**Principal’s Report**

**Morning drop-off:** We have had several parents dropping their children off to school before 8.30am over the last few weeks. I want to remind parents that teachers may be at school at this time but are not officially on duty until 8.30am and are not responsible for the supervision of students. If, in an emergency situation, you need to drop your children off early please contact the school and let us know in advance.

Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

**Active After Schools:** Our cricket session on Tuesday was cancelled due to the wet grounds and unsafe conditions of the COLA. As a result the last Tuesday session will be on Tuesday 8 April (week 11).

Today’s T-Ball session has also been cancelled due to the wet weather and unsafe conditions. As a result the last Wednesday session will be on Wednesday 9 April (week 11).

**Buses:** I have received an email from Nowra Coaches informing me of the changes to the afternoon buses. Bus 18 will now drop off children at the same locations but 15 minutes later. Bus 43 will be renumbered as Bus 20 and drop off children 15 minutes earlier as it will not be travelling into Nowra at all. It will drop off at the same locations. These changes take effect from 31 March, 2014 (Monday, Week 10).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nowra Coaches directly.

**Easter Hat Parade:** This will be on Tuesday 8 April. I hope everyone is planning their hats or crazy hair. The P&C is running a raffle to be drawn on this day. They are seeking items for the raffle so please send in any donations to the office. Students can wear mufti on the day.

**P&C Meeting:** Thank you to the parents who did attend last week’s meeting. I would like to congratulate the executive:

Adam Willis – President
Linda Willis – Vice President
Treasurer – Sandra Spencer
Secretary – Donna Wyatt
Correspondence Secretary – Bonnie Cullen
Canteen Co-ordinator – James Duke
Uniform Co-ordinator – Yvonne Stuckey

I look forward to working with them in 2014.

Finally, welcome back Mrs Brown.

Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Nicole

K/2H NEWS

We are starting end of term assessments next week. Students will be completing spelling / sounds, reading, writing and maths assessments over the last two weeks of the term. These assessments will show Ms Porteous and I what our students have learned and help us with our planning for Term 2.

This week Kinder are learning about the sounds ‘b’ and ‘n’ and Years 1 and 2 are learning about words with ‘ug’ in them. We are continuing to practice writing recounts so that we are ready for the assessment in Week 11.

In Maths we are looking at addition and continuing to practice our counting. Kinder can count to 10 by 2s with great confidence and are now practicing counting by 2s to 30! Years 1 and 2 are practicing counting off the decade by 10s (12, 22, 32, …) and they are becoming more confident when counting by 3s. Great job, everyone.

Last week students participated in some drama activities around the big book “As the King Rides By” and had great fun making their crowns to be kings and queens. I’m sure your child can tell you the story.

Finally, I will be away next week at a leadership course in Sydney. Ms Porteous will have the students on Monday and Tuesday. I don’t like being away from the class but this course will benefit me as Principal. I know everyone will have great fun with Ms Porteous!

Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Nicole

3/6B NEWS

Mrs Robinson enjoyed her time with 3/6B last week and I have seen some of the mini-projects the
children worked on, well done.

Our Science projects were due this week and on Tuesday afternoon all years 3-6 met to allow the children to present their assignments. After each presentation the children answered questions and we were very impressed with the quality of the work and how much preparation each child put into their work. Mr Lalor and I are looking forward to seeing the rest of the assignments this week.

Just a few reminders:

- Home readers should be changed regularly.
- Children should be bringing a piece of fruit for Crunch and Sip each day.
- We have library on Thursday and not many children are making use of all the fantastic books we have.

Keep in Touch

Lyn

3/6L NEWS

Science assignments **were due this week**, thank you to the students who handed this in on time. We have been presenting our assignments in the library with Mrs Brown’s class. There have been some fantastic musical instruments and some awesome solar system models. The presentations will continue for the next couple of days.

Home readers **are still not** being handed in regularly with the exception of a few students. Reading nightly is an integral component of developing your child's reading, vocabulary and language skills.

This week in Maths we are learning about fractions and decimals. This can be a challenging subject but students are rising to the challenge and are developing a good understanding of the topic.

We conclude our studies on Expositions this week with a written assessment on Thursday. Next week and continuing into term 2, we commence our learning of imaginative texts.

*Dion Lalor*

MS CULLEN

This week during Creative Art activities years 3 to 6 have been creatively adding painting features to their pottery medallions. These medallions are going to be combined to create a class mural. K/2H have been learning simple musical patterns with percussion instruments. Due to the wet weather we haven't been able to practise our cross country running but we have been busy practising our dance and skipping skills.

*Bonnie Cullen*
SPORTS NEWS
On Monday of week 11 this term our students will be competing in the FISST Cross Country. We have been training at school for this event and the students are continuing to improve.

Dion Lalor

Our 5/6 Rugby League team

P & C NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE  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. Our Easter Hat /Crazy Hair Parade is on Tuesday 8 April.

CACTEEN NEWS

Hello Parents,
Well the school term is drawing to a close, and we are wrapping up the Term 1 Menu for its final weeks. Just a note to parents that due to supplier error, we will more than likely not have Quelch lemonade in stock before the term finishes, my apologies here. Also, the Hyams Roll and Callala Wrap will not be available for the remaining week and a half. All other items are in stock.

Yogurt Frog Guessing Competition.

CONGRATUALATIONS TO DALLAS RILEY-BURNES OF 3/6L!!!! There were 301 yogurt frogs in the jar and Dallas came the closest with a guess of 256. Well Done Dallas!!

A BIG THANKYOU  With the P&C Annual General Meeting held last week, I was lucky enough to accept the official position of Canteen Co-ordinator for 2014 taking over from long term veteran of almost 6 years, Rowena Robinson. I would personally like to thank Rowena for her efforts over so many years, and her time and patience whilst she has shown me the ropes this term. I am learning very fast that she has left me some very big shoes to fill and I can only
hope to continue the job that she has done so well for so many years. Thanks Rowena!
Until next week, good eating to all!!

Regards,

James

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 28 March            James Duke
Monday 31 March            James Duke

ICAS TESTS - a reminder to any students in years 3 to 6 who wish to participate in these tests that entries need to be back at school by 11 April 2014. If you need another permission note please see Mrs Morison in the office.

REMINDER - Please DO NOT use the school car park for parking or dropping off/ picking up students. The children use this area to get to and from the bus each day and it makes it extremely dangerous if there are cars driving in and out.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

I wish to inform you that a student in our school is currently receiving treatment for cancer. As cancer is not a contagious disease, he participates actively in the day to day school program without any major limitations.

A major concern, however, is that if this student develops measles, chickenpox or whooping cough he can become seriously ill. I seek your co-operation in preventing this situation.

If your child has or may have measles, chickenpox or whooping cough, I would ask that you please:

1. **DO NOT** send them to school.

2. You notify the school as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation.

*Nicole Humphreys*
WHAT’S ON THIS TERM

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Students hard at work on their pottery medallions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE STUDENTS WHO CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAY IN MARCH

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MERIT AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 8

K/2H  Violet Lee, Brayden Cullen, Ryder Partridge and Kaleb Flear.

3/6B  Ryan Browne, Sam Ramsay Ty Fahey and Tahlia Taylor -Thomas.

3/6L  Kurt Wisniewski, Jayden Lalor, Levi Robinson and Aaron French.

Ms Cullen  Evie Finch, Jye Picker and Aaron French.

BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS
Bronze - Kiho Luke

PLAYGROUND STARS WINNERS
Emily Sammut, Dallas Riley - Burnes,
Casey Lalor, Grace Fahey, Emily Dillon and Arnie Kubinyi.
Shoalhaven Football (soccer) is running School Holiday Clinics in April.

Venues – Huskisson 14th & 15th 9 am – 12 noon
Cost $70
Shoalhaven Heads 16th & 17th 9 am – 12 noon
Cost $70
South Nowra 23rd & 24th 9 am – 12 noon
Cost $70
To register mjonno1@bigpond.com.au or phone: 0488034500

**Tomerong Interactive Craft Day**
March 29, 2014

Tomerong School of Arts
Starts 8:30am and Finishes 4:00pm
Free entry for all
A craft day like no other craft day.

On display will be Australia’s last silk flower manufacturer who also happens to live in Tomerong. The flowers have been used and displayed by some of Australia’s top fashion designers. Here is your chance to see the process and talk directly to the manufacturer.

Quilting by Anna’s Quilting Services. Come along and talk to Anna who would love to talk to you.

Jewelry making
Clothes revamping
Card Making and scrapbook display
Crocheting, and
Knitting

Please feel free to come and talk to any of our craft people who are only too happy to chat regardless of your skill level. If you have ever thought “I would love to know how to do that” or “I wish I could do that” or “that must be really hard” or even if you just want to look and see, then this is the craft show you don’t want to miss.