



# Fernleigh Public School

## NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 10

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### Easter Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Ash, who was the happy winner of our Easter Raffle. Thank you to everyone that supported our P&C and helped raise over \$500.



### Congratulations Halle!

On Monday 25 March Halle went to Banora Point for the Far North Coast Basketball tryouts. She had to be on her best game to be picked for the North Coast team. The competition was tough with over 25 girls trying out. She spent the day running up and down the court and playing several games for the judges to decide who was going to be picked. Halle was successful and is in Coffs Harbour today for the next level tryouts. Good luck Halle!!!

When	What
<b>Term 1</b>	
Every Tuesday	Library day for all year groups
Wednesday 3 April	Deadly Science day at Cabbage Tree Island Public School
Thursday 4 April	Pie day
Friday 5 April	All school netball clinic
Friday 12 April	Last day of Term 1
<b>Term 2</b>	
Monday 29 April	School Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30 April	First day of Term 2 for all students
Friday 3 May	Small Schools Cross Country Carnival at Tintenbar PS
Tuesday 7 May	School Photos
Tuesday 14 May	P&C Meeting @ 8.15 am
Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May	Parent Teacher meetings (more information to come)
Thursday 16 May	Year 6 Grip Leadership Conference @ SCU Lismore
Monday 10 June	Kings birthday long weekend
Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 June	No School - in lieu of the extended school hours
Friday 5 July	Last day of Term 2

### Our Playground is Open! by Mila

We were all bouncing with energy as we saw the gigantic cake, waiting for the official moment of the opening. Racing to the giant line of parents and excited children. Laughing happily we raced on to the playground waiting for a picture. The big ribbon waited to be cut, us bursting as well. The final moment came and we burst like volcanos with energy, screaming with excitement. It is official .... our playground is OPEN!



### Far North Coast Swimming Trials *by Juniper Walsh*

We were all trembling with nerves as we made our way towards the marshalling area ready to see our competitors. We lined up on the blocks shaking both with excitement and fear. As the beeper beeped beepingly like a beeper beeps Caleb dived off the block and started swimming as fast as he could. Everything was looking fine as he approached the other side coming third. Splash! Suddenly Juni dived off the block making a huge splash. By the time she was halfway through we were coming fourth and as she hit the wall we were coming fifth. Another huge splash and Lyla was in the pool swimming her heart out. We had made up time as she touched the wall allowing Halle to leap off the block. The suspense was on as Halle made her way to fourth. Even though her goggles had fallen off her face she kept going. She was close to third as she approached the end but sadly we didn't get through. Well done team. What an awesome effort to get that far in the swimming comp!



### School Water Safety Program

Our swim safety program in week 8 was so much fun, and it also taught our students valuable skills they will continue to use throughout their lives. The staff were amazed by the students' impressive growth and learning. Their progress was truly impressive!

Some things our students had to say:

- We got to race the swimming instructors - *Alex*
- Back stroke was fun - *Deiter*
- I was proud of my swimming - *Edmond*
- The bus ride was super doper cool - *Hugo*
- I learnt so much about back stroke - *Aaliyah*
- The diving tips were helpful - *Halle*
- The swimming hats were cool - *Lyla*
- I learnt how to do fingernail trails - *Ben*
- I liked how Francis taught us in a fun way - *Lolita*
- The swim teachers were supportive, knowledgeable and helpful - *Marlow*
- The lessons were fun - *Mila*
- I am much better at swimming now - *Pippi*
- I had a fun time - *Elkie*
- It was good because every session we learnt something new to get better at swimming. We also learnt swimming tips - *Caleb*
- I liked the backstroke - *Juniper*



### Art in the Turtles Room

The Turtles had a fun afternoon in art doing watercolour paintings. They had to select colour pallet and create a heartfelt picture for their family members. It was great to see the students exploring their artistic flare in this lesson. The smiles on their faces say it all!



### Byron Bay High School Taster Lessons

Marlow and Halle spent the day at Byron Bay High School on Friday 22 March. They got to do 'taster lessons' for the day, participating in variety of activities, including music and woodwork. They met their Year 10 mentors, teachers and other Year 6 students.



### School Absence Text Messages

A reminder that education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

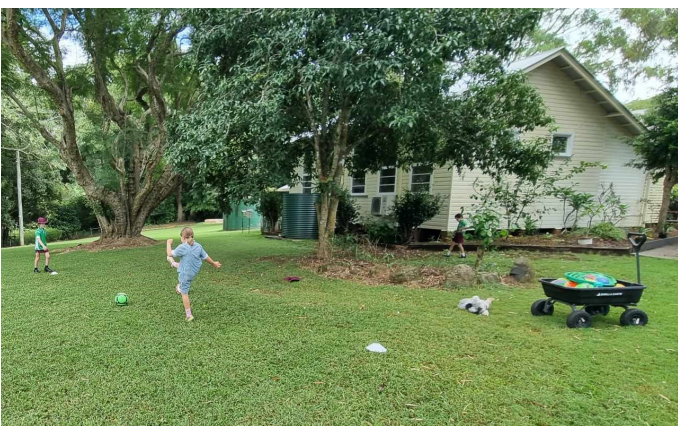
The Importance of arriving to school and class on time: Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day, helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine, give students time to greet their friends before class, reduces classroom disruption.

What if my child has to be away from school? Following an absence from school you must respond to the text message that is sent to you from our attendance system within 7 days of receiving it. Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified.

### The Turtles Term Sports

The Turtles' class have been actively engaging in fundamental gross motor skills activities as part of our sports curriculum this term. From running to throwing, catching, bouncing and skipping these activities are vital for your child's physical development.

Mastering these skills at an early age lays the groundwork for a lifetime of physical activity and overall well-being. Additionally, participating in sports promotes teamwork, confidence, and social interaction. We encourage the students to participate in physical activities at home to further enhance their progress.



Our week leading up to Easter was lots of fun with cooking, craft, cake and doggy cuddles.





### Safety Reminder for School Pick Up and Drop Off

- When dropping your child off at school it is extremely important that you park on the school side of the road.
- Park safely, even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Never park in front of the school gate.
- Give way to pedestrians on the driveway.
- Make sure your child uses the 'Safety Door' (rear kerbside door) to get in and out of the car.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as u-turns and three-point turns.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Always give way to buses pulling out.