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This week is School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) Week. I would like to acknowledge the amazing job our SASS staff do every day in our school. A big thankyou to Mrs Davis and Ms Campbell-Horn in our front office, who are the bright face of our school. Mr Aris our GA, who works tirelessly to keep our school looking amazing and Mrs McDonald and Ms Goldie who work in our classrooms to ensure our students achieve success.

What a fabulous day we had last Wednesday for our Book Week parade and Grandparents day. It was lovely to see such a large turn up of friends and family and the students really enjoyed the reading time. A very big thankyou to Mrs Burke for a wonderful and successful book fair without your organisation and effort things would not flow so smoothly. A very big thank you to the fabulous P&C for the BBQ, the grandparents and friends really enjoyed the sausage sizzle.

Stage 2 camp is coming up quickly, they will be attending a 2 day excursion to Tea Gardens Great Aussie Bush Camp on Monday 9 September – Tuesday 10 September. This is an exciting, fun-packed experience for all students. I'm sure they are all waiting excitedly to get on the 'Giant Swing'.

The K-2 children are very excited for their upcoming excursion on Friday 6 September to the Hunter Valley Zoo. I can't wait to hear all the stories when they return.

The P&C will hold their annual Father's Day stall on Thursday 29 August 2019. We have some lovely gifts for dads and grandfathers this year. The students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift in class groups during the morning.

I understand that at times parents /carers need to speak to either myself or other staff members. Please make an appointment at the office, this will ensure that both you and the staff have quality time to discuss any relevant information or concerns.

THINK! ROAD SAFETY

Road Safety is becoming an ongoing concern for not just staff members but parents and the community. It is a legal requirement to wear a helmet when riding to and from school (this includes on scooters and skateboards). As of next term, if students arrive to school without a helmet they will not be able to ride their bike, scooter or skateboard home until a helmet is shown to staff. We want our kids to ride to school, however, it is vital that they are doing this in a safe manner.

Louise Wrightson
Principal





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The Clownfish have really been enjoying reading informative texts about different animals. We are focusing on writing informative texts and have been making sure we use lots of facts in our work. So far we have learnt about birds, amphibians, bees, butterflies and this week we are looking at

whales! Did you know that a blue whale can weigh as much as 40 elephants and can grow to be 33 meters long? They also eat up to 4000kgs of krill every single day, that's about the same as 20 000 sausages!

The Clownfish have been working really hard on their writing goals this term. They had a mini meet with me to discuss what they need to work on in their writing and set new goals. Some of their goals include; sounding out words, re-reading work and using spaces or full stops correctly. I am proud of how hard everyone is trying to achieve their goal.







We had a fantastic time celebrating book week last week. Some of our costumes were AMAZING!

Miss McCaw





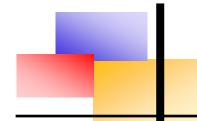
Another busy couple of weeks in the **1/2 Swordfish** classroom. We have continued to learn about informative texts and focusing on writing about animals that we would see on the zoo excursion.

Students are researching using kid friendly search engines, gathering information to

make a multimodal presentation using the filming kit. We can't wait to share with you our informative texts at the end of the term!

We are really focusing on answering inferential questions during our reading. Inferential questions require answers that require context clues.







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They are tougher to answer because they can have more than one correct answer. In reading, answers to inferential questions cannot be found in the text, but they are supported by evidence in the text.

I would encourage you to ask some inferential questions to your child after they read to you every night an example would be "why did the boy put on his jacket before he went out at night?" the answer could be because it said in the text the clouds turned dark.

so it was going to rain.

We now have the robotics kit and students are busy making their robot out of lego. The next week we hope to code them to make the robot move.

Lastly thank you for supporting the school at the Book Week celebrations, it was great to see all the students dressed up.

Mrs Clark & Mrs Lynch



Wow, this term is flying by. The **3/4 Stingrays** have enjoyed learning about different animals this term while researching for their information reports and PowerPoint projects. It was great to see all the students dressed up in their creative costumes for the Book Parade this year.



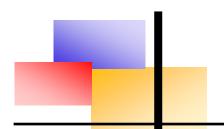
A big congrats to all the students who represented our school for Zone Athletics. We have the Netball Gala Days coming up very soon so it will be excellent to see the students get involved in a fun day out. And don't forget, Stage 2 camp is also approaching and we are all very excited about that!













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The **5/6 Whales** have literally been having 'a whale of a time'! We have been out of the school grounds a lot lately and have been busy on STEM days at Avondale, History day at Awaba PS and Mathematics days at Lake Macquarie HS. I am always proud to be their teacher but I am even prouder when we are so well







Whilst at school we have enjoyed a visit from illustrator Liz Anelli, she is so talented. It was a great opportunity for students to see someone following their passion in life and succeeding. It was also great to celebrate Book week and encouraging our students to develop a love of reading.

When we are at school we are still maintaining our focus on improving each day. The Whales are working hard to improve in mathematics and we have been focusing on our

multiplicative strategies. In literacy, our text type is Informative this term and students have explored information reports and have now moved on to News articles and reports.

Personally, I am focused on ensuring a smooth transition to new teachers for my beloved Whales in Term 4. I know I am leaving them in the most capable of hands in Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Haydon. Both teachers have a wealth of experience and a sincere passion for

teaching. Mrs Wrightson has scheduled a number of transition days for all three teachers to collaborate and ensure a thorough handover of my class.

Mrs Swain









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YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

REMINDER: Year 6 will be selling 'Ice-cream slice' (that we made yesterday) at the canteen on Thursday at lunch. Cost is \$1 per slice.



Commonwealth Student Banking day is each Tuesday: Students can drop their completed bank deposit book to the office in the morning for processing. Every deposit will earn a token, ten tokens can be used to claim a reward. Deposits also help to raise money for Boolaroo PS.

LOST PROPERTY: There is a large amount of lost property in the tub outside the office.

Please take a look to see if anything belongs to your child.

SCHOLASTIC ** Book Club

Orders for Issue 5 of Book Club will close off on Tuesday 10 September. Parent/Carers can ether order via the LOOP or send payment and order form in with the student.



Breakfast Club

Our Community Place will no be holding breakfast club on Wednesday mornings only from now on. Students can arrive from 8:15am for a nutritious breakfast. If you child would like to come along please complete a permission form available from the school office.

P&C News



We are holding our Fathers Day stall this Thursday 29 August.
Please send in money and a bag to carry purchases home in.

The Annual General Meeting scheduled for Friday 30 August has been cancelled due to a delay in audit paperwork. New date will be advised shortly.

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The school acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land.

