STUDENT EXCELLENCE
Achievement Awards:

Achievement Award K-2: Kaii for trying very hard to complete high expectations work.

Lexia Awards to Kaii for successfully completing Level 5 and Marshall Level 12.

K-2 Fish Bit Winners for week 2 were Toby and Sierra.

Achievement Award 3 – 6: Abbey for a great effort in writing.
3 – 6 Team of the Week:......blue.

No Magic 100 awards this week.

Well done everyone!

PSSA Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival
Good luck to Eleanor (800m), Jorja (discus) and Zac (discus) who will be representing the Mid North Coast in the PSSA Athletics at BCU International Sports Stadium Coffs Harbour this Friday 14th August.

START
We had a very quiet School Transition and Readiness Training day last Monday with only one student attending. This was probably due to the change of day to Monday. Taj joined the other K-2 students in library with Mr K and then in gross motor activities after lunch. He had a lovely day with his new buddies from “big school”. Next START day this term will be Monday 31st August.
The START program next term will be run over 5 weeks for students who will be attending Orama PS in 2016. We are working towards having students attend on a different day each week so they can become familiar with daily and weekly routines. Dates are yet to be finalised so please watch this space for more news.

Taj with his K-2 buddies in library with Mr K

New Cupboards in the Canteen
Thank you to Irene for organising new cupboards in the canteen. This is going to make a huge difference for our Kids in the Kitchen program with a lot more room for groups of students to be in the canteen at the same time. It will also be a lot easier on canteen days. There will be a P&C meeting on Tuesday 25th August in the library at 2pm to discuss the future of the canteen. All welcome.
Live Life Well at School Stencils
Thank you to Ms Anforth, Danielle and Zeek for spending last weekend putting the Live Life Well at School stencils on the concrete in the COLA. They really look fabulous and already the K-2 students have been using them to reinforce their alphabet and numbers knowledge.

Eden leads the way through the alphabet

North Coast Primary Principals’ Association Annual Conference
Last week I was lucky enough to spend two days at the North Coast PPA Conference. This is an annual gathering of all the principals on the north coast where we come together to network and be inspired by amazing keynote speakers and participate in educational workshops. This year we were very fortunate to hear from Alisa Camplin (OAM) first Australian female Winter Olympic Gold Medallist who inspired us with her determination and hard work to get where she is today. Then we heard from Amanda Gore who inspired us with her very entertaining and interactive presentation. Next we heard form Simon Breakspear who is recognised internationally as a leading thinker on the future of learning and educational innovation. Finally we were entertained by Ruben Meerman who would be known to you as the ABC’s Surfing Scientist. He is a presenter on Catalyst, Sleek Geeks, Studio 3 and Roller Coaster. His live science experiments and demonstrations would be an absolute hit with our students.

Book Week 2015
This year Book Week will be held between 24th and 28th August. The theme for this year is “Books Light UP My World”. On Thursday 27th August we will have a “Book Theme” character dress up day. The children are asked to come dressed as a character from a book which has lit up their world. We look forward to a school full of characters!!

P&C Meeting
There will be a P&C meeting on Tuesday 25th August at 2pm in the library. All welcome especially our new families.
Get Hooked Fishing Workshop
On Tuesday 18th August the 3-6 class will be attending the Get Hooked Fishing Workshop at Boambee Creek Reserve, Sawtell. The school will cover all costs associated with this excursion. Students will be travelling by Dorrigo Bus Service to and from the excursion. Please see attached permission note for important details and requirements. The permission note must be returned to school by this Friday 14th August.

Sydney Excursion
The cost to parents of the Sydney Excursion for Years 4, 5 and 6 is $250. For those parents who have paid the non-refundable deposit of $50 the remaining cost needs to be paid in full to the school by the end of Week 10, Term 3 (Friday, 18th September). Parents can pay the $200 in instalments if they wish, during Term 3.

Rewards Programs
The Woolworths Earn and Learn program is on again. Starting on Wednesday 15th July when you shop at Woolworths you will receive 1 sticker for every $10 you spend. The stickers can be sent to school where we will place them on sticker cards and the points earned can be redeemed on resources and equipment for our school. Ask your friends, neighbours and family members to collect their stickers for us. In the past, our school was able to redeem our stickers on a variety of art, craft and sporting resources. The program will close on Tuesday 8th September.

Bellingen IGA supports our school with its Community Benefits program. When you make a purchase at Bellingen IGA and quote our identifier code of 6029, rewards are allocated to our school. Alternatively, when you are next at Bellingen IGA you can pick up a specially barcoded card at the cigarette counter which can be shown at any checkout when making purchases. Bellingen IGA supports our school with a monetary donation from this program which is spent on programs for our students.

Till next week,
Liz Arnold

“Don't wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect.”
Zoey Sayward
Record of Absence
Student’s Name.............................................................

Date of Absence/s......................................................

Reason for Absence...................................................

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Date.............................................................................