PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
This week is National Reconciliation week. The Aboriginal Education Committee have organised an Aboriginal flag raising ceremony which was held yesterday; students are asked to come wearing black and white tomorrow and a special assembly will be held on Thursday at 12:30pm. Parents and friends are very welcome to join us for that assembly.

Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Melanie Drury who is your new P & C Association President. I look forward to working closely with Mrs Drury to continue to strengthen this wonderful school for the benefit of all of our students.

Students were reminded last week about being careful on the way to and from school. Children who are old enough to be walking or riding alone should be in the company of other people whenever possible. They should go straight to school or home and not take any detours that parents are not aware of and they should never speak to strangers on the way to or from school. Please reinforce these safety strategies with your children regularly. If there are any concerns, children should be reporting them to teachers or parents.

I had the pleasure of being in the “engine room” to listen to 4 students from 1T read. It was a delight to hear Taris Butler, Hailee Lukey, Jaidyn Monahan and Joshua Simpson reading so well. I was also thrilled to meet with Zane Peter to see the great writing that he has been doing about the song that students have been learning for National Reconciliation week, “All People Together in One Land”.

3/4F had some pets belonging to Alyssa and Kristen Paterson visit as the subjects for speeches – I can’t remember the lizard’s name but Charlie is a beautiful and extremely well-behaved dog!
The P & C wish to advise that they have a few spare tea-towels (Kindergarten to Year 2) available for sale.
The swimming offered to Years 3-6 for sport in term 3 will proceed based on the expression of interest that was received. Parents and carers can start making payments from now to cover the cost of the lessons. Matthew Nottle had morning tea with me today and it is a great opportunity to get to know our students. Thank you Matthew for being a respectful and cooperative student!

I hope that our Stage 3 students who are attending the debating workshop at Bomaderry High School on Friday make great use of this opportunity and develop skills that will help them into the future.

Have a wonderful “last week of autumn” everyone!

Mrs Julie Ashby – Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS
Superstar Award/Trophy

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RECONCILIATION WEEK ASSEMBLY
National Reconciliation Week will be on Thursday 29th May from 12.30pm-1.20pm in the school Hall.
**MUFTI DAY FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL**
Students are to wear the colours black and white to represent reconciliation.

**DEFENCE NEWS**

**Family SMART Workshop**
On Friday 20th June, from 10am to 1pm, a Family SMART workshop will be held at the Shoalhaven Defence Families Association (Canberra Flat, 1 Canberra Dr, Nowra Hill). This workshop is a training program that helps partners of ADF members to manage the military lifestyle. If you would like to attend this workshop please contact DCO Nowra on 4421 3855 or at dco.nowra@defence.gov.au

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**Canteen Meal Deal**
This Week's Special is Two Flavoured Slushies $1.70

**SPORT**

**Athletics Carnival**
Our annual athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 26th June at Drexel Park. Parents are welcome to attend this event and all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate. Permission notes will be sent home this week so encourage your child to start training!

Mrs Thomson
Sport Coordinator

**Swimming Lessons**
I am happy to say that we will again be offering swimming lessons during sport in Term 3. This is a great opportunity for students in Years 3-6, who are not strong swimmers, to improve their skills. Permission notes will be handed out this week to those students who returned the expression of interest form. Money can be paid off over the rest of this term and the swimming lessons will begin in Week 1 of Term 3. If you have not returned an expression of interest form but you would like your child to participate there are limited places available. Please contact the front office.

Mrs Thomson
Sport Coordinator

**2014 SHOALHAVEN EISTEDDFOD**

**Verse Speaking**
1T students are participating in this year’s Shoalhaven Eisteddfod, and are busy rehearsing and perfecting their verse speaking item. They will perform at the Eisteddfod in the morning session on Tuesday 3rd June at St Michael’s School Hall, North Street, Nowra.

Parents and family members are very welcome to be in the audience, please note that the Eisteddfod is asking for a gold coin donation entry for each person. We’ll look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Payne

**PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT**

*Did you know that you can make payments to your child’s school online?*

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to our school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

Thank you to the parents who have been making payments online. Please remember when making payments to record your receipt number on the permission slip and return the permission slip to the school office money box, with payment details: e.g. Student name, what payment is for, amount, date and receipt number. This is important so office staff can keep accurate records of all payments received online. Payment can only be made online if the permission note states this program can be paid online via the school website. Payments over $15 only are able to be paid online and where indicated on original permission note.

**P&C NEWS**

We have five K-2 (Mother’s Day fundraising tea towels) left. If you would like one, they are $11 each. Please see Tina Smart in the canteen.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the school banking program last term. Together we raised $146.21 for our school - well done!

Banking day is every Wednesday.

Don’t forget to put your bank books in the banking box at the canteen.