Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Well here we are, already in Week 9! As we approach the school holidays, can I please remind everyone to keep attending school every day up to and including the last day of school. Our attendance rate is on the rise and we fast closing in on our target of 90%. Keep up the great work!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Librarian Mrs Cole, for once again organising our school Book Fair. This fair not only provides our families with opportunities to view and purchase newly released books, it also helps to raise money for our school library as our school receives 10% of sales to purchase books. This year our Book Fair sold $674.00 worth of books – a great effort!

Thank you to those parents who have returned their interview forms. Teachers will be sending home notes this week confirming interview times. Teachers will also be phoning those parents who have not yet returned forms to organise an interview time. We expect all parents to attend an interview – your child’s education is ALL of our business and attending a parent/teacher interview should be a priority.

Our school will be offering an after school Soccer Club next term. The program will run every Friday from 3 – 4pm from week 2 to week 10. Please see the advertisement on page 3 with the details on how to register your child.

We recently underwent a School Review, a process which every state school goes through every 4 years. The process involves independent reviewers visiting our school to speak to staff, students and P&C members to find out how our school operates and provide feedback and recommendations on how to further improve the school. The findings from this review help to inform our school’s Strategic Plan and will be published on our school website within the next two months. I was very pleased with the feedback that I received from the reviewers who described us as a ‘beautiful school’. I was also very proud to hear that some of our students described our school as having ‘a family atmosphere with no put-downs’. I must say that I readily agree with both of these comments, as I walk around our school I am regularly reminded of the caring and supportive atmosphere within our school and am proud of the kindness and generosity displayed by our students. Well done Machans Beach!

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

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**Wednesday 8th June, 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 16th June

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- June Thursday 9th
  - School Disco

- June Friday 10th
  - ‘Captain Active’ Show

- June 13th – 24th
  - Parent/Teacher Interviews

- June Friday 17th
  - MBSS Athletics Carnival

- June Friday 24th
  - Last day of Term 2

- July Saturday 2nd
  - Election Day

**UNIFORM SHOP**

8:15 – 8:45am each Wednesday for the purchase of polo shirts and school supplies.

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*I hated every minute of training, but I said, ‘Don’t quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.’* ~ Muhammad Ali
Prep/Year 1 News – Ms Vallis

Our second visit by the Smithfield Emergency Services Fire Department was both enjoyable and exciting. All of the children had a turn at working the large high pressure hose used for fighting fires. They were all also able to climb into the fire truck for a poke about. It was quite amazing how many children fitted into the back of that truck!

This week we hope to make some moving toys with groups of children and then think of ways to improve our designs. For this we need small light boxes and 4 wheels which we can make out of 4 plastic tops, as long as they are the same colour for each vehicle. If you can send along any suitable recyclable materials that we can use, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you to Fynnlay’s mum, Katja, who stayed for three literacy sessions last week to help, it was much appreciated. Don’t forget to volunteer your name if you’re available from approximately 9:10 – 10:00 on a Monday to Wednesday for literacy rotations, the children will definitely benefit from your help. Thank you!

Year 2/3 News – Miss Carvill

This term we have started each maths lesson by doing ‘Number of the day’. Students are required to complete 20 number related questions to help consolidate skills previously covered in the maths curriculum. This exercise includes questions on place value, comparing numbers, counting on and back, rounding numbers and adding to name a few. I have been delighted with the students’ progress in this exercise over such a short amount of time. Each day students are feeling more successful as their marks are improving and as they get faster and faster at completing the 20 questions. Students have also shown great progress in the school’s new maths mentals program. They are getting a lot quicker at solving their maths facts, which obviously supports them to solve all types of problems during our maths lessons. They are really enjoying playing ‘Around the World’ at the moment. In this game students battle to see who can answer the maths fact the quickest. So parents start challenging your children with maths facts to see how quick they are!
Year 4/5/6 News – Mr L’Orange

Students are busy finishing off their assessment for the term and it is very important not to be away. There were quite a few students from the upper class away on Monday so let's all make an effort to improve our attendance.

The Machans Beach Athletics Carnival is next Friday, 17th of June. If any parents would like to help out that day please feel free to see me before or after school and let me know if you are available that day. There will be a note sent home this week asking for any volunteers so please look out for that!

School interviews are next week and I still have a few spots available if you haven’t handed the note back, please let me know your preferred times.

Students of the Week

Corey - For showing a big improvement in his organisation skills and work rate in class.

Sarah - For learning to have a more positive outlook on life.

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

We are collecting the following items to make props for our school float for the Cairns Festival parade in August.

- egg cartons
- paper plates
- toilet paper / rolls
- silver or white streamers
- shower caps
- pool noodles
- newspapers
- driftwood
- yellow wool

If you are able to donate any of the above items, please send them into the school office. Thanks in advance!
Over the last couple of weeks we’ve had four birthdays at OSHC so we ate cake and sang for Ella, Josh, Brock and Denicka. The younger boys made some great car race tracks with the blocks and we have a new wee little pool table which is getting a bit of a work out too!

Our plastic bottle eco-art decorations in the undercover area are almost done, just a few more to finish the lines. Thanks to all who have brought in their plastic bottles for us to use.

In line with our recycling we have made a poster titled ‘Ways We Can Look After Our Earth’. The kids have made suggestions and added them to the poster which include:

“Spend less time on electronics and exercise” – Ta’ala
“Riding bikes and other things like that to parks and shops instead of going in the car.” – Josh
“Put rubbish in the bin because turtles are dying from plastic bags.” – Iluka
“Stop burning fossil fuels, they produce CO2 which warms the planet which is very bad.” - Brock

Drug Awareness Seminar - A parent education session

Please join us for a free one hour seminar covering:

- Why some people become addicts
- The effect of drug addictions on the brain
- Signs and symptoms of drug abuse
- Warning signs of drug abuse in your teenager
- Common drugs in the area and their side effects.
- Parent self-care: The importance of looking after yourself if you are supporting a loved one with a drug problem.

When: Tuesday 14th June 2016
Time: 10:00am – 11:00am
Where: UnitingCare Community 98 Birch St Manunda
Contact: 4032 6800
Bookings Essential.