Message from the Principal

It is pleasing to announce that Mrs Callender will be returning part time as Principal commencing Term 4. Whilst the finer details are being finalised, it is proposed that I will continue as relieving Principal, sharing the Principal role with Mrs Callender. Mrs Callender and I have been in contact and she is very much looking forward to her return.

It has been an exciting finish to the term. As we come to the end of another term, there is much to celebrate and reflect on in the way of the opportunities and experiences achieved by our students, staff, parents and community in the past ten weeks. The athletics carnival, various sporting teams, debating finals, spelling bee, community conversations, public speaking, Kincumba Shines performances, NAIDOC and Education Week celebrations, science and literacy incursions, swim school, Stage 3 camp, Father’s Day stall and ICAS tests are all opportunities that our school provides so that we reach the needs of our students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and staff for their wonderful contributions in creating a vibrant, stimulating and dynamic learning environment. Thank you to the many parent helpers who have assisted us this term in and out of the classroom. Thank you to our community who foster the strong commitment between our school and families and contribute to working together towards the future. And thank you to our wonderful students who arrive at school every day full of wonder, enthusiasm and commitment to achieving their personal excellence, who seek responsibility and who show such great respect for their school, their teachers, their parents, each other and mostly, themselves. We wish all our students and families a very relaxing, enjoyable and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in Term 4.

NAPLAN Results

Last week the NAPLAN results were sent home with students in Year 3 and Year 5 who sat these tests. As a process, the school will analyse this data as we do with all other forms of testing and/or anecdotal evidence and provide feedback to the school community in various forms including the Annual School Report. If you have any questions concerning NAPLAN please do not hesitate to see the class teacher.

P&C Logo Competition

Congratulations to Emma from Year 6 whose artwork was selected as the winning entry for the P&C logo design. Emma’s design, pictured here, will be used to create the final design for the Pretty Beach Public School P&C. Thank you to Leah Bennetts for her organising and assistance in coordinating this competition. And congratulations to all our students who submitted entries – your quality pieces made it a very difficult decision for the judges.

Art Show – Save the Date!

Another much loved community event is the Pretty Beach Public School Art Show, which is being held on Friday 24 October 2014 from 3:30 – 5:30pm. The students have been busy creating their two-dimensional and three-dimensional display pieces, and from my visits to the classrooms in the last fortnight, this is certainly one show you will not want to miss! We have been very fortunate to have had a number of local artists donate pieces which will be used in our raffle and silent auctions.

Pictured below is Tariq from Year 5, with a painting of our local area by his grandmother, Chris Tyron. This beautiful piece is one of the prizes on offer – watch this space for more details and don’t forget to save the date!
**Kincumber High School Road Show**

Last week we were truly entertained with the visit by several Kincumber High students who delighted us with their music, singing and dance performances. The high school students also informed us about all the wonderful learning opportunities at Kincumber High School, such as the agriculture farm, performing arts, and science experiences. Our Year 6 students were particularly keen to learn more and very much looking forward to continuing their learning at Kincumber High School.

**Welcome Back Stage 3 & Good Luck Stage 2**

Last night we welcomed home our Stage 3 students, Miss White and Mr Gilks from their thrilling Bathurst trip. The students returned tired yet excited to share the wonderful experiences they had learning about the goldfields and Australian history. They couldn’t wait to tell their stories when asked ‘what was the best part?’, with excited responses such as ‘Jenolan caves’, ‘gold panning’, ‘ten pin bowling’ and ‘everything!’! I was extremely pleased and proud to have several tour operators express much praise for the outstanding behaviour and genuine interest shown by our students. A big thank you goes to Miss White and Mr Gilks for giving up their time with their own families to provide such a rewarding and bonding experience for our students.

Next term we wish our Stage 2 students the very best as they head off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber on Tuesday 7 October and Wednesday 8 October. I have had a sneak peek at the agenda and must say I am a little envious of the fabulous experiences they will all enjoy. We can’t wait to hear all about the giant swing, high ropes, archery and rock climbing! Thank you to Mrs Coombes and Mr Gilks for accompanying our students. Don’t forget this excursion is on Day 1 of Term 4!
**Father’s Day Stall**
Thank you to our fabulous P&C and parent helpers, Fiona Brodie, Jo Clark, Mari-Carmen Lopez-Calatrava, Laura Fraser and Linda Orchard for organising and running our Father’s Day Stall. The stall raised $440.00 for our school. We hope all our dads enjoyed their special gifts and messages of love.

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**Term 4 Dates**
Staff and students return on Tuesday 7 October 2014. Please remember summer uniform is worn in Term 4 and sports uniform on Tuesdays.

The last day of Term 4 for students is Wednesday 17 December. The last day of Term 4 for staff is Friday 19 December.

Thanks for a great Term 3 everyone – have a fantastic holiday.

**Footsteps Dance Program**
Footsteps Dance begins on the first day of term 4. The Program runs for 10 weeks at a cost of $33 per student. Students are to wear their sports uniform every Tuesday. Payment is due by the first lesson on Tuesday 7 October

Kind regards

Jane Rees
Relieving Principal

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**Diary Dates Term Four**

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**Mathethon**
We thank those students who have brought in their sponsorship money. The Mathethon raised $1942.73.

Certificates will be given to those who returned their money and an Award for Excellence will be presented to those students who raised the most money for their class.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hoyle and Mr Podmore
Mathethon Coordinators

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**Goodbye and Good Luck Val**
After 7 years we all wish Val, our cleaner, all the very best in her retirement. Thank you for all the care, concern and attention to detail you have provided in your invaluable ‘behind the scenes’ work and contributing to our quality environment. Goodbye and good luck Val!

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**Good Luck Mr Podmore**
Our best wishes go to Mr Podmore, his beautiful wife Renee and daughter Olivia on the impending birth of their new baby boy or girl. We are all looking forward to meeting ‘Baby Podmore’ next term.
Term 3 Week 10

**K-6 Assemblies**

Parents and community members are very welcome to attend our K-6 Assemblies which are held every second Friday at 2:15pm.

Our host classes for assemblies in Term 3 are:
- 3/4P – Week 10 (tomorrow)

Our host classes for assemblies in Term 4 are:
- Week 2 5/6W
- Week 4 KS
- Week 6 K’1H
- Week 8 1/2HD

**Merit Awards**

KS: Lachlan, Nina, Lucas, Maebie
K/1H: Tahila, Luke, Charlotte
1/2H Ruby, Jasper, Sari, Soleil
2/3B Felicity, Brooke, Bodhi, Max
3/4P: Elliot, Mia, Lucy, Rafferty
5/6W: Olivia, Peter, Grace, Eli

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**Excellence, Respect and Responsibility**

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**Everyone, Everywhere, Every time**

This fortnight we have been learning about **Responsibility**

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**Health and Safety - is everyone’s responsibility**

No alcohol, illegal drugs or smoking are allowed on school grounds. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted at any function organised by the school, the P&C or in the name of the school when children are present.

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**Attendance**

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**Canteen News**

Students have responded well to the Sydney Markets ‘Eat Fresh & Win’ Campaign and are purchasing the fruit and vegetable specials available at the canteen. All competition entries have been posted this week. Good luck to all students!

Thank you to those parents who volunteered in Term 3. We are now asking for Term 4 volunteers. If you can help from 10:30am on a Thursday please phone the office on 4360 1012.

Canteen reopens on the first Thursday of Term 4.
P&C News – Community Markets 5 October

Thank you to all the volunteers so far who have offered to help at the upcoming Markets on 5 October - Emily Stoddart, Andrew Fulton, Ceu Felício, Ashley Good & Steve Cram. We are hoping to get a few more volunteers to lighten the load, so just let us know.

The markets are going to be very busy this quarter with some fantastic local talent, Michelle Parkin performing @10.30am & 11.30am, Fair Play Entertainment musicians Ebony de Luca & Laura Currie performing from 10am - 12pm wood fired pizza, paella, our P&C BBQ sausage and steak sandwiches, a new coffee and tea stall, candles, tea towels, furniture, homewares, Rustic furniture, pearls and gems, jewellery, pure blends, kids pamper parties, art, great skin care, cosmetics, beach interiors, Tally street wear, jams and chutneys, and there may even be some very cute bunnies for petting or for sale!!! Plus lots lots more...

Susan Franz, Pretty Beach P&C
Oct 8-19, 2014
Incandescent
Stories of the Night
New work by Korea Broomfield
Launch: October 11, 4 - 6 pm
Opened by Robert Gilbert
Lecturer of Fine Art
Newcastle Art School

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• SAUSAGE SIZZLE (MINIMUM CHARGE)
• ROVING HISTORICAL CHARACTERS
• ART AND OTHER DISPLAYS

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