NEWSLETTER
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Learning
This week in after school meetings the staff have focused on planning for Term 4 and on the school reading data. Across the school we track the performance of individual students and year level cohorts. We believe that the analysis of data helps to deepen our understanding of our students’ reading development and reading needs. On Tuesday John Enright the Assistant Regional Director for the North Coast Region visited the school for his regular term visit. He congratulated the staff on the 2014 NAPLAN improvement. John complimented the classes he visited and he also congratulated the staff on our reading processes and warm up and problem solving strategies in numeracy.

Gala Days
Today our Years 5, 6, and 7 students participated the Term 3 Pine Rivers Districts Sports Association Gala Day for this year. The aim of the day is to have students play against a number of schools throughout a day. This cuts down on time lost to travel as the teams gather a central venue for the day. Our school had teams attend the AFL, OzTag, Softball and Netball competitions. Thank you to the teachers who trained these teams.

Teacher Aide Day
We celebrate Teacher Aide Day on the first Friday of September to recognise the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers.

The help they offer goes a long way in our classrooms, providing the extra attention some students need to get the most out of a lesson and supporting our teachers to organise engaging and educational activities each day. At Dakabin our teacher aides are an integral part of the Visible Reading Program. Each day you will see the teams of teacher aides moving from class to class as they support the reading groups. Teacher aides usually take a guided reading group focusing on skills such as predicting, clarifying and inferring.

Thank you to our wonderful teacher aides - Sue Jamieson, Julie Finn, Nesley Porter, Julie Wheeler, Jacqui Gillies, Jo Franolich, Dawn Kennedy, Jenny Vyver, Michelle Henrickensen, Donna Fowler, Simone Franolich, Daisy Andales, Clare Bell, and Kathy McKillop.

Reminder
Once again the pile of lost property has been accumulating. It does not seem to have diminished over the term. Please check the boxes of clothes, drink bottles and lunch boxes before the holidays. If items are not claimed soon, the clothes will be donated to charity.

Library Stock Take
The annual stocktake of the library will begin on Monday. If you have any library books at home please send them in so the count of our valuable resources is accurate. Borrowing will begin again after the holidays.

Camp
Next week the Year 5 students and their team of teachers head off to Miles on their 5 day camp. They will leave the school at 6:00am on Monday morning. Thanks to the teachers for all the extra work that goes into organise these camps. I’m sure they will have a great time.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS:
Nadia Fazey 4/5B, Keyda Mackey 6/7C
The quieter you become, the more you can hear.

**Teacher Aide Day**

Valuing and celebrating our super aides

**Dakabee Award Recipients for Week 8 Term 3**

Be Safe
Emily Hopkins 3A
Chloe Trotter Prep A

Be Sensible
Coadie Church 2B
Avia Smith 3C
Ashton Gurd 1A
Kya Matehe 1A
Jacob Harbutt Prep C
Ryder Macdonald 4/5B
Jhye Knights 2A

Be Respectful
Alicia Murray 567 ACE
Cajun Wana 2/3D
Emma McCudden 1/2C
Caleb Brockfield Prep B
Lilly Sydenham-Thomsen 1B
Jake Strangman 3B

**Have a Jabiru Holiday this September/ October**

Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the September/ October holidays. We’ll make mini mansions, cuddle worms, spell with spaghetti, invent new recipes, prospect for gold and fabricate footy foam fingers.

This holiday’s excursion is to Walkabout Creek Wildlife Centre to meet native animals and explore the bush. Special visitors from Second Nature Indigenous Arts will introduce us to Indigenous cultural activities, painting and games.

Jabiru Kids Dakabin opens from 6am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

Try a day for free: if you haven’t tried Jabiru before, join us for a free day of holiday fun. Just mention this article when you book.

The full program is available from Jabiru Dakabin or online at http://www.jabiru.org.au/kids

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**CHAPPY’S CHAT - 5 SEPTEMBER 2014**

During the final two weeks of Term 3, I have the privilege of attending our Year 4 and Year 5 school camps. If you have any urgent matters, please contact me through the office. I’m looking forward to the camps, and I know the students are also.

Chappy’s Quote of the Week: “A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.” (Christopher Reeve). Christopher Reeve was an amazing actor, most famous for his role as Superman in the late 1970s-1980s. In 1995, Reeve was thrown from his horse in an equestrian competition and became quadriplegic, meaning he could not use any parts of his body from his neck down. Suddenly, Superman was confined to a wheelchair.

But Reeve didn’t waste time. He spent the rest of his life assisting those with spinal cord injuries. He hosted the Paralympics in 1996, he lobbied for stem-cell research into spinal cord injuries, he lobbied Hollywood to write movies about the world’s most important issues, and he spent lots of quality time with his wife and children. There’s no doubt that, at times, Reeve became incredibly upset about the state of his life. But rather than let that take control of him, he found the strength to persevere, to endure, and to leave a legacy we’ll still be talking about for many years to come.

Chappy Josh

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**LOTE**

Declan Taylor 567 ACE

**Music**

Bailee Scott 6/7 C
Avia Smith 3/4C - Safe