PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Community Forum: The school is hosting a community forum next Wednesday, 27 February at 7pm in the 5/6 and K/1/2 rooms. The forum has been arranged to discuss the closure of the Parma Road bridge. We have invited all councillors to attend and many of them, including the Shoalhaven City Mayor, will be attending. If you would like to speak at the meeting, please ring the office so we can add your name to the agenda. Please make sure your neighbours know about the meeting and encourage them to attend.

Bunnings BBQ: The P&C will be holding the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 13 April this year. Please put this date in your diary. If we all volunteer then we only need to do an hour or so throughout the day. Funds raised will go towards the students.

P&C: The AGM for the P&C will be held before the next general meeting on Wednesday 20 March at 6.00pm. I hope to see many of you there.

Swimming Carnival: Twenty three of our students attended the SISST swimming carnival in Nowra on Wednesday. It is disappointing that more students in Years 3 – 6 did not attend. There will be a full report in Sport News.

The Bridge Closure is still causing much angst and concern here at school. I would like to publicly thank the staff for their care and diligence in ensuring the safety of the students when walking students to and from the school each day. We are wishing for a speedy resolution as well as no rain during morning pick up and afternoon drop off. Please call the school or come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. I am available all day Friday if you need to make an appointment.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) information and permission notes for years 3 to 6 have been sent home today. Please return these to the office before Friday 12 April, 2013 if you want your child to participate.

Nicole

K/1/2 NEWS

Kinder have been learning about the letters i and f this week while Years 1 and 2 have been learning about ‘am’ words in Spelling. We have been doing addition in maths.

News: Please encourage your child to bring something in to share for news. This can be a good way to get them used to talking to their peers and developing their public speaking skills. We have been enjoying listening to what others are sharing.

Parent Helpers: Thank you to those parents who returned notes regarding this. We have plenty of helpers on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you can help on a Wednesday or Thursday during reading groups or any day for maths groups please give me a call at school.

Lunches: It is great to see so many students with their healthy lunch boxes full of fruit and ‘brainy’ bread (multigrain or wholemeal bread). As I have mentioned before, I make sure all students have eaten their sandwich at lunchtime before they go and play.

Please remember to give me a call if you have any questions or concerns.

Nicole

2/3/4 NEWS

Another great effort with homework. Apologies for my effort on Monday - best laid plans.........

A new list of words went home finally on Tuesday. Spelling Stars on Friday were - Kiara, Bailey, Sam, Ned and Kurt.
Chinese New Year is being celebrated at the moment and 2013 is the Year of the Snake. Children will be bringing home a sheet to help them investigate a snake of their choice. They have 2 weeks to finish and I’m looking forward to learning about some interesting snakes.

We had our Prize Draw on Tuesday. After 3 weeks we had 166 names in the draw. Congratulations to our winners - 1st - Kiara, equal 2nd - Ned and Suzie and Abbey in 3rd.

Keep In Touch
Lyn

5/6 NEWS
Mr Lalor is impressed with the improved spelling results. This is a clear indication that students are practising their spelling words each night. Dallas and Levi your results are worth a special mention. Well done!!

Each week students will be responsible for marking off their name on the homework chart which is now on display in the classroom.

A reminder to the few students who still need to return their general permission note (5 in 1) and their permission to publish note, please return them ASAP.

Thank you to Caleb for providing 5/6 with a Balinese mask for us to view. Also a reminder that science projects are due on Friday 8 March (week 6). If there are any queries regarding this project, please contact Mr Lalor at school.

Year 6 will be bringing home their Expression Of Interest forms for High School today. These need to be completed and sent back to school before Friday 22 March. If you have any problems completing the form please contact Ms Humphreys for assistance.

Thank you for your support
Dion and Susan

MRS CULLEN
Last Thursday we had a fantastic visit from the Dragon’s Rugby League Development team. They spoke to the children about bullying and then took them through some great skill activities. I have uploaded pictures onto the school website.

During our health lessons we have focused on families and the different variations that exist.

Bonnie Cullen

WHAT’S ON THIS TERM
THIS WEEK (4)
😘Tuesday 19 February &
😘Wednesday 20 February
Active After School
Program 3 - 4 pm
SISST Swimming
Carnival

😘Thursday 21 February
Assembly 2 pm

NEXT WEEK (5)
😘Tuesday 26 February &
Wednesday 27 February
Active After School
Program 3 - 4 pm

P & C NEWS
We are having our Annual Easter Raffle and we would like to start collecting items to help make this another successful fundraiser. Keep your eyes out for stuffed toys, chocolate eggs, chickens etc. Please bring any donations to the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home with the children soon.

We received our date for the Bunnings BBQ. We were lucky to get a Saturday and they have extended the hours, so we need as many volunteers as possible, so please set aside Saturday 13 April. The minutes from the P&C meeting last week will be on the school website.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Wednesday 20 March, 2013, so please come along!

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 22 February Sally Browne
Monday 25 February Michelle Ullrich

CANTEEN NEWS
If you would like to help out at the school, but don’t have a lot of time, the canteen is a great opportunity for you. You would be rostered on once a month on either a Monday or Friday from 10.30 am to approx. 2 pm. Training will be provided. If you would like to help or have any questions, you can leave your name and phone number at the office and I will call you or you can phone Rowena on 0458 099 314.
Canteen Luncheon – The canteen invites volunteers old and new to a thank you luncheon at Grants Café & Seafood on Tuesday 5 March at 12 pm. A tray of sandwiches will be provided for lunch. It is a great opportunity for all our volunteers to meet each other and have a chat. Grants is located at the western end of the Woolworths (top of town) car park opposite the small park. RSVP by 28 February to Rowena - 0458 099 314

Hope to see everybody there.

Juices now in stock. After a shortage of juices from our supplier, we now have our full range in stock, apple, ABC (apple blackcurrant) orange and also orange/passionfruit. Frozen yogurts are a popular snack along with our muffins.

Salads have been a hit for lunch on those warmer days, as have chicken dinosnacks and sausage rolls.

Menu/Price Lists are available from the canteen or on the school website.

Rowena

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Each year the Department of Education & Communities makes available a small sum of money to each school to support students in genuine hardship. If you would like to apply for Student Assistance, please contact the office for further information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST GEORGES BASIN SOCCER CLUB

The St Georges Basin Football (Soccer) Club invites boys & girls to register for season 2013. Registration is Sunday, February 24 at the Basin Sports Ground, The Wool Road, St Georges Basin or register on-line at www.myfootballclub.com.au and go to ‘register now’.

REBELS NETBALL CLUB

Want to play netball in 2013???????? It's not too late!!!!!! Rebels Netball Club Nowra has limited positions available in some age groups for the 2013 season. Please contact Rae Thomson 0413 809 748 today to take advantage of this last chance registration opportunity.

HOCKEY

Allsorts Hockey Club – Registration for All players Monday night 6 pm at Shoalhaven Hockey Turf Bernie Regan Sporting Complex, North Nowra. For more information please call

Juniors - Vanessa 44 460 980
Men’s - Aaron 0423 881 331
Women's - Raylene 0401 397 777 or email allsortshc@shoalhavenhockey.org.au

VINCENTIA HIGH SCHOOL CAR BOOT SALE

Vincentia High School will be holding a car boot sale on Saturday 9 March to help raise funds for the Vincentia High School Triathlon Club. 8 am - 12 pm. Cost $10 per car. Book a site now! Phone 44 416 766

Dion
URGENT NOTICE: re PARMA ROAD BRIDGE CLOSURE

There will be a community forum at Falls Creek Public School on **Wednesday 27 February, 2013 at 7 pm** to discuss the recent bridge closure on Parma Road and the impact it is having on students, parents, staff and local residents.

Local Councillors are invited to attend this meeting to hear resident’s concerns. We are also inviting representatives from Nowra Coaches to listen to the concerns of parents regarding the safety of their children when catching the bus morning and afternoon.

All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to make a submission at the meeting, please contact the school on **44 478 243** beforehand, so your name can be added to the agenda. All submissions should be no more than 2 minutes in duration to ensure as many people as possible can speak.

To attend, you will need to drive along the detour or park on the eastern side of the bridge and walk to the school. Please bring a torch for the return journey so that you can navigate the bridge safely.

BRIDGE BUILDERS

To achieve:
- **Bronze bridge builder** you will need 20 certificates. (Children receive a certificate plus a 50c canteen voucher.)
- **Silver bridge builder** you will need 1 bronze plus 15 more awards.
- **Gold bridge builder** you will need 1 bronze, 1 silver and 15 more awards. At this level, children receive a book award. When children have collected enough certificates at each level, they need to be handed in at the office. They are returned after the award is presented at the assembly.