Kindergarten Orientation
The third orientation day for our 2016 Kindergarten students will be held next Thursday from 9:00am-11:00am. Our new Kindy’s will have the opportunity to experience library and our wonderful music program. We look forward to seeing them again on Thursday!

Canteen Survey
Thank you to everyone who has returned their completed surveys. There will be more information about the canteen in next week’s newsletter.

Grandparents Day
Grandparents Day was a wonderful day with a lot of grandparents attending. Thank you for taking the time to come to our wonderful school and to be involved in your grand children’s learning. Also a big thank you for the great response with baking, it is greatly appreciated. Please collect any containers that were left on the day from the office.

Maths Enrichment Day at Nana Glen
On Wednesday 6 Year 5 students travelled to Nana Glen to participate in the Orara Valley Maths Enrichment Day. Students will be sharing their experiences of the day in next week’s newsletter.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/ Garden Meeting
Thank you to those people who attended the Stephanie Alexander Meeting last Monday. A number of initiatives were discussed concerning our official launch and many exciting plans that will become apparent over the remainder of 2015 and into 2016. Keep an eye on the newsletter as each week we are going to be informing you of which classes are cooking and gardening in the upcoming weeks. If you are free to help with the cooking or gardening on these days please inform the office.

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Orara Valley Tennis Day
The new date for the Orara Valley Tennis Tournament which was scheduled for last week will be announced in next weeks newsletter.

Coffs Harbour High School Talk
On Wednesday staff from Coffs Harbour High School came to Karangi to talk further with our Year 6 students about their transition into High School next year. This talk will be followed up with orientation days to the High School later on this term. More information regarding these orientation days will be provided closer to the date.

Whole School Choir - GOLD
On Thursday all students from Karangi Public School participated in the Music: Count Us In initiative which was
to have students from around Australia sing the song “Gold” at the same time as a celebration of music within schools. At 12:30pm more than 500 000 students from 2 100 school nationwide sang as one. A big thank you to Mrs Sally Phillips for co-ordinating Karangi Public School’s participation in this event.

**NSW Department of Primary Industries Wild Dog Study**

NSW Department of Primary Industries is studying wild dogs in the Coffs area and they have placed a radio collar on a dog that lives along Coramba Rd and around the Karangi area, sadly the satellite connection has failed and they need to find the dog, if anyone has seen it recently, please call Paul Meek on 0429925628

**Year 2 Bus Passes**

A reminder that Busways requires all children to complete a new application form for free travel for students who are progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2016. Busways has sent a letter and application form to all current eligible Year 2 students via the post. They have asked that you return these forms as soon as possible to the school so that they can be signed and sent back to Busways enabling the students bus passes to be processed and ready for the start of Term 1 2016.

**Whooping cough information for schools**

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night. Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies. Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

**Year 3/4 News**

It has been a very busy start to Term 4 for our class. We had Mrs Colley doing her prac on our class which the children enjoyed her lessons, especially Literacy and Science. We have been growing Bean seeds in our science unit “Plants in Action”. They have been observing and recording the lifecycles and stages of seed germination, which they are thoroughly enjoying. In Art we have been learning how to draw different things step by step. We have some amazing artists in our 3/4 class. Finally we are getting ready for our end of year performance and learning two dances. There are some great dances in our class.
P&C NEWS

2016 Canteen Coordinator
Next year we will need a new Canteen Coordinator as Suzanne Webster will be stepping down from the position. So, if you have a passion for kids eating healthy and like to organise things then Suzanne would like to chat to you. The main responsibilities of the position are:

- Ensure canteen is stocked for Friday's canteen. This involves checking stock and placing order with PFD and a small list of items from Coles.
- Keep track of any roster changes so we know who is on duty each Friday, but not responsible for roster swaps.
- Help coordinate any special canteens during the year e.g. athletics carnival, fundraising BBQ’s.

We have a group of parents that assist with cooking and staffing the Canteen and we are looking to streamline and refresh the menu with more healthy options for 2016. If you are interested or would like to know more please call Suzanne Webster on 04591528.

Next P&C Meeting
Our next meeting will be focussing on planning activities and events for 2016. So if you have any ideas for fundraising or would like to learn more about the projects on the P&C ‘to do list’ please join us at 6:30pm on the 16 November 2015.

Cheers Nikki


Celebrate the natural beauty and wonder of the Bellingen, Coffs Harbour and Nambucca region. Get sustainable living inspiration so we all can protect this special place for years to come.

The inaugural Living Coast Festival will take place from 1- 30 November 2015 across the Bellingen, Coffs Harbour and Nambucca region.

The Festival is open to all organisers of festivals, exhibitions, markets, forums, workshops, film screenings and other community & business events that celebrate the natural environment and / or encourage sustainable living.

It is an initiative of the Our Living Coast Regional Sustainability Alliance of Bellingen Shire Council, Coffs Harbour City Council and Nambucca Shire Council.

During the Living Coast Festival you will be inspired to live more sustainably and discover how small actions can make a big difference. The Festival celebrates the natural beauty and wonder of our region and focuses on all areas of sustainable living including healthy food & lifestyles, saving energy & water, growing your own food, backyard biodiversity, supporting local food, reducing waste and ethical choices.