Mini Beast Video Conference
Last Wednesday our students enjoyed a Video Conference about mini beasts. We looked at how rubbish can harm or even destroy mini beasts and their environments. We met some interesting mini beasts before we spent time outside collecting our own.

SAKG Gardening & Cooking
Instead of gardening this week we cleaned up the school yard and outside the fence as part of Clean Up School’s Day. We harvested corn, zucchini, beans, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, chillies, lettuce herbs, eggs, leeks and used some of our onion and garlic from storage. In the kitchen we cooked corn and zucchini fritters, gratin of silver beet with borlotti beans and bacon, beetroot salad and tomato and chilli jam. Thank you to Charlene McKevitt and Gail who volunteered this week.
Bonnie and Joe’s Clean Up Groups

**Year 6 Parents**

Attached for the parents of our Year 6 students is parent information on Year 7 Enrolment Procedures and Public High Schools. Also in the information package is an “Expression of Interest for Placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government Secondary School in 2015” form which needs to be completed and **returned to school by Friday 7th March 2014**. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to phone and ask Mrs Keough.

**Harmony Day Feast – Friday 14th March**

We will be participating in Harmony Day on Friday 14th March. Students can come to school dressed in mufti (non-uniform) in **orange clothes – the official colour for Harmony Day**. This is a day where we unite in a celebration of Australia’s many different traditions and cultures. Harmony Day enhances students’ learning of other cultures, provides opportunities for the students to embrace the many things that make them special and to share those things they have in common. The theme for Harmony Day this year is “Together We Can”. To celebrate the day we would like invite parents, carers and community members to come and join us for a Balinese luncheon feast at 1.30pm. This is an open invitation to the community to come along and celebrate the diversity of our community and to share your stories. Students will be preparing a Balinese feast to share with everyone. Just bring yourself. A small plate of food to share is optional. If you want to be involved, come along and help the students prepare the feast. **RSVP by 5th March.**

**Science Fun - Light bulbs in Action!**
Ride 2 School Day – Wednesday 19th March

Students will be participating in a Ride 2 School Day on Wednesday 19th March, where they bring their bikes and helmets to school. The day will include some obstacle courses, bike safety and maintenance activities. Bikes and helmets brought in prior to the day will be safely locked up, and if your child does not have a functioning bike or helmet, please let us know so that extras can be organised.

Bike can be brought into school as of week 6 ready for this event.

Finlayson Cup Sports Day – Friday 21st March

We will be attending Finlayson Cup Sports Day at Chandler Public School on Friday, 21st March. The day will begin at 9:30, and is due to finish by 2:30. Travel will be by Jim’s bus. More information and consent note next newsletter.

Student Absence Advice

Please remember a note must accompany a student when they return to school after an absence or the time away will be recorded as unexplained.

2013 Workbook Fees

Workbook fees for 2014 remain the same - $30.00 per student. These fees help towards the costs of student items provided by our school e.g. exercise books, pens, pencils, glue etc... Thank you those families that have paid already.

Invitation - Model Railway Display – Sunday 15th June

This week we received an invitation from Mr Bruce Block inviting teachers, students and parents to visit his model railway display on Sunday June 15th. The display will take place from 2 to 4pm at Lower Bielsdown Road, ‘Tallowood Ridge’ and will include a variety of model trains to look at as well as afternoon tea. The Coffs Harbour Model Railway group will also join Mr Block for the afternoon. Please contact the school for more information or to let us know if you would like to attend.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

2014 competition dates for Years 3-6 are as follows:
Computer Skills - Tuesday 20th May - $8.00
Science - Wednesday 4th June - $8.00
Writing - Monday 16th June - $17.00
Spelling - Tuesday 17th June - $11.00
English - Tuesday 29th July - $8.00

Mathematics - Tuesday 12th August - $8.00
If you would like your child to participate in any of these competitions, return your choices and the competition money fee to school by Monday 31st March (Week 10).

P&C News & Community Notices

Easter Raffle Donations – Easter Eggs Wanted

The P&C is asking families if they could kindly donate some Easter Eggs or something Eastery for our raffle that will be drawn on Thursday 10th April at our School Easter Hat Parade. Tickets will be sent home shortly.

BookClub Issue 2 – Due back Monday 17th March

Bookclub Issue#2 is attached. If you wish to place an order from this issue, please have your order forms and money (cash/cheque made to Scholastic) back at school by Monday 17th March.

Wood Carving Competition - 2014 Dorrigo Creative Mountain Arts Exhibition

For Primary School Students who reside on the Dorrigo Plateau. Prizes generously donated by Brian Eves - $100, $75, $50 plus a woodcarving knife. If your child is interested, please see Melissa for information and entry form as soon as possible.

Dorrigo Creative Mountain Arts Exhibition

An invitation to artists and craftsperson for the Dorrigo Plateau to submit works for the Easter 2014 exhibition. Entry forms must be submitted by Friday 21 March, opening night is 7.30pm Wednesday 16 April and the exhibition runs from 17 April to 26 April, 10.00am to 4.00pm each day. Entry forms are available for the school office or information available from www.dorrigo.com, Lyne on 0448194880 or Jenny 66571957.

Volunteers – we need you

The work of volunteers is essential to enable the Creative Mountain Arts Exhibition to survive and prosper. If you are able to help please complete a form also available from the same places as the entry forms. The exhibition is presented by The Arts Council of the Dorrigo and is a non-profit organisation. Your help would be appreciated.

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Celebrating Parks Week in Dorrigo National Park

WilderQuest Wildlife Scouts – Sunday March 9th

This exciting interactive WilderQuest Wildlife Scouts kids activity will be held at Dorrigo National Park on Sunday 9th March during Parks Week.

Kids are invited to journey with us on a real-life quest beneath the shady rainforest canopy.... Through fun and effective NPWS Ranger-guided games and challenges, young adventurers will develop tracking, stalking, camouflage and sensory observation skills and other simple strategies to get up close to animals that would otherwise never be seen! Bookings essential. Phone Dorrigo Rainforest Centre- 6657 2309

Celebrating Parks Week on the Coffs Coast

WilderQuest Woolgoolga Rock pool Ramble & Solitary Islands Coast and Culture Walk - Sunday March 9th – bookings essential. Phone Coffs Harbour NPWS Office on 02 6652 0900.


Become A Volunteer Host Family

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families.

Contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

Sylvia Kelly Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au
Coffs Harbour Office on 02 6652 0900

Take Home a Big brother or a Big Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles.

International Women’s Day Breakfast -2014

When: Thursday 6th March
Time: 7 am – 8.30 am
Where: TAFE Terrace Restaurant
1 Clarence St. GRAFTON
Cost: $15 per person
Guest Speakers Cr. Margaret McKenna
Ms.Edda Lampis – ACON

Book with Grafton TAFE 02 6641 1600. Request any special dietary requirements. Contact: Susan Howland 0427 975 131 for any other enquiries.

International Women’s Day - Lunch 2014

When: Saturday 8th March 2014
Time: 11.30am for Midday
Where: Maclean Lower Clarence Services Club, River St., Maclean
Cost: $17.00 for lunch
Guest Speaker: Janelle Brown: ‘Inspiring Change’ – Healing Journey
Bookings Robyn - 0429 657 841 OR
email: contact@clarencevalleywomen.org.au
Please notify if any special dietary needs are required
Bookings Close: Monday 3rd March 2014

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR BALINESE FEAST

To celebrate Harmony Day
Dundurrabin Public School
1.30pm
Friday 14 March
Please RSVP by Wednesday 5 March
6657 8133

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