We were on ABC Radio!

Last week Buddhi, Kalyani and I went to Newcastle to be interviewed by Jill Emberton from ABC radio.

The focus of the interview was our school’s link with Arnhem Land and our healthy eating focus. Last year Jo, a member of the “Black As” crew came to our school to launch the pilot of their show. All of our students enjoyed watching the pilot and learning about living off the land. There were lots of questions asked and many squeals when the team were seen eating mangrove worms.

Kalyani did a wonderful job being interviewed and spoke very professionally. Congratulations Kal!

Trivia Night

A huge thankyou to the staff and their families for their continued support of the P & C and especially on Friday night at the Trivia Night.
All the feedback has been super positive and we have raised almost $2300.

It was delightful to see families at the trivia night who aren't in the P & C, and wonderful to see so many past families come and enjoy the evening. Our community really got behind us with an incredible amount of donations from local businesses.

The trivia night was the P&C major fundraising event for the year so we hope you will enjoy the free family fun day on us at the end of the year, get involved with the smaller events like the Easter Raffle coming up and continue to support the school in any way you can.

Harmony Day Tomorrow

A reminder that tomorrow we are celebrating Harmony Day at school. Thank you to the families who have already brought in donations of wool and crochet yarn. These are going to be perfect for the activities we have planned.

Great News - Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting $Make a payment$

Items that can be paid include school fees, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities. There is also a category called “Other” this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice. Payments for P&C and/or canteen fundraising are not accepted via this online method, this includes uniform purchases.

When you access the $Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.
These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

**Easter Hat Parade – 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

2 weeks and counting….

Just a reminder that all Easter hats for the parade will be made at home this year.

**Easter Egg Donation Mufti Day – Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Next Thursday we are holding a mufti day at school for Easter. Students and staff who come out of uniform are asked to donate an Easter egg towards our Easter raffle. Please wear appropriate sun safe clothing and covered footwear – no sandals or thongs.

**Easter Raffle Tickets**

Students have now received the raffle tickets. Tickets are $1.00 each and we would appreciate if you can sell as many as you can. All money raised goes towards the P&C’s 2015 fundraising for the school which includes covering the walkways and fixing the hall. More tickets are available from the office. (Mrs Miller has organised a prize for the family that sells the most)
Staff Profile

This week’s guest is Mrs Kylie Eves from K/1E.

My name is Kylie Eves and I am a very proud teacher and mother of three children. I have wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember and as a child subjected my younger siblings to many pretend Maths and English lessons. I 'fell into' teaching special education by accident. During one of my pracs at a high school I was placed in a class for students with intellectual disabilities and instantly fell in love with the students and the setting. As they say the rest is history. I have had the privilege of working in the support unit at Fennell Bay Public School for the past three and a half years and am very excited to be working with the staff, students and community at Cooranbong Public School. I have a passion for percussion, rugby league and chocolate, and I love to laugh.
Sunshine & Smiles Kylie Eves

Spelling Mastery

Look at the fantastic new spelling workbooks that classes have received this week. There are still a number of students whom have not yet paid. Spelling books are $27 and Reading books are $10 per child. If you have not yet paid your please see the office to make payment arrangements.

Healthy Lunchbox ideas – Wed 25th March

There is still time to register for our FREE Healthy Lunchbox Session being held at our school by the Cancer Council on Wednesday 25th March from 9.15am till 10.00am.

Every family who attends will receive a Show Bag including a great healthy lunch box kit and planner and you will learn simple ways to get the whole family eating enough fruit and veg. Please register your interest at the school office. Don’t miss out!
Lunchtime Fun

Students have been busy during their lunchtime preparing for the upcoming school Cross Country. It is wonderful to see the PB’s that students are working hard to beat!

Students have also been spending lots of time at lunch working on our veggie gardens. The herbs are growing very well and the propagation process in our greenhouse has been creating a buzz amongst the students.

Children have also been using their time freshening up our gardens with the mulch from our trees that were taken down last year. Our school is certainly looking great!

Students of the Week
Congratulations to Imogen, Eliana, Hayden, Mary and Tara for being students of the week!

**Principal’s Award**

Well done to Maddie and Josh who received the Principal’s award. Both children were very kind to an elderly lady in the community who fell. Thank you for your caring ways!

**In the classroom**

There has been a hub of activity around the school this week. Some of the topics taught have been speech marks, paragraphing, persuasive texts and clauses. Students are responding very well to the explicit instruction they are receiving.

The school iPads are still a hit, with lots of educational APPS to keep children engaged.
Quality bookwork is very important at our school and the high expectations set by our teachers are certainly being met.

Thank you for helping!

If you have any spare time and would like to help out at school – we would welcome you with open arms.

Our students love doing some extra reading with our parents! If you would like to volunteer some help, come and see us. 😊

Please be aware that if you volunteer at our school you must sign “in” and “out” in the Visitors book at the front office. Thank you.

Working Bee

We have our new school garden plan... now we need your help to turn it into a reality. We have organised two Working Bees in the holidays and we need your help. We will gather on Wednesdays in the School Holidays, so if you have 1 -2hrs or more to spare come join us for some fun in the garden. More details to come in next weeks newsletter.

The Kitchen Garden Program will be suppling a free sausage sizzle, a drink and ice block for all helpers. Children are welcome but will remain under parent supervision.

In the garden.

Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to the parent volunteers, Mrs Dye, Mrs Harridge, Mrs Burke who helped this past week. We are always looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen and the garden every Monday-Wednesday from 1.45-3pm (no skills needed).

Exciting News!! We now have a design for the kitchen garden playground area from Edible Garden Designs - check out their Facebook page and/ or website, they are amazing. I have attached a copy of our preliminary design for you to take a look at.

Over the past few weeks we have been
travelling the world in a saucepan. Classes have explored recipes from around the world and talked about different methods of preserving foods for the long cold winter days ahead. Next week we will continue to explore this topic in support of Harmony Day.

On Monday(4/5 O'Dell), Tuesday(5/6 King), Wednesday (2/3 Masson) students are asked to bring a small plate of food from another country or from Australia. Each child will have a chance to teach us something about the country and about the dish. Photo’s, pictures, or written information to support are welcome. Children had fun exploring the “underworld” as we re-arranged the tyre garden to put the new corrugated garden bed in. We exposed many of the wonderful creatures that live in our garden, including the enormous slug and oversized worms, frog, snails and crickets to name a few. This proves we are doing something right. Happy digging!

Mrs Miller

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders and payment due back tomorrow Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} March. Thank you.
EASTER HAT PARADE
Thursday 2nd April, 2015

All invited to attend.

This year the children will be making their hats at home.

Activities begin at 10.30am with a performance by the Choir followed by the Easter Hat Parade and then the P&C Raffle draw.

Lunch at 11.30am.
Please stay and have lunch with your child/ren.
A sausage sizzle will be run by the P&C.
Please return the order slip below with money to the P&C box in the school foyer by Wed 1st April
Orders will be delivered to the classrooms.

The canteen will be open for drinks and snacks.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDER

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ________

I would like to order _____ (NUMBER) sausage sandwich/es @ $1.50 each.

I enclose payment of ______

Parent/Carer Signature: __________________ Date: __________