Dear Parents/Carers,

Public Speaking
I’m always amazed at the anxiety amongst children and adults when the term ‘public speaking’ is mentioned. Children having been sharing “news” at school since Kindergarten but all of a sudden when it is formalised into “public speaking” we can have tears, fears and pressure. Fear not! It should be a bit of fun as well. Talking and Listening is one of the strands of our NSW English curriculum, the others being Reading and Writing.

The public speaking competition is an effective way of ensuring all children have the opportunity of learning the techniques of speaking in front of an audience and it also provides an outlet for those who excel, to show their skills at the next regional level of competition. Children have been busy preparing for our school public speaking competition this week. So far we have had some very professional and interesting talks with confidence building with every presentation. Topics have ranged from favourite sports, friends, famous people and places as well as some more obscure ideas which have entertained the audience. Finals will be held next Friday afternoon in the school hall and we would love you to come along and be part of the audience.

Tennis & Rugby League
Our new ‘Hotshots’ Tennis Program commenced on Thursday and the children are enjoying learning the skills of tennis from trained staff and using the school’s new equipment. This Thursday our school Rugby League team travels to Casino for the annual Rugby League carnival and we wish them well as they represent the school.

Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to Greg Flint and his team of workers for a fantastic sports carnival last Friday in glorious sunshine. A big thank you to parents who helped and cheered the teams along, and well done to all children who participated. It was exciting to see Williams House win the cup this year after a couple of years of Malachi taking the cup. The photos on page 3 say it all!

Regards,

Tim Bleakley
Principal

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AGE CHAMPIONS: Raen, Marcus, Raf, Aniela, Lucy, Felicity & Chloe
A sincere thank you to the terrific volunteers who have been able to assist in the canteen this term:

Kym Ellis-Southwell, Jenny Barlow, Michelle Lang, Jennifer Lalor, Lee Dale, Robyn Eden, Bruce Lang, Maree McDonald, Pina Jordan, Suzie Reilly, Andrea Petersen, Kim Hennessy, Jennifer Stewart, Caroline Kinsella, Pakhi Aldred-Sutherland, Katrina Weier, Margaret Browning and Mohani Susanna.

We are very fortunate to have such a committed coordinator for the canteen in Robyn Eden. Robyn gives her time willingly and generously to help all our children have access to the canteen two days per week.

This year Robyn has sought ways and ideas to liven up the menu as well as keeping a close eye on our continued campaign to promote healthy eating habits in our children. It is a very challenging job and whenever the topic of school canteen is raised in any school it can stir up passion and often cause personal opinions to take over practical management solutions. I encourage anyone with suggestions for the canteen to see me or to add your thoughts to the School Forum Suggestion Box in the office. This is an effective way for healthy debate to continue on the topic as we continue to look to provide the best for our children.

Our biggest concern at present is a lack of helpers in the canteen to continue to operate each Monday and Friday. We are desperately seeking people who can give 2-4 hours (negotiable) once or twice (preferably) per term to assist in the canteen. It can be very rewarding to see your children in their learning environment and your children love to see you at school and being involved.

Next term there will be some small modifications to the menu and some price changes. The roster for July is now being drawn up.

Please ring Robyn Eden on 0402 758 971 to volunteer.

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013
**TALENT SHOW**

Our first Talent show for 2013 will be held Friday 26th July at 2pm. Time to get that act ready. Rehearsals will be held at lunchtimes in the Music room. See Mr Bleakley for more details.

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**School Forum**

Meeting Overview Tuesday 11th June @ 7pm

Present: Tim Bleakley, Lisa Emery, Rachel Griffiths, Michelle Lang, Vanessa Gorman, Margaret Browning, Lindy Curruth, John Barlow, Samaya Askill, Lynette Kee.

**Prayer and Welcome to Country**

**Principal’s Report**

- Sport’s Carnival
- Public Speaking
- Staff Professional Development
- Pupil Free days- Proclaim Day
- Old ‘n Gold Festival
- Upcoming events for students
- Parish Dinner
- School Reports

**Treasurer’s Report**

**General Business**

- New playground equipment
- Canteen update
- School Garden
- School Food Bank
- Sausage Sizzle for Election Day

Thank you to Lynette Kee who has accepted the role of Parent Assembly representative for St John’s for 2013. Lynette will liaise with representatives from other Catholic schools in the region to share ideas and practical feedback on ways of supporting parents in their ever-challenging parenting journey.

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**BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL**

Judy Horacek is a freelance cartoonist, illustrator and writer. Her work has appeared in *The Australian, The Canberra Times* and *The Age*, and can be seen on fridges and toilet doors all over the world. She is currently published weekly in *The Age*, and she is resident cartoonist for a number of small magazines. Seven collections of her cartoons have been published. Judy also creates children’s picture books - both on her own, such as *These are my Hands/ These are my Feet*, and in collaboration with Mem Fox. Together Mem and Judy created the instant children’s classic, *Where is the Green Sheep?* which was the 2005 Children’s Book Council Book of the Year - Early Childhood. Their second book together, *Good Night Sleep Tight*, has just been published by Scholastic.

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**Technology Talk**

One of my favourite sites for finding art and craft activities is [http://www.deepspacesparkle.com/](http://www.deepspacesparkle.com/) This site has some wonderful ideas that are easy to do at home and at school. They also have a Pinterest page so search them there.

Having trouble with fractions? Try Fractions Monkeys to help you figure out what equivalent fractions are. [http://www.fractionmonkeys.co.uk/](http://www.fractionmonkeys.co.uk/)

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**ICAS ASSESSMENTS**

For those students who are sitting the ICAS Assessments this is a reminder about the dates.

**SPELLING – Tuesday 18th June**

**WRITING – Wednesday 19th June**

These assessments will take place at school and will be supervised by one of the teachers. The Mathematics and English assessments will take place in Term 3. For those interested in practicing for these tests go to [http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions)

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Great reasons to be active for children and parents

- boosts confidence
- improves fitness
- makes bones and muscles stronger
- improves posture
- helps maintain a healthy weight
- lowers the risk of heart disease
- reduces stress
- improves sleep
- reduces the risk of cancer
- improves self confidence
- teaches you new skills
- develops better motor skills
- makes a person happier with their body