PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Sue Gibson

Principal’s Message

Congratulations to all our swim school children. I have been receiving excellent reports on both your behaviour and progress. Learning to swim is a very important part of growing up in Australia, particularly our area so close to the lake and beaches.

PBL Focus
This week we our PBL focus is “Be Patient”. This can be a difficult one for young children who are always busy and wanting things to happen instantly. We all need to remember to be respectful and wait politely for our turn, whether it’s to speak to someone or to have our go in a game or sport.

RAW Art
Next week, Tuesday 24th November, we are having a visit from the RAW Art team. They will be running 3 sessions throughout the day to cater for our 3 class groups. All groups will be working with clay. The program looks like lots of fun and I’m sure we will be seeing some weird and wonderful creations!

Saving Santa’s Sleigh
Fennell Bay P.S has very kindly invited us to be part of the audience for the final dress rehearsal of their end of year performance. We will be visiting their school on Tuesday 1st December, further details will follow.

Star of the Week
This week I have chosen William Folder as our “Star of the Week”. William has been working very hard on improving his reading this Term. He has demonstrated some excellent strategies and his efforts should be commended. Remember, to improve at anything you need to practise, so home reading is important. Keep up the good work Will!
Small Schools Are Fun
We Work As One
Office reminders
- Student banking on Tuesday a great way to save and develop that super habit.
- Raw Art Note and Money to be brought in by Tuesday 24th November.

⇒ Accompanying newsletter
⇒ Cartoon Camp Leaflet

Change of P and C Meeting for December
The next meeting will be held Thursday 3rd December at 5.30pm in the Library All Welcome!

Swim School
One week down, one to go! All of the children who have attended swim school should be very proud of the effort they are putting in every day. Our experienced swimmers are working hard to improve their swimming techniques, while our less-experienced swimmers are improving their skills and increasing their confidence in the water every day.
Mrs Clarke

P and C News
Week 2 of swimming is here which means not many weeks of 2015 school year left. The next few weeks will be very busy for the P and C as we start selling our raffle tickets. We have a hamper, a ham, some tattoo vouchers and lots of other goodies up as prizes.
To assist with the raffle prizes we are asking for a $5.00 donation per family to help us maximise our profit which goes straight back into the school to purchase things ready for the new year. We will send home an envelope for this later in the week.
- Our first Fassifern Milkshake Day was a HUGE success with the P and C raising over $140.00 for the school!
- The Bake Sale on Grandparents Day made $238.00 for the school!
- Tea Towels are expected in again shortly, so please keep the orders coming in! They make fabulous Christmas presents.

On that note an enormous thank you to everyone who purchased goodies to help us raise money for the school and all those mums helping at our stalls, meetings and special days!
Our P and C focuses on raising money for our school and we couldn’t have been as successful as we have been this year without all the help from everyone who supports us.
Have a great week!
Jacqueline Lockett
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### Weekly Awards

**TERM 4 - WEEK 6**

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<td>Great attitude at swim school.</td>
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<td>Finn Williams</td>
<td>For much improved editing skills during writing.</td>
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<td>Being more involved with class discussions.</td>
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The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing individualised support for people with a disability who have a permanent or developmental delay that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

If you live in Maitland, Newcastle or Lake Macquarie and are under 65 you may be eligible to access the NDIS.

**Visit us**

Find out how the NDIS might assist you, your family member or friend by visiting our information stands between 9.30 and 4pm at:

- **Rutherford Marketplace**
  18th November & 9th December
- **Lake Macquarie Fair**
  25th November & 16th December
- **Morisset Square**
  2nd December
- **Bonnells Bay Shopping Centre**
  1st December

**Phone:** 1800 555 727  
**Website:** [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)

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**SNAKE ALERT!**

Parents, please make your children aware of the dangers of picking up sticks, as they could accidentally pick up a snake!