Principal’s Message

What a week!

Last week provided our students with some fantastic opportunities to celebrate Education week. We kicked off the week with NAIDOC Activities co-ordinated by Aunty Renee Lydiard. The students enjoyed bark painting, creating a necklace and traditional dance and face painting. Renee also included information on bush tucker and natural soaps.

Thursday saw us busy with “Green Day”. We planted some native bushes, learned about our unique environment, picked up sticks and also mulched our largest garden. Thanks must go to Simon and Alex from Lake Macquarie Council, George Norrish and Kaylene for all lending a hand. Thursday also saw a visit from a Fassifern ex-student Dylan Parker from Paper Planes fame. Dylan had our students riveted to every word as he used paper planes to explore the science of flight. Each student was assisted in making two different types of plane and spent a pleasant time on the oval throwing with Dylan. A photographer from Lakes Mail attended, so be on the lookout for the article which should be appearing in the paper soon.

Pre School Visit

Friday was our visit from Blackalls Park Pre-School and we also welcomed Kobi, Taj, Jorja, Ruby, Evangelina and Evanna who are already enrolled for Kindergarten 2016. This was a fun morning for all involved with special thanks to Danielle Grieg who did a great job in organising the event. Thank you also to our parent helpers and the P&C for providing morning tea for our young visitors.
PBL
Our PBL focus for Week 4 is “Sticks Stay On The Ground”. This is a very relevant rule to our school. We are lucky enough at Fassifern P.S to have such a fantastic playground, but it brings with it a few dangers. The many lovely shady trees do drop branches creating lots of sticks at times. We did remove many sticks from our playground last Thursday, but it also showed us how many more we have left! The areas where we play are mostly clear of sticks so this rule is not difficult to follow.

Student of the Week
This week our Student of the Week is one of our younger students, Tia Jeffery. Tia is in Yr 1 and has been chosen this week due to her wonderful progress in Literacy. Tia has blown us all away with her progress, she has moved an amazing six reading levels this year. Tia is an enthusiastic writer and is now writing fantastic stories that are almost a whole page in length. This is Tia’s recount of our NAIDOC Activities.
Well done Tia, we are very proud of your outstanding effort!

Small Schools Athletics Carnival
The Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held this Thursday 6th August at Wangi Oval. The carnival will commence at 9.30am and conclude at approximately 2.30pm. Transport for all students will be by bus. We ask that students arrive at school by 8.45am ready for a prompt 9.00am departure. Students need to wear full sports uniform including a hat and appropriate sports shoes. Students also need to bring their lunch, recess and plenty of water. A canteen will be operating on the day for snacks and drinks. Parents are welcome to come along to support their child at the carnival.

School Safety
Thankyou to those parents who are remembering to respect the drop off zone at the front of the school. By keeping this area free for drop-offs and pick-ups only, we are keeping our children safe

Getting Dirty for a Cause
On Thursday our school took part in National Plant a Tree Day so our students went outside to help our environment. Students took part in an info session and got to plant a tree. Students also helped our grounds keeper Mr Norrish with mulching the gardens. Overall our gardens look a lot better and altogether it was a great day. The best part was when we went looking for critters because it was very fun. Dominic Como
Fly High with Dylan Parker

Dylan Parker came to our school in 1994-1997. He’s the paper plane pilot out of the movie ‘Paper Planes’, he’s the person that made the planes in the movie. He’s also the third best paper plane maker and thrower in the world.

Dylan Parker came back to our wonderful school on the 30th of July 2015.

Dylan Parker showed us how to make a squareasaurus plane and a glider plane. He also told us about all the other planes too like the dart and the raptor.

Dylan Parker has broken hundreds of records by flying and making paper planes and his job today is making and flying paper planes.

Matthew Wellings

Instagram messages from Dylan Parker.

Place your stickers or completed cards in the box in the office.

We are planning on obtaining more musical resources for our school.

Thankyou
Netball

A big congratulations goes to our Junior Netball Team that played in a local gala day at Wangi Wangi last Friday. The girls did an amazing job and I was very proud of their efforts. We played five games against different schools, with a win, a draw and 3 losses. However the girls managed to keep the other team’s points below 8 in every game. Every single girl played their very best, with congratulations going to Phoebe on receiving Player of the Day for Fassifern. It was a hard choice but Phoebe’s dedication to her position in every game put her just in front of the others. Well done! A special thank you to the wonderful mums and family members that helped with transporting students, and for coming along to support us and providing snacks! We really appreciate you and days like this could definitely not happen without you.

Miss Dedman