

Manning Gardens Public School Grapevine School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5 10 November 2017

Principal's Message

We continue to be Number 1 in Taree for community engagement special events. No other school celebrated Halloween with a safe and supervised student disco like we did! We are the only school in Taree that offers Free Lunch Fridays.

Teachers are currently working very hard to complete Semester 2 student reports. These reports will be issued in person to parents at our Presentation Day on Tuesday 12 December.

On 1 November students in Years 2-6 engaged with local Elders to learn about local Aboriginal culture at Saltwater National Park. We hope to hold more cultural activities for all our students in 2018.

Stay Strong! Paul Sortwell



Free Lunch Fridays

On Friday 3 November we held yet another Free Lunch Friday. Students enjoyed delicious sausage sandwiches and parents and community had steak sandwiches. There will be one final Free Lunch Friday on Friday 1 December. This will be our last Free Lunch Friday for 2018.



Positive Parent Postcards

Parents sometimes say to us that the only mail they receive from the school is negative correspondence, saying bad things about their children. We are working to change this perception. We have started sending home positive parent postcards. This is a postcard with a short positive message about your child. We hope you will get as excited about this initiative as we are!



Our Halloween Disco was scary!



Our Halloween Disco in Term 4.



Presentation Day 2017

The end of the year is rapidly approaching. We are currently organising our Presentation Day. Presentation Day is Tuesday 12 December from 9.30am. There will be a morning tea immediately after the Presentation Day. This morning tea will be for adults and all student award recipients.



Student Leadership 2018

On Thursday 2 November all our prospective school captains gave speeches in our hall in front of parents, students and staff. All fourteen students proudly stood up on stage and spoke with pride, confidence and passion. Our school captains will be announced at our Presentation Day on Tuesday 12 December 2017.



Anti-Bullying Policy

School staff are currently examining a draft anti-bullying policy. We hope to finalise this very important policy in a week or two and then the policy will be implemented across our school.



Cyberbullying

Parents have the primary responsibility for ensuring that their children are not engaging in cyberbullying using the internet and social media. There are minimum ages for some social media platforms like Facebook and Snap Chat. When cyberbullying is brought into our school, we will be working with parents and where necessary the Police, to stop this unacceptable form of bullying. Parents, please monitor your child's access to social media!



Upcoming special events

