I would like to welcome everyone back and hope that you all had a happy and relaxing holiday.

We have had eight new enrolments this term and I’m sure all of our students will make them feel very welcome.

There are a lot of things happening this term with Year/Stage Excursions, Intensive Swimming Scheme, Kinder Orientation, Presentation Night, just to name a few. I look forward to a busy yet very productive term.

Kinder Orientation occurs on the following Thursdays from 9.00 – 11.00. 15th, 22nd, 29th October and the 5th November. This gives the new 2016 Kindergarten students the opportunity to get to know our school and staff so they are happy and confident to start school next year. The children will also be meeting their ‘Buddies’ which I know Year 5 students are excited about.

Students in Years 3-6 were given a note yesterday in regard to Term 4 sport choices. These notes are to be returned to school by Friday so we have time to organise the activities and transport. No money is to be brought in until groups are organised.

The DVD’s of our wonderful school performance ‘There’s No Business Like Show Business’ will be distributed to those children whose families have ordered and paid for them next week. If you have not ordered a DVD and wish to do so, you must contact the front office tomorrow. We will not be taking orders after tomorrow!

Included within the Newsletter is a QR (Quick Response) code for the “Tell Them From Me – Parent Survey”. The feedback from the survey assists us in our future school planning so we would appreciate if you have not already completed the survey please do so. These surveys are confidential and no-one is identified.

Doc Munro
Relieving Principal
Photos from last term’s school performance are being uploaded onto a website and will go live on Monday 12 October. Parents and caregivers will be able to access photos from the site. Details on how to do this will be sent home in a note with the website’s address and instructions on how to download the photos. The site will remain accessible for two weeks allowing time for everyone to see them. We do ask that due to privacy issues that people are mindful as to how the photos are shared. This includes abstaining from sharing on social media site unless permission is given by the student’s parents.

Special thanks to Kaitlin Townsend and Cheryl Miani who took the performance photos and the teachers and staff who took many of the behind the scenes pics.

Some students were fortunate enough to enjoy a pre-screening of the school performance on the last day of term when our wonderful videographer Kyle forwarded us a copy. It was exciting for them to see themselves up on the big screen and appreciate how wonderful their performances were. The DVD’s will be ready to send out next week but there is an opportunity for any last minute orders. If you would still like to place an order please contact the office by tomorrow. DVD’s are $10 each.

Unfortunately due to the weather Milo Cricket was cancelled on the last day of term 3. At this stage there are no plans to reschedule. Students will be refunded.

Notes for Term 4 Sport for years 3 - 6 were sent home yesterday.

Please indicate your child’s preference and return the notes to class teachers by Friday 9 October. Term 4 sport runs for 8 weeks and finishes on the 4 December.

Choices are: Swimming, Indoor Sport, Tennis and School Sport.
What's 1/2W been up to?

Last Term we each planted a potato in the school’s garden and waited for it to sprout and grow...During the last week of Term we dug them up and were amazed at how many potatoes grew! Thanks to Miss Carrasco for boiling them up for us to enjoy.

Here are some Journal entries from Year 1

I can do skids on my quad bike. By Jayden.

We have a bush turkey at our house. By Xavier.

My name is Alex and I used to live in Queensland. By Alex.

I went ten pin bowling with Daniel and Ollie. By Abbigail.

On the holidays I helped mum clean the house. By Daniel.

At Dubbo we went to the zoo. We saw lots of animals. I liked the zebras and meerkats. By Max.

A few weeks ago my tooth fell out. When I woke up I saw that the Tooth Fairy gave me $2. By Telleah.

My cousins are coming to see me soon. By Ollie.

At the Athletics Carnival I came first place. It was fun. By Nathan.
Here are some Journal entries from Year 2

I love flowers because they smell nice and the bees help them grow. By Summer.

I went to the ice skating rink in Coffs Harbour. My brother and sister went with me as well. I fell over a couple of times and got wet but it was a fun day. By Will.

I went fishing and caught a little fish. By Zac.

Today I played with my rabbit. He is a baby and sleeps in a cage. By Lily.

On the weekend I’m going riding with my family. I’m going to race my dad and brother and I’m sure it will be lots of fun. By Brad.

At the athletics carnival I came second two times. I ate an apple, a packet of chips and some yummy cakes. By Finn.

Yesterday my family went four wheel driving up steep hills. My big sister was crying but my little brother was laughing. I was laughing too. By Chelsea.

I saw a green tree snake in my neighbour’s mailbox. I was shocked. My mum phoned WIRES and I watched them get the snake out. By Tyson.

I like to draw in my book. By Riley.

Today a dog walked into our classroom. It was a girl. She was shivering and had no collar. I do not know her name. Ms Wallace took care of her. She is so cute. By Jorgi.

At the athletics carnival I came first in the 100metre race, second in the 200metre race and third...
Using QR codes for the TTFM parent survey

What is a QR code?

A QR code, or Quick Response Code, is a matrix barcode which acts as a short-cut to websites. These codes can be quickly read by smartphones or tablet devices and takes users directly to the attached website.

Schools can generate a QR code for their school’s parent survey URL. The QR code can be displayed on posters around the school, or in school newsletters, and can be printed or used electronically. Many schools are already using QR codes to quickly provide parents with access to information.

A QR code is a strategy that schools can use to increase participation rates in the parent survey.

(Please note, the TTFM surveys are not optimised for use on smartphones. However, the survey works as intended on tablets).

Here is a QR code for the Department of Education’s TTFM website:

![QR Code Image]

What are the benefits of using a QR code?

- The survey is instantly available to parents.
- Parents do not need to copy and paste a URL into their web browser.
- QR codes can be displayed in a range of formats: email, newsletters, social media, and websites or in print.
- QR codes are free and convenient.

How do I generate a QR code?

Generating a QR code is a simple three-step process:

1) Access a QR code generator website, such as: http://www.qrstuff.com/.
2) Enter the school’s unique parent survey URL in the relevant field.
3) Download the QR code and distribute to parents.

How do I use a QR code?

QR codes are read using a smartphone or tablet camera. The smartphones or tablets read the code using a QR code reader app. There are a range of readers available via online app stores. There readers can be quickly and easily downloaded at no cost.
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