Congratulations to our swimming team who represented our school last Thursday at the District Carnival at Narooma. It was great to see so many keen swimmers competing against students from other schools.

The following swimmers performed extremely well and have been selected to go on and compete in the regional carnival that will be held in Dapto on the 8th of March: Reegan Mealy, Mallee Smith, Darcy Hughes and Callum Elliott. The senior boy’s relay also gained selection – Drew Mealy, Reegan Mealy, Harry Phillips and Darcy Hughes.

Thanks to our parents who supported both their children and the school by attending the carnival and also a special "thank you" to Mrs Morgan who organized the carnival.

Parent Workshops

Thanks to Graham Parry for running a very successful parent workshop on Monday. It was good to see not only "mums" but also dads and grandparents coming along. Graham will run his next session on Monday 26 March in the school art room from 9–10:30am. The focus will be School and Education.

Thanks also to Mal Lee who will continue to write the "Successful Schooling" articles each week in our Scoop. These articles are based on current research and are supported by wonderfully practical suggestions from Jesse Rowan. I would encourage all parents to check these articles out. If you would like to see previous articles please click on the link on the top left hand corner of our school web site or click here.

This week’s assembly will be led by students from 4T.
Complaints Policy

Complaints Handling Policy Guidelines: I extend a reminder to all that if at any time you find that you have a concern about anything to do with school, you are encouraged to contact us (phone, email or visit) so that your concern can be resolved. It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure an engaging, safe and enriching experience for our students.

However, should you feel that you must raise a concern formally, the NSW Department of Education and Training has procedures to ensure that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the front office. Further information is also available in the Department’s Complaints Handling Guidelines which includes a guide to Lodging a Complaint. These documents can be accessed on the Department’s internet website: https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/policies

Anti-Racism

Anti-Racism Programs: Racism is not accepted at our school. In accord with Department Of Education and Community Policy our school welfare program ensures that students are taught positive behaviour strategies that support inclusion and acceptance of others: promoting acceptance of Australia's cultural, linguistic and religious diversity, challenging prejudiced attitudes and ensuring that sanctions are applied against racist and discriminatory behaviours.

Our school has a trained anti-racism contact officer (ARCO) who is Mrs Gee Hounsell. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hounsell if you have any concerns or questions. For more information see: https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/policies

Selective High Schools Test

Selective High Schools Placement Test – 15 March: The selective high schools test is held annually for Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school. For key dates, online applications and more information for parents, see www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Check out the ‘School A to Z’ Website by clicking here
2012 – National Year of Reading

2012 has been designated as the National Year of Reading in Australia. The National Year of Reading is about children learning to read and keen readers finding new sources of inspiration. It’s about supporting reading initiatives while respecting the oral tradition of storytelling. It's about helping people discover and rediscover the magic of books.

Nearly half our population can't read with any fluency or comprehension. It's a shameful and worrying statistic that can arguably have a dramatic impact on an individual’s quality of life.

Three goals have been identified to help turn Australia into a nation of readers and encourage a reading culture in every home:

• For all Australians to understand the benefits of reading as a life skill and a catalyst for well-being;
• To promote a reading culture in every home; and
• To establish an aspirational goal for families, parents and caregivers sharing books with their children every day.

We would encourage every parent to spend some time reading with their children in the evening. Not only does it teach good literacy habits to our children but it is also a lovely time to spend with your child.

Reminders

• Tickets for major raffle for our fete – please return to the school as soon as they are sold – there are fantastic prizes to be won.
• Thursday 1st March – Friday 2nd March Book Fair in iCentre
• Clean Up Australia is on this coming Friday and children are asked to bring plastic bag and gloves.
• If you have not downloaded the University of NSW Competition forms they are available at the front office and should be filled in and returned asap
• No peanuts in lunch boxes or in school grounds

Thought for the Week

Everybody is a genius.
But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.

Sue Lowe, Principal

Principal’s Stickers

Julian Crosby, Andreh Jessop, Callie Evans-Coppin, Brendan Mizzi, Jack Morgan, Billie Lee, Brandon Collins, Codie Edwards, Libby Doughty, Jasmine Hoban, Tia Woolridge, Mikaela Clarke, Tyler Bundy, Tuncay Yarar, Aaron Barnes, Alisha Ryan, Chelsea Rowley
16 DAYS TO GO

Fete day is drawing closer and there is plenty to do. Your help would be appreciated with the following items...

**MAJOR RAFFLE:** This is our main fundraising activity and all 10 prizes are excellent. Please continue to sell tickets which were sent home. If you have sold them, please return tickets and money to the front office and grab another book to sell if you can. Fish Bits awarded for each book sold and returned.

**CLASS HAMPERS:** Very popular at the last fete, the hampers are great to win. Each class has a theme. Please send an item to school to include in your child’s class hamper. Fish bits awarded for bringing in an item.

**TOMBOLA:** Shaneane and Angela would love to receive more items for the Tombola. Kids love this stall. Please send in “stuff” in jars, eg hair ties, small toy, marbles, crayons, stickers etc, etc.

**LOB-A-CHOC:** When you see the frenzy on the Lob-a-Choc stall, you will understand why we need lots of chocolates...keep them coming.

**PLANT STALL:** All greenery gratefully received.

**SECOND HAND GOODS STALL** – Jesse has made the following request...

**Clean Out Time...**

Wanted for the fete: Books, magazines, cds, dvds, classy knick knacks, vases, toys in good clean condition and complete, any quality saleable items – not junk please! [NOT clothes, shoes or old saucepans]

**CAKE STALL:** This is a great way for you to support the fete. Plates and labels will be sent home closer to the day...dig out those tried and true recipes.

**PROMOTION:** Invite your relatives, friends and neighbours to the Fete. There will be enough activity, entertainment and food for all. Some flyers have been included for you to distribute – thanks for your assistance with this.

**PRE-PAID ARM BANDS:** Arm bands for unlimited turns on all rides are pre–sold and distributed just before the fete. Order forms will be sent home at the end of this week – check the school bags.

THANK YOU – Fete Committee
Clean Up Australia Day
This Friday, the 2nd March is Clean Up Australia Day. Our school is participating by cleaning up sections of Broulee. We will be doing this between lunch and recess on Friday.

It would be appreciated if all children have a plastic bag and gloves to pick up any rubbish they may find. If you have not returned your child’s orange permission note for walks please do so for this event.

It's great that our school is participating in a fantastic community event.

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**iCentre News – Scholastic Book Fair**

**What:** Scholastic Book Fair  
**When:** Thursday 1 March – Friday 2 March  
8:30 – 3:30pm  
**Where:** Broulee PS iCentre

* Students will be previewing the Book Fair on Wed 29 February

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**Weekly Class Awards**

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Thank You Brown Books

District Swimming Carnival  2012
School Assembly

Our new Kinders are already old hands at assembly. They are quickly learning The School Song and National Anthem. Assemblies are held each Thursday afternoon starting at 1:45pm.

Rielly Collins, Meg Phillips, Mitchell Edwards and Hannah Campbell from 2/3R were our assembly leaders on the 16th of February. They were responsible for running the whole assembly and did a terrific job.

Community News

Composting & Wormfarming

A Workshop for Kids and their Parents!

A funfilled way of introducing young gardeners to basic compost building and understanding of the life in the soil. We will also build a small wormfarm and get to know the inhabitants well and their good work they do for us.

Date: Sunday, 4 March, 10–12pm, Moruya, $75 for parent and child (Extra family member $10 per head)

Please call Adult Ed for all the details 44729202