From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome back to the new term, it is wonderful to have all our students safely back energised after their holidays. Even without students the school was a busy place during the holidays with workman completing the various jobs required on our new demountable allowing 3/4 to move into their classroom at the end of last week. While we are still waiting on data cabling and technology, alongside some furniture I am sure they are very happy to be in their beautiful room.

Plumbing for town water was also laid in the holidays and the old concrete water tank removed making way for a cleaner hygienic drinking water supply. Bore water has remained in the school to be utilised for irrigation purposes.

Our 2015-2017 School Plan has been endorsed by the Director Public Schools Mrs Jenny Murray and uploaded to our school website for you to access. Thank you to the community members and students for your input over the last 6 months to inform this plan and direction for our school.

Each year we ask parents and carers to make a small voluntary contribution to the running of our school. The Voluntary Parent Contributions remain at $15 per term per student ($60 per child for the year), capped at 3 children per family. Thank you to the families who have made this contribution supporting the school in our provision of resources for your child’s everyday use, handwriting textbooks, subsidised bus and excursion costs, arts/craft materials, sporting equipment, musical equipment etc. that contribute to providing a rigorous and engaging education for your child.

It was wonderful to see so many of our students at the Coffs Harbour ANZAC Day parade on Saturday morning. It is heartening to see the young remember and respect. Thank you. Our school captains; Shakira Cheers and Leo Phillips proudly laid the wreath while Tasha Pleasance and Flynn Rousell were given the honour of releasing a dove each. Ten doves were released each one symbolizing peace and representing a decade of the 100 years of ANZAC.
Our school held its ANZAC assembly on Friday afternoon, it was wonderful to see so many of our families come along to join us in this special occasion. The six captains did a sterling job running the assembly, as did the children who shared family mementos, or laid flowers in memory and respect, with pride.

NAPLAN occurs in week 4 of this term for years 3 and 5 as per the information sheet sent home to all our years 3 and 5 students last term.

Our current year 4 students have the opportunity to apply for placement in an Opportunity Class for Gifted and Talented students in year 5 - 2016. Our closest school with an Opportunity Class is Toormina Public School. All applications must be completed online. Important dates are as follows:
- **Monday 27 April 2015**: Online applications open
- **Friday 15 May 2015**: Online applications close

Parents will be able to access the online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. If you are considering applying you will need to complete the form sent home, return it to the school and complete the online application.

Regards,
Sharon Rovere

**ANZAC Day March**
A big thank you to all students who were able to join us on Saturday to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli. We had a wonderful turn out of students on this important day and all students represented the school with pride and dignity. Well done!

**Touch Football World Cup**
97 teams with approximately 1,900 participants from 25 nations have come to Coffs Harbour to participate in the Touch World Cup. Today we were fortunate enough to have two teams, the Senior Mixed Australian Touch team and the Niue Island (a small island 1500kms off New Zealand) Touch Team came to our school to run clinics for the students. All students benefitted from the expertise of the players in the promotion on this wonderful sport.
School Pick Ups
Thank you for your assistance in our trial drive-through service for afternoon pick ups. A reminder that the first car in does need to get as close to the sign post as possible and also to stick to the left near the white line. Due to legal restrictions unfortunately staff are not able to open or close doors or to put on seat belts. A reminder that if you do wish to enter the school then you are more than welcome to park and enter! You’re always welcome in our wonderful school!

P&C MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Attention: KARANGI DADS
First of all, we need your help please to sell the gifts to the children at the Mother's Day Stall! Please contact Wendy on 0400 363 494 if you are available next TUESDAY (5/5) and/or FRIDAY 8/5 from about 9.00 – 9.30am 😄

Secondly, children will need to bring some money for the Mother's Day Stalls on Tuesday 5/5 or Friday 8/5. Items cost $2, $3, $4 and $5 😄

P&C NEWS
The next P&C Meeting will be on Monday 4th May at 6.30 pm. All parents and Carers are most welcome to attend.

Stage 2 Excursion to Dorrigo Rainforest Centre end of Term
Easter Fun last week of Term 1