Welcome back to term 4, I trust all our families had a wonderful holiday. All teachers have reported how settled their classes are upon return – well done! It is always shaping up to be another busy term and it is important you check your child’s bag for notes and read our weekly newsletter. There are many major events in Term 4 with Ms Wood currently auditioning students for our end of year concert and all classes beginning to learn items for their participation, excursions, Intensive Swimming in weeks 7 & 8, 2016 Captains speeches Big Day Out for the school and for year 6 just to name a couple. In amongst all the extra-curricular activities your child will be hard at work engaging in lessons with their teacher as they near the end of another school year.

We welcome four Professional experience teachers into our school as they gain fabulous hands on experience in our fabulous school: Mr Joshua Rayner on 2/3, Mrs Hannah Colley on 3/4, Miss Renee Buckley on Year 1 and Miss Paige Cairncross on 5/6. Please say hi and welcome them to our school for the next 4 weeks.

Our year 5 and 6 students are travelling to Canberra for the Orara Valley Schools combined excursion. We know they will have a wonderful time and make lasting memories. Thank you to Ms Callagher and Mr Elliot Keen who will be giving up their family and home time to make this happen for your children.

With the weather heating up we have moved fitness and sport to morning sessions before the day heats up. Please ensure your child has a water bottle and hat every day.

**Student drop off and pickup:** We have noticed an increase in parents dropping children off early. Teachers are not on duty until 8:30am, no child should be dropped off prior to then. The afternoon pickup run is operating quite smoothly however it is vital that only a staff member opens the gate to allow students to exit. Some families are arriving before the teacher on duty and opening the double gate to collect their child or even waiting in the car while their child is instructed to let themselves out. There are rare occasions when the supervising teacher is momentarily delayed. The music bell is pack up time not pickup, please for the safety of all children wait for the supervising teacher or park and come in the small walkway gate to collect your child.

Last term we entered the Coffs Harbour Garden Competition and are pleased to announce we were awarded 2nd place in the whole school garden section and second place in the native garden section. Many thanks to the families, teachers, Mr Wood our GA, and of course the very involved and engaged students who worked hard to prepare our gardens, and continue to show pride in maintaining our school grounds.
We are currently planning a **parent information evening** on the Kids Matter initiative, our Wellbeing policy and programs including Restorative Practice and Think Tank, and the Department of Education Wellbeing Framework. To enable more families to attend we will provide a movie and supervision in one of our classrooms. Keep your eyes open for more information we would love to see you all.

**Peer Reading Program**

Next week we are commencing our Peer Reading Program. The aim of the program is to foster the joy of reading across the whole school. **It is asked that every student in the school bring in one book for this program.** The book will be read by the student and then placed in the box for other students within their class to enjoy. Please note the book does not have to be a new book but can be a pre-loved book from within your book shelves at home, one from the op. shop or a place of your choosing! Books can be fiction, non-fiction or even comics!

Also if you have any pre-loved books (fiction or non-fiction) which would be suitable for our students and that you’re happy to donate to this worthwhile project could you please send them in by Tuesday. We thank you in advance!

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**School Contributions**

We are into the last term of 2015 and the majority of our families have not paid Voluntary School Contributions. These are $15 per term ($60 for the year) capped at 3 children in a family. This money goes towards many resources in our classrooms for your child’s daily use, from pencils and school books to updating computers, laptops, reduce bus costs for many school activities and subsidised entry fees for many activities your child participates in. Remember we now have the online payment system available also.

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**Orara Valley Tennis Tournament**

The Orara Valley Tennis Tournament, as organised by Mr Allan Pade, will be held on Friday 23rd October. More information regarding the day will be in next week’s newsletter.

**PSSA State Athletics Carnival**

We wish Ruby Pade well as she competes next week at the PSSA State Athletics Carnival. Ruby will be competing in the 100m.

**2016**

We have begun the process of looking at classes for 2016 and it is asked that if you and your family are leaving the school, or if you are aware of any new enrolments within our area, that you notify the school as soon as possible in order to assist us with this process. Student numbers affect class sizes, class organisation and staffing in schools, the better informed we are the better prepared we can be into 2016.

**Stage 3 Excursion**

On Monday Stage 3 students will be traveling to Canberra with students from the other Orara Valley schools to take part in the annual Stage 3 excursion. Students will be meeting at 6:45am at the Visitors Centre in Coffs Harbour for a 7:00am departure and will return at 7pm on Thursday. We look forward to hearing about the adventures on their return.

**School Captains Speeches**

It has been decided that school captain speeches will take place in Week 9. More information will be provided to students closer to the date.

**Bike Safety Week**

On Thursday 15th October all students from K-4 will be participating in Bike Safety Awareness activities from 9.00-10.00am

This will be run by Mrs Clark and Mrs Lee.

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**Canteen Meeting**

There will be a meeting in the school library on Tuesday 13th October at 3:00pm to look at the Karangi Public School canteen and to discuss ideas regarding improvements and the 2016 menu. This meeting will be attended by Mrs Nicola Kerr (Mid North Coast Local Health District (MNCLHD) Health Promotion Officer). Any parents or guardians who wish to attend are more than welcome. Also if any parents have suggestions for our canteen but are unable to make the meeting they are welcome to email the school their thoughts before the meeting so that these can be raised at the meeting.
**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden**

We are looking for a donation of a large round silage bale for mulching the vege gardens and making compost. We would be happy to take a damp bale which Jo is happy to pick up (max 750kgs) or delivery to the school would be a wonderful bonus!

**Year One News**

Welcome back to a new school term. We are already learning how to write recounts and discussing ways to keep ourselves safe. Year 1 is lucky to have Miss Renee Buckley with us for the next 4 weeks as a pre-service teacher through UNE. Our class has already had a taste of the Peer Reading programme that will begin this term for the whole school. We have had the opportunity to read with Year 6 and also our buddies for this term, Year 4/5. As you can see the children both big and small are enjoying being read to and with.

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**Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 2 Friday 16th October**

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**Cooks:** Nikki T & Alison Tarplee

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**P&C News**

Welcome back. Hard to believe it’s Term 4 already, so let’s make the last term for 2015 a great one. If you are free on the 19th October at 6.30pm I encourage you to join the P&C meeting as we plan the end of year activities and look to 2016!

Hope to see you there.