DATEs TO REMEMBER

Term 1 2013

4 March  Kinder full days start-
	finish 3pm
5 March  Yrs 5/6 Diabetes
	Health Program
6 March  Yrs 5/6 Diabetes
	Health Program
	Zone Rugby League
13 March  P&C AGM
22 March  School Cross Country
25 March  Life Education Van
	Starts
27 March  Easter Scripture
	Zone Winter Trials
5 April  Zone Cross Country
12 April  Hunter Winter Trials

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

‘Never let the urgent crowd out the important.’ Kelly Catlin Walker

This is particularly poignant for me this week. I’ve had to reassess my priorities and decide what is important and what is urgent. Sometimes they are one and the same! This can be a problem. When things begin to overwhelm me, I just have to remember that my number one priority is the CHILDREN. Spending time with students, talking to parents and liaising with teachers has to come before everything else. As teachers, this is our ‘golden rule.’ Connecting with the children we teach, taking time to listen to them and responding to their individual needs is paramount. We want the same things for your children that you want! Thank you to the parents who have taken time to attend the information sessions over the past weeks. If you were unable to make one of these meetings, please don’t hesitate to call into school and have a chat with your child’s teacher. Connections and communication are very important to us. Prioritising is part of our job. Your child is our priority.

FAREWELL

Last Friday, staff at Old Bar school farewelled a much loved teacher. Mr Saville has worked with us for the past 2 years in a temporary capacity and has now moved on to Tinonee School where he has been offered full time work for the remainder of the year. We all wish him well as he embarks on the next part of his career. Thanks for your great work here Trent!

WELCOME

SO, this week we have welcomed a new staff member to our school. Ms Kay Crossman has been appointed permanently to Old Bar and is currently filling the position vacated by Mr Trent Saville. She comes to us with loads of experience, expertise and enthusiasm. Could we ask for anything more? I think not. Already, Ms Crossman is making an impact with her cheery smile and her ‘can do’ attitude. Please make yourselves known to her and give her that wonderful Old Bar welcome that we have become renowned for.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY……

I am aware that we are asking for a lot of money from families during this first term at school. Recently,
you will have received an invoice for school contributions and possibly a ‘book pack’ for classroom use. Shortly, you will receive information about ‘school photos’ and the Life Education Van – both happening later this term. Please be aware that you are able to apply for ‘student assistance’ if you are having difficulties paying for all these things. An application can be obtained at the front office. These are treated in strict confidence. You are also able to make smaller, regular payments to cover the cost of these school expenses.

CONGRATULATIONS
All teaching and non teaching staff at Old Bar School have now been trained and assessed in the use of EpiPens. This mandatory training caters for students who have Anaphylaxis. Well done everyone!

I almost didn’t make today’s deadline for this newsletter! I looked at the unattended emails, the increasing pile of paper on my desk and the URGENT ‘to do’ list in my diary – sighed, made a cup of coffee and remembered not to let the urgent crowd out the important. Have a wonderful week!

Deborah Scanes

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday, 13th March. All executive positions will be declared vacant.

The following information gives a description of positions and responsibilities of P&C members.

President
• Ensure that the P&C Association takes part in decision making processes at our school.
• Set up lines of communication with the Principal
• Chair Meetings
• Overseeing the successful function of the P&C Association

Vice President (x2)
• Assist the President in all areas relating to the P&C Association

Minute Secretary
• Record all meetings discussions
• Provide a copy of each meeting minutes to all members
• Assist in maintaining official records of the P&C Association.

Correspondence Secretary
• Receive and table incoming correspondence

Five Cent Drive
Its time to do our 5 cent drive again! Collect those coins and bring them into your class teacher. Students can deposit their coins in the money box on their teacher’s desk. The class who brings in the most coins per term wins a voucher for an ice block each at the canteen. Every fortnight we will advertise the classes so you can see your tally against other classes! So bring in your spare change and help the school reach its target of collecting 20,000 coins!

SCHOOL BANKING
3 Winbins - Harry Gillogly (3/4D)
2 Winbins - Benjamin Hunt (1S)
1 Winbin - Kade Welsh (1S)
Meetings
- Attend canteen meetings and provide report to P&C Meetings

**Canteen Treasurer**
- Issue cheques in payment for invoices received/Canteen Supervisors Wages etc
- Present Report to P&C Meetings of income and expenditure to P&C Meetings with reconciliation to bank statements

**General Members**
- Once payment of the minimal annual fee ($2.00) has been received all financial members are eligible to stand for office, move motions and vote on such at P&C Meetings.

**Treasurer**
- Receive and deposit monies
- Maintain current records of monies within the P&C Association accounts
- Draw cheques
- Present account by way of report to P&C Meetings with reconciliation of bank statements
- Present all records to auditor at the end of Calendar Year.
- Conduct all activities in accordance with P&C Association audit requirement.

**Fundraising Co-ordinator**
- Review all fundraising literature received
- Plan and assist in fundraising of the P&C Association
- Present any ideas and/or outcomes of fundraising to the P&C Meetings

**Canteen Secretary/Convenor**
- Liaise with Canteen Supervisor with regard to efficient operation of the School Canteen
- Be involved in purchasing new equipment for School Canteen
- Report any matters regarding action/discussion to the P&C

Registration day is being held on Thursday 28 February at Taree City Centre between 4-6 pm. Registered participants in the program receive an Auskick backpack containing a football, pump, drink bottle, cap, pencil case and lots more. For further details contact Taree AFL Auskick on 6553 3345.
GREAT DAY!

Yesterday, 22 of our students competed at the zone swimming carnival at Wingham. I haven’t yet been given the results but I do know that it was a wonderful day. Miss Biega excitedly reported that our students participated with great enthusiasm and their display of sportsmanship was to be admired. She also asked that I pass on sincere thanks to the parents who helped with team management on the day. Again, a great team effort. Old Bar swimming team - we are PROUD of you all! More details about results next week.

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW)
Manning Great Lakes Cadet Division

We are currently recruiting Juniors and Cadets aged from 8 to 17 to join our organisation!

• St John provides opportunities for young people to develop life and leadership skills.
• Cadets learn management, communication and team building skills in a supervised environment.
• Members learn more than just first aid - proficiency courses in health & wellbeing, driver education, personal safety and many more are available.
• Great opportunities to make new friends and attend a range of small and large community events.

The Manning Great Lakes Cadet Division meets weekly (during school term) every Wednesday from 6:30pm - 8:30pm at the Taree Scout Hall, Rifle Range Road, Taree.

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