



## PRINCIPAL NEWS

We have started the implementation of PBL and the students are enjoying receiving the tokens so far. The SRC will help determine rewards when benchmarks have been achieved.

Our instructional leaders have been working across the school with every teacher to support the teaching of reading. Reading is one of our school priorities and targeted interventions will take place in all classes including for high potential and gifted students.

We were able to conduct our first parent/teacher coffee van last week for parents from Stage 2 and Stage 3. The coffee van will be back for Stage 1 this Thursday. Please make sure you scan the QR code and sign the register which will be adjacent to the coffee van. It was so good to see parents in our school following on from our successful parent/teacher information sessions. We also had parents assist with the covering of books on Friday – there are many more to go so I'm sure we'll put the call out for more help again shortly.

There is no update to the COVID guidelines at the moment but I anticipate draft guidelines to be released for Term 2 shortly.

It was wonderful to have our first Years 3-6 assembly last week. We presented the SRC and House Captains with their badges. It was so pleasing to see parents/grandparents/teachers able to present the badges at the assembly. Thank you also for following the COVID guidelines to enable these events to go ahead.

Thank you to all the teachers for making contact with all of our families. If you haven't yet been contacted, chances are we've left you a message or two! Regular and ongoing communication is important to all of us and it is also a target in our school plan.

We have tentatively locked in Thursday 1 April for our Years K-2 Easter Hat Parade. Please keep an eye out for what format it will take and subject to COVID guidelines, we are hoping to have parents come in to watch. We will be able to confirm in the coming weeks what it will look like.

**BeyBlades** -It is great to see some of our students sharing their love and enjoyment of Beyblades with their peers at school. We are however encouraging our students to bring only one or two Beyblades to school. We feel that this is a good amount for our students to keep organised during the school day. We would appreciate if all Beyblade parts could be labelled or students keep their Beyblades in a labelled bag/container. Students are not to swap or trade their Beyblades at school. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your class teacher.

**Brad Lyne**  
Principal



**Bindi learning with students**

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

We have started our first PBL lessons focusing on respectful behaviour regarding litter. Students have begun receiving tokens to be placed in our PBL thermometers which are located in various places in the school. Tokens are currently being given for being respectful and safe behaviours.

#### PBL Team



**DEPUTY NEWS**

**Tell Them From Me Survey - Years 4-6** - I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other learner outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on learner wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: [education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm](http://education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm). The survey is a great opportunity for our learners to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between now and the end of term for our Year 4-6 students only. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Please see attached opt out form and return to school by Wednesday 10 March 2021.

**Snake Tails** - A reminder on Tuesday 9 March the whole school will be provided with an opportunity to take part in the Snake Tails Reptile Show. The show will deliver an insight into our Australian reptiles through a safe, interactive and fun performance that will create a greater understanding of the role of reptiles in our environment today. If you would like your child to attend please send in the permission note to your child's teacher and the \$8.00 to attend via POP.

**Jenny Foster - Deputy Principal**

**OFFICE NEWS**

**Access to Sentral Parent Portal** - A big thank you to all those families who have now accessed the Parent Portal. As previously advised hopefully by mid year, all permission notes will be uploaded to this communication platform. Please don't hesitate to contact the office for your key or if you require any help with the process of logging on. Our aim is to have all our families connected and using the Parent Portal.

**2021 General Consent** - Each child will receive a general consent form. Can you please complete and return to your child's class teacher.

**Sue Matheson - School Administrative Manager**

**ES1 NEWS**

**Best Start Assessment Feedback** - Students will be bringing home feedback based on our Best Start Assessments. It is not expected that Kindergarten students commenced school demonstrating all of the skills assessed in the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment. The feedback provided is a snap shot of your child at that point in time. The feedback describes the skills demonstrated during the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment and the areas your child will be supported to develop at school this year.

**Communication Folders** - All notes from the teacher/school to home will be placed in students' communication folders so it is essential that it is checked, emptied and returned each day. Please place any notes to your class teacher or the school and any lunch orders or banking in the communication folder.

**Home Readers** - We will be commencing home readers from Week 7. Initially your child may experience difficulty reading it independently. In this case, please read it to them. Perhaps you could read a page/sentence and then they could read it. We are concentrating on pointing to each word as we read, reading left to right and learning the difference between what is a word and what is a letter.

**Seesaw** - All families should have received information about your child's Seesaw. Teachers will use this app to share photos of your child's learning

experiences in the classroom and as a communication tool. We will upload work samples and photos of different school activities. If you have any questions or concerns in regards to Seesaw, please contact your child's teacher

**High Frequency Words** - Our high frequency words for this week are 'went, to, this, can' and our high frequency words for next week are 'we, are, like, my'. It is always helpful for students to revise these words at home to consolidate their learning.

**Mathematics** - In this fortnight, we are learning to sort and describe familiar 2D shapes like squares, circles, rectangles and triangles. We are learning to use positional language such as left and right to describe the position of objects. We are also looking at combining and separating groups to model addition and subtraction.

**Easter Hat Parade - Years K-2** - Our K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 1 April. Students are encouraged to create their own Easter hat at home to wear for the parade. More information about the parade and its organisation will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

**National Ride2School Day** - National Ride2School Day is Australia's biggest celebration of active travel! Students are encouraged to join more than 350 000 students across the nation who will ride, walk, skate or scoot to school. Look out for teachers handing out Ride2school Day stickers at our school entrances on Friday 19 March and for handy bike tips and resources, check out the following website: <https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/ride2school/get-involved/parent-portal/>

**ALWAYS wear a helmet** - Research shows that helmets reduce head injuries by up to 74 per cent in crashes with motor vehicles. Wearing a helmet from the moment they start learning to ride will help your child to develop it as a habit and reduce the risk of head injuries. Early helmet wearers will also be more likely to continue to wear helmets throughout their life. Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in a public place. It is the law. It is important that the helmet is correctly fitted and complies with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. A helmet that is not correctly fitted and fastened does not provide enough protection in a crash. When you are entering or exiting the school gates, students must have their helmet securely fitted and walk their bike to and from the gates.

**Eleanor Collier - Relieving Assistant Principal**

**STAGE 1 NEWS**

What a fantastic start to the school year! Stage 1 students have been working incredibly hard and we are all impressed with how they have began the year. It's crazy to think we are already half way through the term.

**Story Dogs** - In the coming weeks, students will be introduced to the Story Dog team. Once students have met the dogs and listened to the safety talk, reading sessions will begin. Jim, Pam, Nic and the dogs will be visiting our school on Wednesday and Friday mornings. All students will have the opportunity to read with the Story Dog team, so be sure notes are returned as soon as possible.

**Homework** - The Stage 1 focus sounds for Weeks 7 and 8 are g, o, c and k. Practise saying these sounds with your child and see if you can brainstorm words that have these sounds in them. Visiting Fast Phonics on Reading Eggs will also assist your child to consolidate their learning from school. Be sure to refer to your What We Are Learning In Stage 1 Term 1 grid to practise the reading and writing of weekly High Frequency Words.

**Home Reading** - Keep up the fantastic reading practise at home. Remember, we aim for at least 10 minutes a night. Books from the class homereader collection, library, your home or Reading Eggs can be read for homereading. Don't forget to record your books.

**ES1 and S1 Assembly** - Our first K- 2 assembly will occur 1.00pm Wednesday 10 March. Our Year 2 SRC will be inducted at this assembly and 2Paron will be presenting items they have been doing in class. Parents/Carers of our Year 2 SRC and family members of 2Paron students are invited to attend. Due to COVID restrictions, only invited people are able to attend.

Lastly, a big thank you to our Stage 1 teachers for the incredible work they have done so far this year. Your dedication to your students doesn't go unnoticed.

**Amy Paron - S1 Relieving Assistant Principal**

**STAGE 2 NEWS**

Stage 2 classes have started their AFL clinics. These take place every Thursday and focus on fundamental movement skills, fitness and fun. Stage 2 classes will also undertake clinics in hockey over the coming weeks. Seesaw is coming to Stage 2 soon.

**David Mercer - S2 Relieving Assistant Principal**

**STAGE 3 NEWS**

**Year 6 Shirt Reorder** - We will be putting in a second order with our suppliers for those of you who wish to order more shirts and also for new students. The price is \$50.60. The increase in price is due to smaller numbers and for local production. If you wish to place an order, please return the note to the office with payment via POP on our school website by Wednesday 17 March 2021.

**Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2022** - It is time to start the transition of your child from Year 6 to Year 7. Students in Year 6 have received an Expression of Interest Placement in Year 7 form today. Please complete and return to school by Wednesday 17 March. If your child is not seeking to enrol in a NSW Government School can you complete Section E of the form. All forms must be returned.

**Sport** - Congratulations to Liam V, Declan B, Noah V and Corey B of Stage 3 who trialed for the District Basketball Competition at Banora Point High School. A further congratulations go to Declan B and Noah V who have been asked to trial for the Far North Coast Team. Good luck boys!

**FNC Dance** - Congratulations to the students selected for the Far North Coast Dance which will take place in May. Over 65 students tried out and Mrs Keyes was very impressed by the level of talent in Stage 3.

**Assembly** - Congratulations to the SRC Executive Kyla M, Floyd U, Tayla P and Corey B for running our first combined Stage 2 and Stage 3 assembly last week. It was wonderful to see so many parents badging our Sports Captains and our class SRC representatives. Our next assembly will be in Week 2 next term.

**S3 group rotations** - Our afternoon group rotations are going very well and we have received many positive comments by staff and students.

**Headphones** - A reminder that all students in Stage 3 require a set of headphones at school. Please send a set in with your child if you have not already done so.

**Leonie Richards - S3 Assistant Principal**

**5/6 BRIGGS CLASS NEWS**

We are now settled into our lovely new classroom. In the last couple of weeks we have been learning about refugees and studying the book, Mahtab. 5/6 B have been taking part in designing a 'Dream Car' inspired by an art competition run by Toyota. We have displayed some of our art work in the front office and if you scan the QR code on the art work, you can hear a voice recording of the artist explaining their artwork.

**Claudia and Macey**

**SPORT NEWS**

District and Far North Coast trials are underway in many sports. Congratulations to the following students on gaining selection.

**FNC Swimming team** - Ethan B, Mason D, Skooda W, Liam V, Reign W, Peggy S, Sunny W

**FNC Cricket team** - Patrick E, Ethan B

**District AFL team** - Thomas C, Patrick E, Noah V, Will F, Max B, Heath M, Samuel E, Tosh C, Declan B, Van W

**District Soccer team** - Kurt O, Noah H, Ethan H, Joshua B, Kyla M, Violet K

**District Tennis team** - Keane M

**District Basketball team** - Noah V, Declan B

**Peter Rologas - Sport Coordinator**

**MUSIC NEWS**

**A great first week back for tutorials** - Tutorial times can be found on the music room door so make sure you have your instrument with you and arrive on time! You won't have a tutorial time yet if you haven't returned your enrolment form. We still have heaps of space for students wanting to learn a wide array of wind instruments so please get in touch if you are interested! We are especially looking for new clarinet players.

**School Concert Band** rehearsals continue at 7.45am on Friday for all 3rd and 4th year players. **Beginner Band** rehearsals continue at 7.45am on Tuesday for all 2nd year players (1st year players will join once they have a basic understanding of their instrument).

**Enrolment Forms** need to be brought back ASAP if you still want to continue with band. I can't organise a tutorial time and allocate your child an instrument unless we have the form back. If you have any questions regarding the program please don't hesitate to email me: [matthew.pines2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:matthew.pines2@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Matthew Pines - Band Coordinator and Music Teacher**

**P&C NEWS**

**Save the date** - Roller Skating Night at Epic Skate Tweed Heads Friday 26 March 6.00pm-8.00pm. The P&C have organised a fundraiser at Epic Skate and all are welcome (to skate or spectate), children, siblings and parents can skate too. Cost is \$14.00 (plus \$4.00 skate hire if required). We will have an online link so you can pre-book - we will send out another notification once we have this and post on the parents/caregivers Facebook page. Look forward to seeing lots of people there.

The P&C are organising an Easter raffle and are asking parents to kindly donate easter items of your choice (Easter eggs, craft etc - whatever you like). We will then make up the prizes and send raffle tickets home with children in the coming weeks for parents/caregivers/families to purchase. We will aim to draw the raffle so prizes can be collected in the final week of term. So to get started if families could start sending in their donations for the raffle - kids can take them to school and drop to the office. Thank you.

**P&C Committee**

**WELLBEING**

**Wellbeing Tips!**

Wellbeing is a key to learning at school and can be developed at home through fun family activities. Below is a few ideas that will help build and maintain your child's wellbeing. Most of them are short and require very few materials.

You could:

- With your child, take turns at drawing a portrait of each other. Around the portrait write all the things you think each other is good at.
- With your child, discuss what each of your character strengths are. Draw a picture of yourselves using one of these strengths at home.
- Personal strengths are our positive qualities. Ask your child: What are your personal strengths? What do you think are my personal strengths? Swap!
- Encourage your child do something to make life easier for someone else at home.

You can also ask your child about their day with these interesting questions.

- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?

**Danielle Thomson - Student Wellbeing Teacher**



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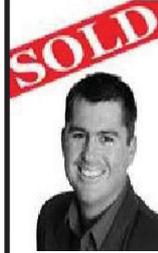
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