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WHAT'S ON AT THE GARDENS?

Week 4 (29 October - 2 November)

Wednesday - AAS Cricket Thursday - Go4Fun Thursday - 2BOB radio broadcast Thursday - Kinder Orientation Additional Session 1 Friday - Mainstream Year 6 transition to Chatham HS Friday - Whole School Assembly

Week 5 (5 November - 9 November)

Monday - Walking School Bus Monday - Intensive Swimming commences and continues all week Monday - SC1 Excursion to Townhead Saleyards Monday - AAS Circus Skills Tuesday - AAS Circus Skills Tuesday - Kinder Orientation Additional Session 2 Wednesday - Preschool Opening Day Wednesday - AAS Cricket Thursday - Support Unit Year 6 transition to Chatham HS

Kindergarten Orientation

The second kindergarten orientation session will be tomorrow, Thursday 1 November. The future sessions are:

Tuesday6 November 12.30pm -1.30pmWednesday14 November9.30am -10.30am

The Koori Community Room will be open at these times for parents to have a cuppa while their children are busy in the Kindergarten room.

On Friday 23 November from 10.00am until 11.30am, a special breakfast will be held in the Koori Community Room for parents and new students where they will meet their buddy for next year.

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Children in Year 2 - 6 who cannot swim 25 metres can participate in these lessons at the Manning Aquatic Centre. They will be commence Monday 5 November (Week 5) and continue until Friday 16 November.

Children are expected to attend all ten sessions. The total cost of this program is \$30.00 per student. Please return the permission note and money by Friday 2 November.



Preschool Opening Day & Naming Ceremony

Make sure you keep Wednesday 7 November free to join in the celebration of the official opening and naming of our preschool. Starting from 10.00am we will gather at the preschool for a short official ceremony to adopt the preschool's new name of *"Baaya Yurrung Preschool".* This means "Rise Above" in Gathang, the traditional language of the Biripi Nation.

It will be a wonderful day and a very, very special occasion. We hope you can join us for the celebrations.



Transition to Chatham High School 2013

Support Unit - Year 6 students from SC5 will be attending Chatham High School for another session on Thursday 8 November.

Mainstream - Year 6 students from 5/6C will be attending another session at Chatham High School on Friday 2 November.

Transition to Taree High School 2013

There will be a Parent/Carer Information Evening for families with students going to Taree High School next year. This will be on Tuesday 11 December from 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the School Hall and Student Orientation Day on Wednesday 12 December.

For more information contact Mr Harper, Year 7 Advisor 2013 or Ms Gray, Year 7 Deputy Principal 2013 at Taree High School on 6552 1166.

Year 6 Camp to Newcastle

This exciting camp will be a memorable way for our mainstream Year 6 students to finish Primary School. Departing on Monday 26 November and returning on Wednesday 28, they will be staying at the Newcastle Beach Surf Club and visiting places including Fort Scratchley, Newcastle Museum and Blackbutt Reserve.

The total cost is \$60.00 per student which needs to be paid in full by Friday 16 November. Please contact the office for a Student Assistance form if you are having difficulty meeting this amount.

Walking School Bus

This commenced on Monday and will take place every Monday this term. If you would like your child to walk safely to school with the "bus" please make sure they are waiting along one of the designated routes closest to home.

Keep an eye out for the staff in their flouro vests and school hats from 8.30am each Monday.

CANTEEN NEWS

Eat Fresh & Win

Remember to buy healthy fruit, vegetable or salad foods to receive your sticker sheet and entry form. Four purchases will get you an instant prize. You will then be placed in the draw for some amazing major prizes. Good luck!

Competitions

Pick up your colouring in competitions from the canteen. Send away for a chance to win prizes.

Freebies

Come and see the canteen for your free mini recipe book, there are two to choose from. We have some great fact sheets from "2 & 5 A Day". There are some "Fresh For Kids" activity sheets as well.

Summer Specials

Traffic Light Kebabs 50 cents
 (Cherry tomato, cube cheese, chunk cucumber)
 Fruit Yogurt Smoothies \$1.00
 (Mixed Berries or banana, yogurt and milk)
 Mini Submarines \$1.50
 (Fish finger, lettuce & mayo on a mini sub bun)

VOLUNTEERS

Our parent helpers are very much appreciated, and always needed. Come and see us if you can spare one day a week or even just one morning a week. It's a fantastic feeling to help serve your child and the school community.





TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

The next P & C Meeting will be held Wednesday 14 November at 5.00pm in the staff room. All welcome!!

Fundraising Friday

Yes! It's Camp Time!!

3/4S & 4/5M are ending the year with an amazing camp.

Let's all join in and help them raise the last little bit of money they need.



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This Friday:	
Frozen Fruit Drinks	\$1.00
Super Wheels	\$1.00
Water Icy Poles	\$0.50

School Banking

Congratulations to all students who have qualified for rewards. Certificates and reward items will be sent home with your bank books this week. Also the following items are no longer available - wallet, watch, handball, lunch box and drink bottle.

There will be 6 more weeks left to bank before the end of the year so don't forget your bank books each Wednesday.

"School's Out" - 2BOB radio

Don't forget to listen to 104.7fm from 4.00pm tomorrow, Thursday 1 November, to hear some of our students host the



program playing great tunes, telling jokes and the latest news and information from school.



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SCHOOL DOLLAR PROGRAM



Our school will commence a School Dollar program on Monday November 5th. This program aims to increase all student attendance levels to meet or exceed the North Coast Region target.

Students are required to be in class lines, under the COLA, when the 9.15am bell rings each morning. Teachers will distribute a school dollar token to each student. The school dollars are accumulated and tallied at the end of the week. Students will be able to trade or save collected school dollars for items at the school shop.



Shop Hours

Monday First Break: **KT, 1S** Monday Second Break: **Support Unit**

Friday First Break: **3/4S, 2B** Friday Second Break: **4/5M, 5/6C**



Please encourage your children to come to school each day on time, as every minute missed from the classroom has a significant impact on their learning. For example one day absent every week for a term, equates to 2 weeks of lost schooling. Missing the first hour of a day's morning lesson also hampers student progress, as it is an hour of instruction and practise that the student needs in order to successfully complete the next lesson. Consistent late arrival for school can sometimes mean a student is missing all his or her lessons in, for example, reading or numeracy, creating long term consequences.

If you have any queries or wish to know more about this program, please contact your child's teacher.

