Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

2014 English & Mathematics ICAS Results
Our students are to be commended for their outstanding results in this year's International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in English and Mathematics. Students from Australia and 20 other countries participate in this program of measurement and assessment.

In English 42 students from Years 2 – 6 participated. The following results were achieved:
- Distinction: Harry, Hannah (Y3), Rose (Y4), Isabel M., William (Y6)
- Credit: Toby (Y3), Abbey, Stella, Jackson (Y4), Austin, Cjay (Y5), Jack B., Jack S. (Y6), Merit: Ashley (Y3), Caitlin (Y5), Joshua (Y6)

In Mathematics 44 students participated. Results are as follows:
- Distinction: Hannah (Y3), Isabel M. (Y6)
- Credit: Toby, Harry, Aiden (Y3), Rose, Jena (Y4), Austin, Cjay (Y5), Jack S, Josh (Y6)
- Merit: Abbey (Y4), Aimée (Y5), Jack B. (Y6)

P & C Disco
This Thursday 23 October the P & C will be holding a disco at school in the hall. The 3 – 6 disco will run from 5.30 – 7.15pm. There will be goodies (including hot food, chips, lollies and lots of yummy cakes, etc.) available for sale from the canteen as well as glow sticks to use later or while dancing. Music will be provided by Mr Beck and Ms Cains. Teachers will be there to assist with supervision. Any parents who have some time available to help set up, sell items and/or pack up would be much appreciated. Maybe you could stay to help while your child is at the disco.

On arrival for the discos, parents will be asked to ‘sign in’ their child. You will be given a pass to write your child’s name and sign to present when you return to collect your child. If you are sending someone else to collect your child you give them the signed pass to bring with them and hand in to collect your child. A reminder not to bring your dogs with you onto school grounds, when bringing your child to the disco.

An enjoyable time will be had by all who come along – please join us and support our P & C.

PLEASE NOTE: that the next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 November to avoid a clash with everyone’s celebrations on Melbourne Cup Day the previous week.

Cake Donations for Disco
Donations of homemade cakes, biscuits, slices, etc. for the P & C Disco can be delivered to the canteen on Thursday morning. All donations gratefully received. Please don’t forget to come and help our team of volunteers.

School Photographer
Last Thursday Veronica, from The School Photographer, was at school taking photos of our students for a poster and slide show that they are producing for us free of charge as part of the 2015 School Photo package. They will also be providing a television which will be mounted in our foyer to present the slide show. Next year they will be back when Kindergarten start school (2 Feb) to take photos of their first day and then again later in the year (28 Apr) to take the rest of our school photos. Samples of some of the photos taken are included in this week’s Snippets (taken by the unprofessional photographer – me – over Veronica’s shoulder).

Stage 1 Excursion to Wetlands

Environmental Education Centre
On Friday a very excited group of Year 1 and 2 children boarded the ‘bendy buses’ for a day out at the Environmental Education Centre. They had a very enjoyable day with lots of interactive learning experiences. A huge thank you to Mrs Perry for the huge amount of time and effort put into organising this successful day and to all teachers for giving our children the opportunity to participate in learning experiences beyond the classroom.

Little Learners (Kindergarten 2015)
The next two weeks of our Kindergarten Orientation program (Little Learners) will occur on Tuesday 21 and 28 October from 10.00am – 11.30am. The children will be introduced to their Year 4 buddies (Year 5 2015) who will assist them in their transition to ‘big’ school. This role as a Kindergarten buddy is an important part of our Year 5 students’ leadership training.

Narelle Mann, Principal
Student Profiles

Name: Liliana S   Class: 4D
Nickname: Lili   Hobbies: Dancing
Favourite Book: George’s Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl   Favourite Movie: The Goonies
Favourite thing about school: Art
Favourite Subject: Writing
What do you want to be when you grow up?  Teacher

Name: Bobby B   Class: 4D
Nickname: Bobster   Hobbies: Fishing
Favourite Book: Conspiracy 365 by Gabrielle Lord   Favourite Movie: Cat in the Hat
Favourite thing about school: Art
Favourite Subject: Maths
What do you want to be when you grow up?  Anything

Kindergarten Enrolments 2015

To assist us with planning for 2015 we are now accepting expressions of interest if your child is eligible to enrol in Kindergarten in 2015.

Please complete the form attached and return it to school and/ or pass this information on to family and friends who have children who are eligible to start school in 2015.

You could also call in at school or contact us on ph. 4981 1007.

Canteen Helpers

Our school canteen operates with the assistance of parent helpers. Parents can assist on a rostered basis weekly, fortnightly or monthly or just help whenever they are available. New volunteers are always needed, particularly on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. If you are interested in helping in the canteen please contact the canteen on 4981 1007.

Tips for Touch

Nelson Bay Junior Touch Association are having a learn and develop your touch footy skills at their Tips for Touch Program on Wednesday, 22 October to 19 November 2014. It will run from 4.15pm to 5pm.

Cost: $10 per player (which includes a sausage sizzle and drink in the last week). The program is for 5-8 year olds and will be held at the Salamander Sports complex (Junior Rugby League fields), near the tip.

Registrations are being taken Wednesday, 15 October 2014 from 4-6pm.

Under 14s (born 2002/2001)
Intermediate (2000/1999) girls

If you are still looking for a team, please contact Maree Edmond, Junior Coordinator on 0417 616 865.

Stage 1 Wetlands

There is also a flipagram (pictures to music) on 2R’s class page for you to check out on the website also.

Library News

On Wednesday 29 of October, Maclean’s Booksellers from Newcastle will be hosting a book fair at our school. This is a great opportunity for us to have a book store right here in our library. Each class will get a chance to have a look at the books for sale and parents will be invited to see and purchase from the wonderful collection of titles. It will also be on Thursday 30 October.

Merit Awards

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DID YOU KNOW?

Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), dogs are prohibited in school grounds (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled). For the safety of all students and staff, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Thank you for your support in this matter.
We will be holding an Adidas School Fun Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Tuesday, 29 July within the school grounds. The Adidas School Fun Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

Around the School

Year 4 … are you really kissing a stingray!!??

Stage 2’s Shark & Ray Centre Adventure

The Gold Reward Sausage Sizzle … yummm

Stage 1 Wetlands Excursion … kids LOVED it.

Some uniform models for our new uniform posters