Dear Parents & Carers,

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SPIRIT ON DISPLAY
Last Friday night, I joined many of our students, parents and staff, at the P&C Welcome Back BBQ & Disco. To see the children’s excitement and good behaviour was a real joy, as was seeing so many wonderful parents and teachers who came along to help out on the night. Many heartfelt thanks to our tireless P&C team and their troupe of many happy helpers for such a great night.

On Saturday night, I joined Mr Steve Pead and 25 of our Marimba players and their families at the Earth Hour Concert at Cotton Tree. What a delight to see our children playing with such joy and gusto for such a worthy cause. Thank you to all Mums & Dads who made it possible and of course, to the amazing Mr Pead. It is events such as these that set our school apart from others, and remind us all, what a truly unique and special school we have.

ICAS COMPETITIONS
Please note the following information regarding the 2014 ICAS Competitions. As a school, we would like to encourage as many children as possible, to participate in these national assessments. Registration forms were sent home with last week’s newsletter, and additional forms may be collected from the office. Please note all registrations and payments are due by Thursday 24 April (Week 1 of Term 2).

SCHOOL FEES
Please remember to complete your payments by this Friday (4 April). Families may prefer to set up a Payment Plan by contacting the office before then. Unfortunately, children who haven’t paid their fees will not be permitted to continue participating in these activities until payment has been received.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
For one week only, the uniform shop will be open from 8.30am to 9.30am. This will occur on Wednesday the 23rd of April. Back to normal opening hours 8am-11am the following week.
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CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Many thanks to all families who have already sold their chocolates and returned their money to school. Just a reminder that we need all money and unsold chocolates returned by Thursday 24 April. If you are unable to sell your chocolates, please return them to school asap so we can reallocate them. Remember that all funds raised this year will pay for another 14 laptops for our children to use at school, as well as air-conditioning the Library, so we need all the help we can get with such ambitious fundraising goals!

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Student of the Week Award for their classes today on Parade:

PREP: Cody, Max, Tahlia, Georgia, Ford, Jonah
YEAR 1: Josie, Conner, Luke, Ella
YEAR 2: Indika, Sophie, Zadok, Alyssa, Laicy
YEAR 3: Jack, Summah, Jay, Amy
YEAR 4: Sarah, Tehya, Phoebe, Harley
YEAR 5: Ashley, Aiden, Dylan
YEAR 6: Pippa, Keira, Kaia
YEAR 7: Lewis, Ruby

Kind Regards,
Kelly

MARIMBA BAND SHINES AT EARTH HOUR
On Saturday evening at Cotton Tree, a large crowd was witness to a spectacular presentation by North Arm Marimbas, who played a marathon set, and won the hearts of all present. Many thanks to the band members and their dedicated parents for continually turning out for these events, helping with transport, set-up, and general organisation.

Steve Pead, Music Teacher

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
We will be having our annual Mothers Day Stall again this year, on the Friday before Mothers Day (9 May). It is an event the children love, and also a fundraiser for the school. Please take some time over the holidays to find some donations for the stall and drop them in to the office. Please ensure the items are something you would be happy to receive. Some ideas are jewellery, books, music, vases or homemade biscuits or craft. If you have ideas to share or would like to be involved in the organisation of the stall we are meeting at the Timber hut Yandina, 4pm this Thursday, all welcome. For more information call Belinda Paynter 0418308047.

DENTAL VAN UPDATE
Medical consent forms have recently been handed out to all Year 4 and Year 5 students. Please return these completed forms to the office before the school holidays commence.

The staff working in the Dental Van are happy to assist you with any concerns you may have with regards to your child’s oral health.

Please call the Dental Van staff direct on 0408 008 154 between 8:00=8:30am and 3:15-4:00pm Monday to Friday.

Dental Van Staff

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR REGIONAL SPORTING REPRESENTATIVES
The following students have been chosen on their athletic ability to represent the following teams at Regional Level. Well done to you all!

Samina R—Nambour District Netball Team
Ethan C—Nambour District Rugby Team
Declan McK—Nambour District AFL Team
Alana C—Nambour District Softball Team

Claire Hope, HPE Teacher
Support A Talker Training

1. Are you interested in learning more about Oral Language?
Topics discussed will include:
• How do children learn to talk?
• What is oral language?
• What is normal language development?
• What is the difference between home and school language?
• What is a language delay?
• How does language affect learning?
• Strategies to improve language;
• Improving language through reading books; and
• Resources to support oral language development.

2. Can you offer an hour (or more) a week to be a Support A Talker Volunteer?

If you answered yes to any of these questions and you’d like to attend the Support A Talker training and support students in Prep, year 1 and year 2 with their language skills, the next Support A Talker training session will be offered on Monday, 28 April at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in our school library. Please call and register your interest with Vickie on 5472 9888.