It is Week 5 and we are nearly half way through Term 4. This is the time of year when teachers are preparing reports to share with families. Teachers are continually assessing student progress and building learning experiences into each day to assist students with their learning. Our Semester 2 reports provide you with an overview of your child’s learning. The learning outcomes undertaken during Term 3 and 4, build an understanding of student progress and development. Teachers examine class work as well as utilising ongoing assessment tasks to determine student’s strengths and areas that require ongoing development.

There will be much excitement in the Kindergarten rooms on Wednesday as 2016 students come along for another morning with their teachers. I have seen some delightful art work and heard some amazing stories of life in Kindergarten. Our transition days are an important part of assisting students to be familiar and ready for school.

On Wednesday the Mums and Dads will have the opportunity to stay at school and learn more about school life. I am looking forward to meeting our new parents on this morning.

Not only do we welcome our new parents and families but we start to get ready to farewell our Year 6. Year 6 have been undertaking their transition programs to the high school and last Wednesday they visited the Narrabri High and had a guided tour. The Year 6 have also participated in transitional days held at NPS and coordinated by Ms Johnson (Head Teacher Science). On one of the days our students were involved in Science activities and were assisted by Year 11 students.

Every experience that our Year 6 are involved with provides them with the chance to meet other students from across the three schools and be familiar with the High School setting.
Each year we send out a voluntary contribution letter to all families. The money paid provides for all students at our school in the form of additional resources. We have received some contributions to date and there may be families who are unaware of this process. If you are unsure please contact the front office as every contribution makes a difference.

My attention was drawn this week to a leaflet we received regarding whooping cough as there has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2014 and 2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children. There is additional information in this newsletter if you have any concerns.

Congratulations Sofia
Every year our Stage 3 students enter the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics competition. This annual mathematics competition is one of the longest running events of its type in Australia. It grows in popularity each year with almost 20,000 Year 5 and 6 students from more than 300 schools throughout the Hunter, Central Coast, New England, Mid North Coast and Northern Rivers regions participating this year. Congratulations Sofia Fawcett on receiving the Barwon Year 6 District Award. To gain a district award, the students need to have achieved a High Distinction standard. Sophia will travel to Coffs Harbour on the 9th of November to receive this prestigious award.

SRC Halloween Disco
Wednesday 4th November
Primary Disco Information (Yr 3-6 only)
The primary disco will be held on Wednesday the 4th of November in the hall between 5:30 – 7:30pm. Each child is to come dressed in their best Halloween costume. It will be $5 to enter the disco and this includes a drink and a bag of Halloween lollies to re-energise during the evening.

Some glow sticks will also be available for sale at 1 glow stick for $1 or buy 3 glow sticks for $2, however there is a limited number so be sure to get in fast.

Teachers will also be walking around and spotting the best costumes and dancers which can have a pick out of the ‘Trick or Treat Basket’.

Every child will need to be picked up at the hall promptly at 7:30pm. No child will be allowed to leave the venue without an accompanying adult.

The SRC looks forward to seeing everybody there.

NB: Infants will not have a disco on this date as their disco will be held on the SRC Fun Day at the end of the year.

Respect ◆ Resilience ◆ Responsibility ◆ Achievement ◆ Inclusion
Silver Badge recipients – Friday, 30th October

White Cards
1st
Dayna Stanford, Banjo Haverhoek, Shontaya Beatty

Bronze Awards
Skye Manning, Brock Davies, Cady Davies, Jacob Sampson, Hemi Mason

Silver Awards
Silver Badge for these students will be Friday, 13th November
Mitchell Wilson, Leo Palmer, Kianna Allen, Cooper Hall, Luke Shields, Zachary Stait, Jye Anderson, Sarah Draheim, Menzie Baker-Harvey, Alicia Morgan-Ferguson, Jessie Parker, Jason Dick, Emily Miskle, Noah Allen, Emily Booby, Bella Druce

Canteen News
Thank you to everyone who came in to help on Friday. Red days are very busy and those extra hands make all the difference.
There are NO pasts dishes left in the freezer. We have plenty of Fried Rice though @ $4.00
Remember, if your child has any special dietary requirements, to come and see us and we can try to carry something which means they can make an order.
This means that they get a treat and Mum gets a day off every now and then.

Canteen Roster

Tuesday, 3rd November
HELP!
Year 6 Sonia Dennis, Michael McDougall & Azander Keys

Wednesday, 4th November
HELP!
Year 6 Fynlay Dams & Candice Wright

Thursday, 5th November
Cassie Webster
Year 6 Molly Michell-Smith & Georgie Milsom

Friday, 6th November
HELP!
Year 6 Sofia Fawcett & Rachel Charles

Monday, 9th November
Cathy Coleman
Year 6 Shaunie Yu & Shona McFarland

Congratulations Georgia Stuart – Silver Medal in High Jump at the State Athletics Carnival
Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School - Tamworth
Selective Schools applications now open online
Farrer is the only all-boys government Agricultural high school in Australia & would like to inform parents of current Year 5 students, that registration for Year 7 2017 is now open online.
To register your son to sit the Selective Schools test visit the Farrer website and follow the Selective Schools link. Applications close 16th November.
For further enquiries contact Farrer on 6764 8600.