

Monday, 5 February 2018

## From the Principal

Welcome to Week 2. It feels like we blinked and Week 1 flew past us. Today lots of Kindy kids took the first steps of their education journey with not too many tears from mums and dads. A huge thank you must be said to our existing school families for welcoming our new families to our school. I can still remember when my first child entered school for the first time, the uncertainty, the unknown and the thousands of questions I had, were all alleviated when I met other parents of my child's school. Thank you also to our P&C members who provided a lovely start to the day for our parents. Our P&C does many things within our school for both our families and our children. I strongly urge all our parents to get involved with our school, our P&C and in our classrooms. It's all worthwhile.

Today we also acknowledge our new student leaders for 2018. Our Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects and Sports Captains. This student leadership team is extraordinary and with their enthusiasm, commitment and kind-heartedness, all eager to do the job well. I look forward to working with them throughout the year.

Our swimming carnival is on Wednesday and once again we'll have lots of laughter and fun in the pool while still competing for the next stage of sporting participation. This is a school event for all students from age 8 years upward and we'll see you at the East Maitland Swimming Pool.

We'd like to congratulate Mr Davies in his appointment on a permanent basis to our school, all our teacher vacancies are now filled.

We've started off the year with a focus on "KINDNESS" and our students have really taken this on board. We often get caught up in the negativity of what's happening in our world and we forget that this is just a small part of what is actually happening out there. We're hoping to change that in our small way. How can you help I hear you ask? In the chats you have with your kids, in the focus you put on 'how did you help someone today?', in the way you

encourage your kids to 'be kind', it all adds up.

Recently one of our teachers shared a video with me, I found it quite interesting and you may like to have a look.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyTGZTcqnnk>

Enjoy the week everyone!

Donna Stackman

### School Calendar Term 1

#### Week 2

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Carnival Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office

#### Week 3

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office
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#### Week 4

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	P&C Meeting at 6.00pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office

#### Week 5

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	School Clean Up Day

#### Week 6

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Volunteer Inductions 9.00am in the office
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#### Week 7

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Athletics Carnival
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## PBL Affirmation for the Week

***"I can be responsible in all settings"***