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NEWSLETTER Term 2 Week 3

Monday 12th May 2025

Dates for the Diary

MAY

Wed 14th	3MAPS Camp, Yrs 4-6
Thurs 15th	3MAPS Camp, Yrs 4-6
Fri 16th	3MAPS Camp, Yrs 4-6
	3MAPS K-3 Enrichment day at Camden Haven High School
Mon 19th	LNC Cross Country - POSTPONED
	Canteen
Wed 21 st	Yr 6 GRIP Leadership Day
Fri 23 rd	You are a Doughnut Yr3-6 @ Glasshouse
27 th May - 6 th June	Mrs C on LSL, Mrs Stevenson relieving
Wed 28 th	Surf Lifesaving safety talk K-6
Thurs 29th	Library Van visit
Fri 30 th	LNC Cross Country - NEW DATE

JUNE

Fri 6th	School Assembly
Wed 11th	K-2 Responsible Pet Workshop
Mon 16th	K-6 Healthy Harold Life Education Van visit
Fri 20th	School Assembly
Fri 27th	Student & Staff Connecting to Country Day with Ian Bell

JULY

Thurs 3rd	BAGO Small Schools Athletics Carnival K-6
Fri 4th	School Assembly



4-6 Great Aussie Bush Camp

As you prepare for your upcoming camp, we want to take a moment to wish you all a truly wonderful experience! This is an exciting opportunity for you to step outside your comfort zones, embrace new challenges, and make lasting memories with your peers.

We encourage each of you to dive into every activity with a positive, can-do attitude. Whether you're soaring high on the Giant Swing, mastering the art of Archery, or working together to build a raft, remember that every moment is a chance to learn and grow.

Don't forget to make new friends along the way! Camp is the perfect place to bond with others, share experiences, and create friendships that can last a lifetime.

We've got an incredible lineup of activities waiting for you, including:

- Giant Swing: Experience the thrill of swinging high above the ground!
- Power Fan: Feel the rush as you take a leap into the open air.
- Bush Craft: Learn essential survival skills in the great outdoors.
- Archery: Channel your inner archer and aim for the bullseye!
- High Ropes: Test your balance and bravery high above the ground.
- Canoeing: Paddle your way through the water and enjoy nature's beauty.
- Night Commando: Navigate challenges under the stars for an adventurous experience.
- Country Fair: Enjoy a variety of fun games and activities.
- Raft Building: Work together to create a sturdy raft and see if it will float!

So gear up for an unforgettable adventure. Embrace every challenge, cheer each other on, and most importantly, have fun! We can't wait to hear all about your amazing experiences when you return. Happy camping!

With the wet weather we have recently had and the chance of more wet weather this week, we want to ensure everyone is prepared. Please remember to pack a raincoat, at least two pairs of sneakers, and warm clothes. This way, if your child gets wet during activities, they'll have a cosy change of clothes to keep them comfortable. We appreciate your attention to these details, and we can't wait for a fantastic week at camp!

Campers need to arrive at school on Wednesday at 8:00am



K-3 Enrichment Day at Camden Haven High School



We are thrilled to announce an enriching opportunity for our K-3 students at Camden Haven High School! On Friday 16 May, our young learners will embark on an exciting excursion designed to spark their curiosity and creativity through a variety of engaging activities hosted by the staff at Camden Haven High School.

Throughout the day, students will have the chance to explore different domains, including:

- Agricultural Exploration:** Our students will visit the Ag. Plot, where they will learn about sustainable farming practices and the importance of agriculture in our community. Hands-on activities will allow them to connect with nature and understand where their food comes from.
- **Artistic Expression:** In our creative art sessions, students will unleash their imaginations with fun and interactive projects. They will explore various mediums and techniques, guided by talented art educators.
- **Language Learning:** Through engaging language activities, students will discover the beauty of different cultures and languages. This experience will promote awareness and appreciation of diversity in our world.
- **Sporting Activities:** Physical activity is essential for young minds and bodies! Students will participate in a range of sports, fostering teamwork, coordination, and a love for an active lifestyle.

This excursion promises to be a day filled with fun, learning, and new experiences that will enrich our students' educational journey. We encourage all K-3 families to participate and take advantage of this fantastic opportunity!

Students will need to wear their full school uniform, including school hat, water bottle and recess and lunch if not ordering. Lunch order forms were sent out last week and were due back Monday 12 May.

Arrive: 9.20am Students to be dropped at the main entrance (parents can drive into the school to drop students near the Pencils)

Depart: 2.00pm Students to be picked up at the same location

We look forward to a wonderful day of exploration and enrichment at Camden Haven High School!

Most of you have indicated that you will be transporting your child/ren to and from the High school. If you requested that your transport be arranged for your child, a form will be sent home today – please ensure you complete it and return to the office by Wednesday 14th.

Cultural Workshop: Embracing Aboriginal Culture Through Art

Last week, Lori-Ann McKinnon from Strong Spirit Aboriginal Services unveiled a stunning artwork that captures the deep cultural and spiritual significance of water for Aboriginal peoples—specifically the Birpai people of this region. This was followed with an educational yarn about traditional hunting practices and bush foods with Tristram. We thank them both for this opportunity and our students for their enthusiasm, respect and willingness to learn.



You are a Doughnut 3-6 Glass House Excursion

On the 23 May our Primary students will be attending the performance of You are a Doughnut at The Glass House. A huge thank you to **Coastline Credit Union** for subsidising the cost of the tickets. Biology teachers Oesoph A. Gus and Dewey Dean will take students on a brilliantly 'grosstacular' journey through the human digestive system.

Packed with catchy songs, quirky sketches and sensational science, this fast-paced performance will have students laughing and learning as they explore how the human body works. Along the way, they'll uncover key concepts such as digestion, enzymes and nutrition – all while being encouraged to think about the importance of healthy habits.

With links to Science, Nutrition and Wellness, this curriculum-aligned experience helps students connect what they eat to how their bodies function – and why making healthy choices truly matters.



GRIP Leadership Conference

Mrs C and our Year 6 Leadership team will be attending the GRIP Leadership conference at Port Macquarie Panthers on Wednesday 21 May. During the conference, experienced leaders and experts share their insights through engaging presentations. There are a variety of features that keep participants engaged, including keynote speeches, workshops, and panel discussions. Topics include effective communication, decision-making, and team building. Attending the leadership conference will help develop their skills, build valuable connections, and boost their confidence. They will gain insights into innovative strategies while improving personal growth and sharpening their decision-making abilities.

The cost of the conference is being covered by the school. An activity permission will be sent out via Sentral this week, please ensure it is actioned by the due date.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>). Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



- + arts and culture + music
- + performers + installations
- + food trucks + artisan market

FRIDAY 6 JUNE
5pm - 9pm
Port Macquarie CBD



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Original artwork titled 'Gilay'
Gamilaraay meaning 'Moon',
by Katarina Mane



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