friday 28th October 6pm to 8pm
WHERE: Machans Beach Community Hall
Gold Coin Entry

For Machans Beach State School students and their younger siblings only