Weekly Awards

**K**
Rubi Tull – ‘for her artistic drawings and paintings’

**1/2**
Georgia Ellis – ‘always being well-prepared for news’
Paige Connell – ‘showing so much interest in HSIE topics’

**3/4**
Georgia Graham – ‘being an organised, reliable student’
Zane Commons – ‘being ready and organised for Year 5’

**5/6**
Jackson Yarnold – ‘his great rhythm in dance’
Courtney Webeck – ‘making excellent progress in reading’

**Silver Commendation Certificates**
Courtney Webeck, Ella Howe, Jack Yarnold, Ethan Cawthorn, Lane Edwards, Bradley Conomos, Jackson Bandy and Summer Edwards.

**Gold Commendation Certificates**
Sarah Redman.

**BPS Values Award**
Hugo Laurie for the value of CARE.

COMING EVENTS

**TERM 4 2015**

Monday 9 November to Friday 20 November
Intensive Swimming Scheme

Wednesday 18 November
Kindergarten Orientation.

Tuesday 8 December
Presentation Evening at the RSL Auditorium – 6.00pm.

Wednesday 16 December
Last day of term for students.

Thursday 17 December and Friday 18 December
Staff Development Days.

**Birthday**
Corrigan Parker 1.11.15 (7)

**Canteen Roster**
Monday 2 November
Belinda Germon and Amanda Ellis.

Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated the school’s values this week: Nathan Radford, Beau Blanch, Toreen Denyer, Hugo Laurie and Chelsea Webeck.
Captains’ Speeches
Year 5 students will make their speeches as 2016 captain nominees on Monday, 7 December at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome to come and listen to these in the Year 5/6 classroom.

Raffle Tickets - National Athletics
Let’s help support Year 6 student, Courtney Webeck, who will be representing our great little school at the National Athletics Carnival in Canberra at the beginning of December. Courtney has been given some raffle tickets to sell to help cover the substantial levy that she needs to pay. We have some of these available through the school. They are $2 each and the prizes are terrific with 1st prize being a Laptop Notebook Computer, 2nd prize is a 25” Laptop Notebook Computer and 3rd-5th prizes are iPod Shuffles. These tickets are available at the school. If you would like to purchase any, just send in a note and your money and we will write the tickets out for you and send them home. Alternatively, you can call into the school and buy them here.

Change of Date - Presentation Evening
Due to a clash of dates with Gloucester Public School, our end of year presentation evening will now take place on Tuesday, 8 December at the Gloucester RSL Auditorium. There will be further reminders and more details about this event closer to the date.

Orangutan Reminder
Don’t forget Orangutan Day this Friday. Students are to wear mufti (orange if they have it) and need to bring a gold coin donation. A separate order form for the P&C provided lunch is attached. Students are to bring their own lunch as normal if they do not wish to order.

Year 6 Farewell
The Year 6 farewell will be held on Thursday, 10 December. A separate invitation will be given to each Year 6 student.

Earn and Learn
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our school by donating their stickers, not to mention Ms Kristy Johns who collated all of these for us. We have ordered a heap of new equipment for the classrooms. Watch this space for a photo when this equipment is delivered.

Intensive Swimming
At this point in time, not enough students have indicated that they wish to participate in this year’s Intensive Swimming Program. The closing date is tomorrow, Wednesday, 28 October. If more notes have not been returned by then, the program may not go ahead this year.

Alison Wise
Principal

A proud member of the Bucketts Way Community of Schools
2015 Annual School Report Satisfaction Survey

Dear Parents

The range of evaluations the school undertakes each year is underway. One of the evaluations that we have to complete is a Satisfaction Survey. This is a requirement of the Commonwealth Government. The results of all these evaluations will be published in the Annual School Report.

The Satisfaction Survey has been designed to cover a number of areas – school environment, student welfare, school uniform, technology, service and communication. The survey is printed on the back of this letter.

This survey is for parents to complete. Students will be given separate surveys designed specifically for children. Students will complete their surveys at school.

It would be appreciated if the completed survey could be returned to school by Friday, 20th November 2015.

Thank you for your anticipated support with this survey. I look forward to sharing the results with you.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Wise
Principal
23 October 2015
Thank you for agreeing to participate in this important survey. Your opinion is very important to us. Please respond to each statement below by ticking the box that you feel best relates to the statement. Please tick one box only.

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<td>3. Parents are encouraged to contact the school to discuss concerns relating to their child</td>
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<td>12. There is good student access to computers and strong technology programs and resources</td>
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Anything else?

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Monday 12 October 2015

Meeting Opened: 3:00pm

Present: Alison Wise, Alison Blanch, Belinda Germon, Kristy Johns, Tanya Denyer, Amanda Ellis, Sharee Pope, Juanita McCarthy

Apologies: Nil

Minute Taker: Juanita McCarthy

Previous Minutes: True and correct

Actions from previous meeting

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<td>Issue of sand in the sand pit was raised</td>
<td>Tanya Ellis to talk to Trevor Ellis regarding cost to fill sandpit <strong>July Update</strong> – Trevor will donate and supply sand. Liaise with Trevor re suitable time and he will determine if suitable.</td>
<td><strong>October update</strong>: Completed – sand delivered</td>
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<td>Order new stock of uniforms.</td>
<td>Tanya Denyer</td>
<td><strong>October update</strong> - completed</td>
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<td>Enquire about the gurneying of the fence at the school.</td>
<td>Bridget Edwards</td>
<td><strong>October update</strong> – discussion on process. Very difficult as all works are required to go via a Assets Manger</td>
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<td>Enquire if School providing sponsorship of the Junior Bull sale</td>
<td>Bridget Edwards</td>
<td><strong>October update</strong> – show is over.</td>
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<td>Ordering of new stock uniforms</td>
<td>Tanya Denyer</td>
<td><strong>October update</strong> – completed.</td>
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<td>Investigate funding opportunities for flag pole</td>
<td>Juanita McCarthy</td>
<td><strong>October update</strong> – ongoing. Remove off action list.</td>
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<td>Stall at Farmers market</td>
<td>Juanita McCarthy</td>
<td><strong>October update</strong> – completed. Easter site is booked for 2018. No other timeframes suitable and is also booked.</td>
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Correspondence In:

1. Cheque from NSW Schools $700.00 (re-imbursement from Gloucester Shire).

Correspondence Out:

1. Uniform order by T. Denyer

Presidents Report:

Nil

Treasurers Report:

Attached.

Principals Report:

- Regional athletics
- 2 training days
- Fathers Day stall
- AW and JMac attended kindergarten readiness program
- K,1, 2 video conference on seed dispersal
- Gloucester High School year 6 – Mick Wisely
- Canberra Excursion – went extremely well. Only guided tours in the future as more information is obtained via this process.
- Kiera, Lauren and Beau participated in the Spelling bee
- Term 4 events – Year 6 – attending Public school for Puberty Clues
- Ruby Cliffe attending State Athletics and Courtney Webeck attending Disabilities Championships in Homebush.
- 20 October – Roahl Dahl theatre in Taree
- 21 October Wizzie Water Drops in for a K/1 visit
- 22 October school photos
- Performance review for A.Wise
- 30 October – Orangutan Day
- Intensive swimming program for 2 weeks for Year 2 onwards.
- Captains and A. Wise Memorial service
- 18 November – Kindergarten orientation
- 27 November K,1,2 Oakvale farm – Port Stephens
- 9 December Barrington School Presentation
- 16 December is the last day of school
- E. Coombes raised the issue of volunteer dates can be identified ahead of time. The issue was discussed and all requirements for volunteers for any works are advertised in the School bulletin.
General Business:

Matters Arising:

- A. Wise raised the issue of the ‘Best and Less’ skorts and enquired if they should be acceptable to wear given that they are the same colour and numerous girls are wearing them. M A. Ellis, S. Sharee Pope.
- Icy pole day was raised by A. Ellis. All agreed that it was a good idea it would occur every second week commencing 23 October. M T. Ellis S. A. Blanch.
- A. Ellis raised the when the canteen could close for the holiday period. All agreed on the 30th November as this allows time to clean items in the canteen etc. M B. Germon S. J.McCarthy
- 16th December will be a picnic day whereby the canteen will be supplying for students. M K.Johns S. S.Pope.
- Discussion on provision of foods of Borneo for the Orangutan day Action: J.McCarthy to look into menu’s and distribute via email.

Canteen Menu – Summer and Winter menu provided to all present and passed. Summer menu runs throughout term 4 and Term 1 and winter menu is Term 2 and 3. M. J.McCarthy, S. Sharee Pope. The menus will now be sent to Katie Robinson for approval. Action A. Ellis

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<td>Summer and winter menu sent to Katie Robinson – Hunter Health</td>
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Next Meeting:

9 November 2015 - 3.00pm

Meeting Closed 5:05pm
We would like to Cordially invite you to Attend our “Increasing Parent and Community Engagement “ Mid North Coast Forum—Taree

Purpose
To increase Parent and Community Engagement within P&C Associations in our Public Schools, so partnerships can be strengthened to deliver quality outcomes for our Public Education system and ultimately our children and their future.

When: Saturday 7th November 2015
Where: Chatham High School
Davis St, T
Taree NSW 2430
Registration From: 1.30pm
Time: 2.00pm – 4pm

Further information
This invitation extends to P&C Associations, members, community members as well as school community members. Please take this opportunity to meet your P&C Federation Councillor, hear our guest speakers and most importantly have a chat and join in the discussion groups

Guest Speakers
• Local MP Mr Stephen Bromhead member for Myall Lakes
• Mr Mark Youngblutt—Director - Department of Education (DoE)

Group Discussions
• Q&A sessions
• There will be opportunities for attendees to participate in discussions.
• Ask a question or have a chat with P&C Federation staff.

Light refreshments and afternoon tea provided

To attend please Register online, Registration closes 05/11/2015
To Register please click here.

“This Program is funded by the NSW Government and Administered by the NSW Education”
ORANGUTAN DAY

Friday the P&C are organising a lunch for Orangutan day. There are 2 meals to choose from. Please order and pay by NO LATER than Thursday. $6 a plate with a popper and a cup of mixed fruit.

Chicken satay skewers on a bed of rice with a popper ______

Malaysian noodles ______

TOTAL $______

 Helpers for Friday name ________________ Ph. ________________

If you are able to help on Friday please let me know ASAP phone Belinda 65585575 Thank you Belinda Germon

On Wednesday the 28th the P&C will be presenting Melinda Higgins with a well-deserved life membership. We will be celebrating this special occasion over lunch at 12.30 Barrington store. Please feel free to join us.

Belinda Germon
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