Twilight Primary Swimming Carnival a Huge Success

The primary school swimming carnival held last Thursday evening at the Manilla Pool has been hailed a success with high levels of student participation, 2 new records being set and friendly rivalry between house groups. Namoi took 1st place honours this year in the house points competition. Staff praised countless students for encouraging their fellow team mates and awarded many RESPECT leaves to those showing wonderful sportsmanship, participation or leadership on the day.

New Records

Imogen Nunn: 8 Years Female 50m Freestyle - 52.00sec (Previous recorder holder - Kellie Cripps -1987.)


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Photo: Swimming Champions
From back left: Kylah Vipen, Emily McBride, Holly Wagstaff, Taine Mackay, Elizabeth Tooley, Juarn Stanton-Sing, Isabella Ormiston, Reuben Nunn, Allison Tooley, Sam Butcher, Jack Opie (Absent: Angus Duncan)
Champions

Junior Girl Champion - Allison Tooley
Junior Boy Champion - Sam Butcher
11 Year Girl Champion - Elizabeth Tooley
11 Year Boy Champion - Juarn Stanton-Sing
Senior Girl Champion - Emily McBride
Senior Boy Champion - Taine Mackay

Runner-up - Isabella Ormiston
Runner-up - Jack Opie
Runner-up - Kylah Vipen
Runner-up - Angus Duncan
Runner-up - Holly Wagstaff
Runner-up - Reuben Nunn

L to R Stuart Moodie, Jake Scott and William Finch cheering on their house teams

L to R: Swimmers take their mark in a girls’ backstroke event; Juarn Stanton-Sing - 11 year boys champion; and racers in the 11 year girls’ freestyle event take to the water.
It was pleasing to see so many parents and friends of the school come along and enjoy the twilight carnival. The students always enjoy having family members join in school activities when it is possible for them to do so and the staff enjoy the opportunity to catch up with parents also in a less formal setting than at parent interviews or meetings.

The P&C must be thanked for operating a successful BBQ, along with the pool staff and parent helpers for their assistance in running the events. The school staff would like to make special mention of teacher, Mr Willis, for his terrific coordination and organisation of the carnival and to thank the volunteer high school students who, in their roles as life guards, marshalls, timekeepers and assistants in the novelty events, showed great care and encouragement towards the younger students.

From the Principal.....

I hope that everyone had a nice Valentine’s Day with their loved ones yesterday and had a relaxing weekend as well. Our swimming carnivals were a great success with great participation from our students and a thorough organisation from our staff. It was nice to see so many parents spectating at the carnivals as well, especially the twilight carnival which enables our working parents to come along and see their children participate.

Just a reminder, that we are conducting our ‘Meet the Teacher BBQ’ tomorrow evening in the Primary (Tuesday, 16 February). This is a wonderful opportunity to converse with the Primary staff over a sausage sandwich and meet your child’s teacher and find out the classroom expectations and happenings for this year. The timetable is as follows:

4:30 – 4:45 Kindergarten held in the KP room with Mrs Philp.
4:45 – 5:00 Kindergarten / Year 1 held in the K/1S room with Miss Sevil.
5:00 – 5:15 Year 1 held in the 1D room with Miss Dixon.
5:15 – 5:30 Year 2 held in the 2W room with Mr Willis.
5:30 – 5:45 Year 2/3 held in the 2/3M room with Mrs Mac Donald.
5:45 – 6:00 Year 3/4 held in the 3/4F room with Miss Forrest.
6:00 – 6:15 Year 4/5 held in the 4/5A room with Miss Adams.
6:15 – 6:30 Year 6 held in the 6C room with Mrs Cannon.

Mr Windred will be on the BBQ to ensure that you have sustenance throughout the afternoon. He will be available to talk to parents throughout the afternoon.

The Welcome BBQ is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet with the staff and since we have many new faces on our staff this year it would be a great chance for parents to put a face to the name.
Good News Travels Fast

Last week we received many phone calls about our students who helped out with the judging, announcing, participation and general running of the Manilla Show. It is wonderful to hear such positive comments about our students who volunteered their weekend to ensure that the show was a great success. A special mention was made about Blake Bracken who was an outstanding ambassador for our school. Congratulations to everyone who helped out. We are very proud of you.

Here are some Show results that have come to hand from members of our school community:

- Jess Taylor: Best Chocolate Cake.
- Angus Faulks: Best Slice.
- Emily McDonald: First Junior Judging.
- Katie Taylor: First Cake Decorating.
- Lindsey Jobson / Carrigan Jones: First Jam Drops.
- Carrigan Jones: Second in Chocolate Cake.

I’m sure that there were many other results to talk about however these were the results that I have received.

Staffing Matters

Last week we interviewed the short listed applicants for a permanent teaching position in the Primary, plus two positions in the Secondary.

Andrew Ward was successful in attaining the primary position. Many of you will remember Andrew as he previously taught at the school. He will commence work on the Year 6 class in Term 2.

Bonnie Sevil and Andy Jones were successful in attaining the two secondary positions. We are also currently in the process of short listing for a relieving Science teacher to commence work when Mrs Connors commences her maternity leave in two weeks. We will be interviewing this week.

We would like to thank Mathew Grandin for filling in the vacant position of Drama, History and English over the past four weeks. Mat is heading to the UK to commence work and we are sure that this will be an amazing experience for him.

We have been very fortunate to attain the expertise and enthusiasm of Miss Eily Pleming from Bathurst to fill this position for the rest of Term One and possibly beyond. Eily is new to the department, but comes to us with highly recommended reports from her previous schools.

Northern Daily Leader Captains and Kindergarten Photos

Photos were taken of our Secondary Captains, Primary Captains and our Kindergarten last week. I will inform you of when these will appear in the Northern Daily Leader as soon as I know, so that the parents of these children can purchase the paper.
School Contributions

In the past if an ambulance was called to the school to attend to a student who had an accident, the education department would cover the very expensive cost. However this is no longer the case.

Ambulance cover is now a part of our School Fees, which are $40 per child. Please ensure that you aren’t unnecessarily billed for the use of an Ambulance by covering this levy through our School Fees.

School Contributions are a very important part of our school’s income. Unlike many schools, our contributions are low - $40.00 ($10.00 per term, $1.00 per week) for each student. These allow the school to buy much needed resources which are used on a daily basis in the classrooms. Such items provided for students include:-

- Classroom resources such as workbooks, pencils, rubbers, glue, rulers, calculators, crayons, paint, art/craft supplies etc. in the primary.
- Photocopying of worksheets, newsletters and notes.
- Students being able to print their notes / assignments.
- Sports & Music equipment.
- Purchase and use of textbooks – unlike many schools there is no ‘hire fee’ for these.
- Years 7/8 receive all materials for practical lessons… this may have to change.
- Photo ID – this costs the school $5.00 per student.
- Ambulance cover and First Aid.
- Library resources.
- Internet Broadband and computer equipment, including iPads, wifi and laptops.

Some families are able to pay their contribution at the beginning of the year, and we thank you for this. For many, times are hard and coming up with the money all at once can be difficult, especially if you have several students, K-12. You are more than welcome to pay school fees each term – that is $10.00 per student per term – this may lessen the financial burden in the household.

Paying the School Contribution allows the school to operate well and ensures students have every opportunity to succeed at school. As you would understand, funding to schools is changing and schools are relying heavily on School Contributions.

Your account may be paid through either the Primary or the Secondary Office and a receipt will be issued for the payment within a few days.
Secondary Swimming Carnival 2016

On Friday, the secondary department held its annual swimming carnival. It was a fabulous day with a high level of school spirit and participation by all that attended. The day started with our famous War Cry Competition which was a fierce battle once again. Our Judges, this year comprising of Mr Windred, Mrs Ferguson and Ben the pool Manager had a tough decision. Once again Zemos did not disappoint and took out the war cry section with their superhuman voice projection and creative skills changing the words to the classic ‘Summer of 69’ and ‘Round the twist’ theme accompanied by a percussion line.

Participation numbers were high this year and it was especially pleasing to see our senior students leading by example. Congratulations to the following Age champions:

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Family Portraits
Manilla Community Pre-School is again running Family Portraits Fundraiser this year. Photos will be taken on Friday, 18th March after 3.30pm.
Please contact the Pre-School to make a booking - 67851475

Primary Library News
It has been wonderful to see many students utilising the library already this year. The library is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings before school (8.40am - 9.10am), for borrowing, reading or quiet activities such as Lego building and drawing. It is also open every day during break 2 (1.30pm - 2.00pm). Each class also has a 1 hour library class each week, where they can borrow, as well as have the opportunity to develop and enhance research skills, and explore literature. Class library days are:

- Monday – 3/4F
- Tuesday – 6C
- Wednesday – 4/5A, K/1S
- Thursday – 2W, 2/3M
- Friday – 1D, KP

Last week some new furniture arrived for the Primary Library. Our new tables will be great for students completing group activities, and Mrs Hawley has some exciting new ideas for utilising the tables and creating a library “Makerspace”. Hopefully these will be up and running in Term 2. Feel free to come and visit our library and check our wonderful learning space and resources.

Farrer Open Day
WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY
OPEN DAY

9.00am – 2.00pm

We are the only boys' agricultural Government selective school in Australia. Farrer has established an enviable reputation as a centre of excellence in academics, agriculture, welfare and sports programs. Catering to the education of both day and boarding students Farrer is set on 191 hectares of prime agricultural land, 10 kilometres from Tamworth, New South Wales.

RSVP: 6764-8607 – Kerry Hussey – Enrolments Officer
Wear casual clothing & bring a hat. Refreshments will be served.

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School
585 Calala Lane, Tamworth NSW 2340
6764 8600
www.farrer.nsw.edu.au
P & C Meeting
Tuesday, 16th February
7.00pm
(after Primary Meet the Primary Staff)
Secondary Library
All Welcome

COMING EVENTS - WEEK 4
Mon, 15th Feb -
Tue, 16th Feb Meet the Primary Staff – 4.30 – 6.30pm
P & C Meeting – 7.00pm
Wed, 17th Feb Teach a Learner Driver Workshop – Sec Lib – 5.30 – 7.30pm
Thu, 18th Feb -
Fri, 19th Feb -

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