A message from the principal
Ms Sheree Quinlivan

Dear parents and friends,

What a busy Education Week we’ve just had! It was great to see a few students represent the school at the Camden Haven Arts Festival for Schools on Wednesday evening. Despite not presenting an individual school item this year, CHAFFS organisers were very grateful that we still participated in the Massed Choir. We understand that this was a big ask of parents considering the concert runs so late, but we do appreciate the effort of students and families. Those students who were unable to attend are reassured that there will be another chance next year.

I would like to thank the P&C Association for catering for the Community of Schools meeting in Week 2. You all did a great job and I was asked to pass on the compliments of attending principals.

Thank you to all parents who participated in Parent-Teacher Interviews over the past couple of weeks. It was a wonderful chance to touch base with everybody and ensure we’re all on the same page in relation to your children’s education. Those who were unable to attend are asked to arrange a meeting with me at their earliest convenience. If you have any concerns, please see me before or after school.

We have two weeks without Mr Tomasone ahead of us while he is adventuring in New Zealand. Mrs Wade will be joining us in the classroom for a few days throughout this period, but the majority of teaching will be covered by me. I’m really looking forward to knuckling down with students and producing some great work.

Remember to keep your newsletters and notes from school handy over the coming weeks. We have a lot happening and want to make sure you’re all well-informed.

Thank you
Sheree Quinlivan

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Sport Report

Students have commenced an introduction to golf during Friday sport. We will continue to cover a range of skills upon my return and culminate with the Jack Newton Junior Golf Schools Championship, where four students will be selected to represent the school at Kew Golf Course.

Good luck to Austin, Ruby and Caleb, who will be representing the Lansdowne District at the Manning Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival this Friday. The competition is looking fierce this year, but I’m sure you will all make us proud by trying your hardest in your events.

Thank you
Mr Tomasone

Spelling Bee

The Premier’s Spelling Bee is held each year and sees the state’s best spellers go head-to-head in Regional and State Finals.

In preparation for this, the school will be hosting its own Spelling Bee on Thursday 20 August. Students have been provided with the official 2015 PSB word list to practice over the coming weeks. As the PSB is run exclusively for Stage 2 and 3, Mr Tomasone has put together a special word list for K, 1, 2 students.

This will be a terrific chance for children to engage with (or challenge) parents, grandparents and siblings at home and has the potential to improve the whole family’s spelling!

The word list is quite extensive, but practicing a few each week will definitely boost your child’s confidence before the Spelling Bee.

The aim of the schools Spelling Bee is to select two representatives from Stage 2 and two from Stage 3 to represent the school at the Regional Finals at Old Bar Public School on Wednesday 16 September. But the other aim is to make spelling fun for all students.

So get busy practicing your word lists students!

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow morning at 9.00am. We’re lucky to have such a quick turnaround since our last meeting. It will give us another chance to get some great ideas on the move.

I would like to thank Walter for all his work as Treasurer so far this year. Following his resignation at the last meeting, we will be calling for nominations for Treasurer tomorrow. We welcome all who are interested in volunteering for this position. There is a great support network on hand if you’re a little unsure of what the position entails. We’re only too happy to help.

Hope to see you there.

Trevor Clunes
President
Johns River Public School P&C Association
Road Safety Campaign

Greater Taree City Council has been contacted by a number of school principals concerned about drivers disobeying parking and 40km/hour speed restrictions around schools, and ultimately placing students, parents, carers and teachers at risk. Children in particular are vulnerable road users and the school environment can often be a dangerous and complex setting for them.

As a result GTCC are undertaking a community education program targeting the school zone environment.

*Kids look to you to keep them safe, Know the signs, Know the rules* will involve both education and enforcement phases. Its aim is to educate parents, care givers, and students of parking and speeding requirements within their school zone.

From 1 August, Council Rangers will conduct School Zone Parking education, through a visible presence in schools on a regular basis, and by advising parents on parking regulations in school zones. They will be on hand to discuss regulations with both parents and teachers, to clarify the rules and any concerns.

From September onwards Council Rangers will enforce the legislation relating to school zone parking offences.

Keep a lookout for new signage around the school to promote road safety, as well as media advertising to increase exposure of the campaign.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp

Bush Camp is only three weeks away! It’s time to start looking through the gear checklist if you haven’t already done so. It’s a good idea to have a few practice runs packing bags before departure to ensure that all students are capable of keeping track of their belongings. Please remember to see a member of staff or speak with other participating families if you are short of any gear before you go shopping in case there is anything you can borrow.

The balance of all accounts is due to be paid to the school by Friday 14 August. All permission notes and medical forms are also due at this time.

We have received a draft program of activities for the three days of Bush Camp.... and it’s looking like so much fun! Students will be notified of the activities they will be undertaking once the program has been confirmed.

We are due to arrive at Bush Camp at 11.45am on Monday 24 August and will be departing to return home at 12.45pm on Wednesday 26. As there are only four students attending camp, there is the potential to fit everyone in the one car. Mr Tomason has offered to transport students’ bags in his ute, leaving plenty of room in one or two cars. Any parents of attending students who would be willing to offer to transport students in their vehicle either down or back from camp are asked to see a member of staff so that arrangements can be made.

Mr Tomason will be conducting a short meeting for participating students and their parents upon his return to go through more detailed information as well as camp rules and guidelines. Parents will be notified of the date and time of this meeting once it has been finalised.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

There aren’t many reading days left before the Premier’s Reading Challenge closes for another year. All student reading logs must be completed and entered online by 5.00pm on the 21 August to successfully complete the Challenge.

Students are reminded to bring their reading logs in to school whenever possible to add books to their online log if they are unable to do so at home. School staff are more than happy to assist students as they head towards the end of the Challenge.
Camden Haven Arts Festival for Schools

Week 3 Assembly

The audience was treated to a preview of CHAFFS Massed Choir song *The Climb* at last Friday’s school assembly.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

**Tyler (Year 1):** Awarded Mr Tomasone’s award for a great effort in homework.

**Phoenix (Kindergarten):** Awarded the Principal’s Award for achieving 100% in her first spelling test!

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**Phoenix was chosen as a VIP for her hard work in literacy and numeracy.**

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**Crunch & Sip**

Thanks to Woolworths’ generous weekly fruit donations, the staffroom is currently over-stocked with delicious fresh fruit!

We recommend that students do not bring their own Crunch & Sip this week, but help eat the fruit that has been provided by Woolworths so that it doesn’t go to waste.

We have plenty of apples, oranges, mandarins, bananas and grapes to help fuel students throughout the week.

Thanks again to Woolworths at Lakewood for these terrific, healthy donations!