



## Principal's Report

### Presentation Evening

As with all previous annual Presentation Evenings, our night of celebration, performance and achievement was simply wonderful. Watching students' faces as they receive their awards across a wide variety of areas and subjects is always priceless. Well done to all students who performed the incredible items and congratulations to all award winners. Special congratulations must go to Gabi Johnson, Tara Cornell, Zac Maher, Ruby Davidson, Ava Bradley and Corey MacPhail who succeeded in attaining the roles of school leaders for 2017. What an exciting time for those Year 5 students. Thank you to the outgoing school leaders Grace, Milly, Henry and Jackson who led the evening with confidence and precision. They have been excellent school leaders this year and I wish them and all the Year 6 students all the best in high school next year. Here are some quotes from our new leaders:

*"I got called out last and I thought I wouldn't be called so when they called my name I was really excited."* – Gabi

*"After they announced the first two girls I didn't think I would get it so when they announced my name I was really shocked."* – Tara

*"I was relieved, and glad that it came from Jackson because when my brother was school leader he gave it to Jackson and now Jackson gave it to me."* – Zac

*"I was really shocked when my name got called out second and once I was up there I was really excited and proud."* – Ruby

*"I didn't think I would get it so I was really shocked but when I got up there I was really happy and excited."* - Corey

Thank you to all parents, caregivers, grandparents, special guests and other community members who attended this special event. A special thank you must go to Mr Burns and the team who organised the evening.



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### Farewell Mr Burns

While we are rejoicing in the fact that Mr Burns has recently secured the promotion to Deputy Principal at Ulladulla Primary School, we are also very sad to say farewell to such an iconic person who has given so much to our school. Trent Burns has not only been an excellent practitioner in the classroom but in many other areas across the school, most notably the producer of four incredible Wakakirri performances that achieved many State and National awards. As Assistant Principal for nearly thirteen years Trent has led many teams and organised a multitude of events and programs such as 'school based philosophy' and 'thinking skills' across the school. Thank you Trent for your dedication to the students and staff at Cambewarra School. You will be greatly missed. We would like to wish you all the best in your future career.

### Special Awards

Congratulations must be extended to two of our Indigenous students who recently received 2016 Inspire Succeed Excel Aboriginal Education Achievement Awards at a special ceremony at Bateman's Bay Soldiers Club. Grace from Stage 3 achieved her award in Creative and Performing Arts and Bella from Stage 2 achieved her award in excellent attendance. Well done to both the girls for not only their achievements, but also for being excellent role models to others.

### Kindergarten Excursion

Last week the Kindergarten students travelled by train from Bomaderry to Kiama where they walked to the Kiama Blowhole with staff from the Illawarra Educational Environmental Centre and explored and participated in 'Under The Sea' activities at Black Beach. After enjoying an ice-cream and a play at Hindmarsh Park, the Kindergarten students caught the train home. As with other excursions, the students demonstrated the school Core Values at all times and thoroughly enjoyed their day. Thank you to the Kindergarten teachers for organising such a wonderful day for their students.

### Kindergarten Orientation

Last week we held the final of our Kinder Orientation days. The new Kinders were excited and happy as they explored and got familiarised with their new school. Thank you to all the buddies who assisted. We can't wait to see the new Kinders at our school in 2017!





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### Stage 3 Science Fair

Stage 3 students presented their Science Expo about the importance of having adequate sleep and a nourishing breakfast to parents, teachers and other students last Friday. All the school participated in six hands-on activities that covered information on the effects of insufficient sleep and inadequate breakfast as opposed to a healthy, alert start to the school day. The Stage 3 students had obviously studied the topics, gathered data and provided evidence and findings for other students to observe and learn about. Well done to the Stage 3 students and teachers for your excellent, well-researched presentations. I hope that you all had a well-deserved good night's sleep last Friday evening. According to both teacher and student responses, the Stage 3 expo was a resounding success with plenty of learning occurring.

Here are some comments from our staff and students:

"I was completely taken aback by how the Stage 3 students met the task expectations. It was pleasing to see all the weeks of hard work coming together. It was a great reflection of how hard the students worked." - Mrs Merry

"It was so good. We put all of our hard work into it. I learned that you can get really sick from skipping breakfast and you can lose concentration at school." - Hayden Batson

"We made up this game called 'Velcro Throw'. The kids had to throw a ball at a chart. Wherever their ball landed had a number and they matched the number to information about eating an unhealthy breakfast. They learned that there is far too much sugar in some cereals. All the students enjoyed the game." - Codie Angilley

"We played a game where the students had to demonstrate or act out what they did before bedtime and at the end we advised them about what they could do to get a good night's sleep. The students really enjoyed the game." - Ella Hartnett and Jasmine Smith



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"I learnt that you don't have Nutrigrain for breakfast because there is sugar and salt in it." - Taj Horgan

"Drink a healthy smoothie, or eat fruit or toast with a healthy topping." - Jasmine Batson

"You need a cool, dark room to get the best sleep." - Lakota Morris

"Don't have soft drink or sugary foods before bed as they stimulate your brain." - Khyran Gardner and Riley O'Carroll

"Go to bed at the same time each night." - Indie Parkes

"Kids need 10 to 12 hours sleep." - Taneisha Patterson

Thank you Stage 3 teachers and students for hosting such a wonderful expo.



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### Enrolments For 2017

As this is the final newsletter for 2016 it is vital that we communicate once more the importance of future enrolments and school numbers for 2017. **If you are enrolling students or you have students leaving, and you have not yet informed the school, please do so by the end of this week.** Current numbers indicate that there is uncertainty in regards to the number of classes that may be formed for 2017.

### Upcoming Events and Dates

Although it is the final week of school for students, there are still a few things happening and some important dates are included for 2017.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Whole School Fun Day. Students may dress in mufti. Canteen open. P&C Raffle

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - School reports are sent home, school talent quest, Kindy elf day, Year 6 farewell in the evening.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of the school year.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Staff Development Day for school staff.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - First day of school for Years 1 to 6. Kinder Best Start testing.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 - Kinder Best Start testing continues.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 - Kinder Best Start testing continues.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 - Kinder students begin school.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 - School swimming carnival for Years 2 to 6.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - P&C meeting at 6.30 in the school staffroom. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

### Happy Holidays

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all who have assisted at our school this year. Thank you to the P&C, the canteen organisers and helpers, COOSH personnel, our office staff, our Student Learning Support Officers, our General Assistant and our cleaners. Thank you also to the executive and teachers who have worked tirelessly ensuring that our students receive the best possible education. Finally thank you to the students who always provide us with those magical moments of learning, happiness, entertainment, achievement and challenge.

I would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable and joyous upcoming holiday and festive season and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2017.

# Supplies Required for Starting 2017

*Please ensure your child's items have his/her name clearly written*

<p><b><u>Kindergarten</u></b>          A water bottle          A lunch box          A library bag          A school hat          A raincoat          A display folder with plastic sleeves          Packet of whiteboard markers          A reader bag (large zip up pencil case)          4 large glue sticks          A paint shirt          A box of tissues          A ream of white A4 paper          1 x bottle hand wash</p>	<p><b><u>Stage 1</u>      Years 1 &amp; 2</b>          4 large glue sticks          A <b>small</b> pencil case          A4 sized homework book          Lots of lead pencils          1 small set of coloured pencils          A box of tissues          A ream of white A4 paper          A raincoat          A library bag          A reading folder          1 Packet of whiteboard markers          1 x bottle hand wash          A sharpener – not motorised type please</p>
<p><b><u>Stage 2</u>      Years 3 &amp; 4</b>          A library bag          A reading folder          6 glue sticks          3 lead pencils – HB if possible          2 erasers – not motorised type please          A sharpener – not motorised type please  <b>3 x A4 display folders</b> (for assessment tasks and maths sheets)          Coloured pencils, textas and highlight pens          A 30cm wooden ruler with cm and mm markings <b>no bendy or steel rulers</b>  <b>Small pencil case for the desk for pens and writing.</b>          A large pencil case for pencils, textas etc          A small dictionary          A water bottle          A paint shirt          A box of tissues          A ream of white A4 paper          School hat- named          1 thumb drive 8GB labelled and keyring attached          1 pack of post-it notes: 7.5cmx7.5cm          Scissors          1 pack of at least 6 highlighters          Book covers          Clear contact for covering books</p>	<p><b><u>Stage 3</u>      Years 5 &amp; 6</b>          Pens – 2 red, endless amount of blue - <b>no eraser or clicky pens please.</b>          2 glue sticks          3 lead pencils – HB if possible          2 erasers – not motorised type please          A sharpener – not motorised type please          3 X A4 display folder (for assessment tasks and maths sheets)          2 chisel point black permanent markers (for art and calligraphy)          Coloured pencils, textas and highlight pens          A 30cm wooden ruler – no bendy or steel rulers          A large pencil case for pencils, textas etc.          Small pencil case for the desk for pens and writing          A small dictionary          A water bottle          A paint shirt          A box of tissues          A ream of white A4 paper          School hat - named          An A4 exercise book for homework          Clear contact for book          1 thumb drive 8GB labelled and key ring attached          Scissors          Post it Notes 75mm X 75mm          1 pack of at least 6 highlighters</p>