The Far North Coast Zone Cross Country Carnival is being held at Bangalow tomorrow. Good luck to our 15 students participating - be disciplined, achieve your goals, and do it with flair.

You will receive your School Contribution, Paper Levy and Excursion Invoices this week. We apologise for them being so late this year. We were held up by the LMBR finance package being trialled by 229 schools across the state (that’s us). The function has only been enabled during the last week and we did some very quick learning!

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Falling in love with Literacy!

“Few children learn to love books, by themselves. Someone has to lure them into the wonderful world of the written word; someone has to show them the way.” Orville Prescott, A Father Reads to His Children.

Did you know that the level of reading volume is a key factor in children’s success, and that there is a snowballing effect for children who have a limited reading volume. Limited reading volume in the earlier years leads to limited motivation to read, unrewarding experiences and marginal gains in learning. This is known as the Matthew Effect: “For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.” Matthew XXV:29

Put simply, the children who read a lot will have richer and richer learning experiences, particularly in high school where they need to be independently literate, and have a greater variety of life choices. The children who don’t read a lot will experience more and more unrewarding learning experiences and have less and less motivation, and have fewer life choices available to them.

How often and how much does your child read?

Jennifer Thomas
Principal
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Unfortunately students who have not paid and brought in a permission note for these events will not be able to participate. Please see the school website if you require a permission note.

**GIVE THE SCREEN A REST. ACTIVE PLAY IS BEST.**

Screen time refers to the amount of time spent watching TV including videos and DVDs, playing computer games on video consoles or on computers and using computers for other purposes.

Research now indicates that for every hour of television children watch each day, their risk of developing attention-related problems later increases by 10% e.g. three hours of TV a day means 30% more likelihood of developing problems with paying attention!

Simple ideas to reduce screen time are:
- Move any TV or other screen out of your child’s bedroom.
- Turn off the screens at dinner time.
- Encourage outside play while there’s daylight.

**Assembly Awards and Birthdays**

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**Congratulations**

To these students who have achieved **100 nights** of Home Reading
SRC FUNDRAISER

STATE OF ORIGIN DAY

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY

ARE YOU A NSW COCKROACH

OR A

QUEENSLAND CANE TOAD???

COME ALONG IN BLUE OR MAROON AND SHOW YOUR

SUPPORT FOR YOUR TEAM

GOLD COIN DONATION
Remember .... If you would like to contact the P&C team please contact:

Donna – M: 0413138743, email wayne.lloyd6@bigpond.com or Tash – M: 0407 968 561

Many thanks to our local supporters providing coffee vouchers for the next few months for our lucky volunteers:

QUATTRO COUNTRY AND ALSTONVILLE GARDEN HOUSE.

Uniform Shop

Wendy D will be opening the Uniform Shop on Friday from 8.45am to 9.15am.

News in the Canteen

If you are available to help in the canteen WE NEED YOU!! Please contact Leigh or Anna ASAP. A decision at the P&C meeting was made last night and should we not have more volunteers we will close on certain Fridays.

Unfortunately we will no longer be accepting orders for recess. If your child would like recess from the canteen they will need to line up at recess time.

The canteen contact details are:
Leigh (Monday/Tuesday) on 0412 716 991
Anna (Monday - Friday) on 0410 594 676 Email: madmods@bigpond.com

Thanks
Anna and Leigh

Canteen Roster

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Uniform Shop                           P&C Calendar

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Did you miss out?

“Helping your child become a great reader” training evening was a great success. It’s on again!

Some comments from our last participants:

“Excellent, informative, practical and helpful”.

“Great night. Very valuable lessons. Will recommend to others”.

“.great easy important skills that will change the learning to read experience in our house.”

“A great idea to support parents in our community. Hope it happens again.”

You’re invited.

When: Thursday 19th June. 7pm -9pm

Where: Front meeting room. Anglican Church administration building, Alstonville Ave, Alstonville. (Next to St Bart’s church)

What’s supplied: Light supper

All materials, including take home material.

Cost: FREE!!!!

Book in now: Phone 66280624

This is proudly funded and supported by Alstonville Rotary