Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

It’s hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the school year! This term has flown by particularly fast!

On Tuesday Miss Roe and our Student Leaders attended the Showcase Day at Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre where they presented the work that they had done during the year with our Recycling Program. I was very proud to hear that Machans Beach State School received a special mention from the principal at the centre for having such mature, well-mannered students. They were also very impressed with the fact that most of our leaders were only in Year 5 and had done such a fantastic job at leading our school this year. Well done!

Our teachers are busy organising their concert pieces for our upcoming Awards Night and will be notifying students and parents this week about what costumes they would like the students to wear.

Please ensure that your children maintain high attendance right up to the very last day of school. Our teachers have organised some fun activities for students in the last few weeks once assessments have been completed.

Don’t forget that our P&C Working Bee is being held this coming Sunday from 10am. All are welcome!

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

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Wednesday 23rd November, 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: TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 27th
P&C Working Bee – 10am
December 2nd
MBSS Awards Night 6pm
December 7th
Year 6 Orientation Day at CSHS
December 7th
Report Cards sent home
December 9th
Last day of Term 4
January 23rd 2017
First day of Term 1

P&C Working Bee

Sunday 27th Nov
from 10am onwards

I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination – Jimmy Dean
Yr 2/3/4 – Miss Carvill

This week I am very proud that I can say that I have had great reports from the temporary teacher while I have been away. It is great to hear that the students are keeping focused and following our usual class routines in my absence. It was also a great surprise coming back and seeing all of the awesome technology assessments. I can see students have put in a lot of effort and they are eager to share their information with the class.

Last week we had Miss Dobi visit our class and speak to us about school and community life in Papua New Guinea. This allowed us to compare what the differences and similarities are between our country and our close neighbour. Students will use this knowledge to complete their final piece of assessment in Geography this week.

Yr Prep/1 – Ms Vallis

Goodness gracious, our 3rd last week for the year - we’re definitely on the home straight now. Concert practice is occurring and being fine-tuned, as well as our final lot of assessments. These include some follow-up art questions to finish this week on our Print Making, some Math, Science and some Digital Technology to assess for both grades, so we are still very busy. Most of these assessments have to occur one on one in Prep and Year one, so they are quite time consuming for us.

This will be the Year one’s second last week of set spelling for the year. Their homework books hold a good reference for revision of their spelling words for this school year, if you ever feel like playing revision games at home. Year ones received the spelling champions for last week, which was fantastic. I will continue to send home sight word revision for the Prep Year as well. Many of the children (and parents) should be commended for their dedication to this extra home learning. Many sight word certificates and spelling awards have been handed out this year. Congratulations and thank you!

Students of the Week

Sid – for being a conscientious worker!

Phoenix - for his great participation in Maths and for always being a helpful classmate.

Trent – for fantastic improvement in behaviour and attention to work.
Week 7 was a busy week, completing assessment and getting ready for our report cards. Students are doing a fabulous job of revising and recalling information especially at this time of the year. It’s been a very hot few days, however students are powering on. On Thursday, we had an amazing adventure along the estuaries and around the river bends which weaves throughout Holloways Beach, Stratford and Machans Beach. Students had an absolute blast spotting all the different types of birds, playing bird bingo and crab potting however unfortunately (or fortunately) we didn’t see any crocs. On the bright side, collectively we caught 3 crabs, and students got to tag and record information and then release them back to their homes. We all learnt a lot on our excursion including that after catching a crab, if it is a male and over 150mm, it can be kept however if it is female or a male and below 150mm, it must be returned. Crabs are a homely animal, always returning to their own homes and never finding a new place to live. Lunch on the beach was well worth the wait, and students enjoyed the fresh air. Holloways Beach Environmental Centre were singing praises high of our children about how enthusiastic, well-mannered and respectful to the environment they all were. Well done to my class!

As we come to the end of the year, the Christmas Concert lurks closely around the corner. We have been practising our 2 songs almost every day and we are very excited to present them. More practise makes perfect therefore I will be sending lyrics home for students to practise at home. I would like to remind all students about costumes: Please wear a white shirt and denim pants or jeans, reindeer antlers, a cool hat and an optional basketball jersey. Have a great week 8!
Our first birthday wet day party was a great success with lots of games and soggy fun! The kids REALLY loved Sponge Fight Square Pants, especially when Dan was the target!

Our Vacation Care program is attached this week. If you would like to book your child or children in a permanent or casual basis, call or email to arrange your booking.