PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

School Parliament 2015
The election of 2015 school leaders was held last year. Congratulations are extended to the following Parliament members for 2015:-

- Prime Minister: Eva Lawrie
- Leader of Opposition: Riley Farrington
- Treasurer: Zac Taylor
- Ministers:
  - Sport & Recreation: Mason Carney
  - Parks & Gardens: Chloe Cooper
  - Health & Transport: Max Dobbins
  - Personal Relations: Grace Scott
  - Education & Functions: Abby Costigan

The induction into Parliament will be held at the first assembly, hosted by Year 6 on Friday 20 February 2015 at 10.00am. There will be a special guest to present the new Parliament members with their portfolio badges.

2015 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

What is A Voluntary School Contribution?
Schools request a contribution from parents each year to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources and learning programs for our students.

How Much? The contribution is $30 per student or $40 per family for the year

How Will The Money Be Used For?
Our 2015 School Plan has the main priority programs for this year as:

✔ Literacy and Numeracy: the purchase of relevant resources to improve learning outcomes for students
✔ Science Skills Program: the purchase of relevant resources and consumables for specialised Science lessons across Years K-6.

We are aiming to raise approximately $3,000 from voluntary contributions this year.

How To Pay
Please place your contribution in the envelope provided and return it to the school office as soon as you are able. A receipt will be issued for all monies received.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Annual General Meeting for our P & C Association
Tuesday 17 February, 2015 at 6.00pm is the date set for the Annual General Meeting for our P & C Association so it is hoped that a good representation of parents will be in attendance.

The importance of the work of the P&C cannot be overstated. At a time when schools rely increasingly on community assistance, strong parental support for their school is essential if educational standards and physical resources are to be maintained.

During my time at this school, I’ve seen many valuable resources and equipment purchased by the P&C to assist all students. I’m hopeful that the P&C of 2015 can show the strength and drive of those who have preceded them.

P&C Welcome BBQ
Friday 13 February, 2015
from 6.00pm to 8.30pm
FREE sausage sizzle. All welcome!

Year 5–6 Assembly
Friday 20 February, 2015
at 10.00am.
Induction of 2014 School Parliament with Special Guest! All welcome!
Term 1 Swimming 2015
Commencing Week 4, Friday 20 February 2015, students in Years 3-6 only will be involved in weekly swimming for sport at the Wauchope pool. Students will leave school at 11.00am and arrive back at school at 1.00pm. A permission note will be sent home shortly. Please complete and return to your child’s class teacher. Payments to be made on a weekly basis.

- Cost – $5.00 ($2.00 bus + $3.00 pool entry).
- Volunteers – Required!
- Duration – 6 weeks weather permitting.
- Essential Items – sun screen, sun shirts (rashies) or t-shirt.

*(NOTE: Children in Kinder to Year 2 will swim in Term 4 only).*

Update: Ethics Classes at Beechwood
The response to our proposed Ethics classes has been great. Since we currently have one trained Ethics teacher we are pleased to announce that a Stage 1 (Years 1&2) and a Stage 2 (Years 3-4) commenced today. Another parent is undergoing training and when she has completed it we also have sufficient numbers to commence a Stage 3 (Years 5&6) Ethics class.

Unfortunately, at the moment, we are just short of the required number to run an Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) Ethics class so if you have a Kindergarten child and would like him/her to attend an Ethics class, please complete the note that was attached to last week’s Bulletin and return to the school office as soon as possible. If we get the numbers, we will be able to offer a Kindergarten Ethics class also when the second teacher has completed her training.

Outstanding Community Achievement
Riley Farrington in Year 6 has qualified to compete at the Little Athletics NSW State Championships which will be held at Sydney Olympic Park in March. To qualify Riley had to first compete at the Zone Championships, held in Old Bar in December where he won gold in the under 11 boys 1100m racewalk, a gold in the 1500m, a silver in the 400m and a 4th place in the 800m.

He then went on to compete in all 4 events at the Regional Championships in Tamworth in January where he successfully qualified for the State Championships after winning Silver in the 1100m racewalk. *(On left in photo).*

This is Riley’s second qualification for racewalking at the State Championships and after placing in the top 10 at last year’s event he hopes to get an even better result this year. *Congratulations Riley and good luck!*

If your son/daughter has achieved something outstanding outside of school, please notify either his/her teacher or Mrs Reid in the office so that we can recognise and celebrate these achievements in our school Bulletin.

**Before School Supervision**
Parents are reminded that supervision of pupils at school commences at 8.30am. Children *should not arrive at school before 8.30am*, however, in the case of special circumstances for a brief period of time, prior permission may be obtained from the Principal.

Thank you to the families who have followed this procedure and made special requests for their children to arrive early.

Children arriving before 8.30am are asked to sit quietly on the veranda until 8.30am.

**West Tigers NRLF Players Visit**
Last Wednesday 4 February, Pat Preston from Country Rugby League together with two West Tigers players Keith Galloway and Curtis Sironen, visited our school to spread the concepts of healthy lifestyles and being active at Beechwood Public School. *(See photos below).*
**District Swimming Carnival**
The following students will represent our school next week at the District Swimming Carnival at Port Macquarie Pool.

Zavier Ryan, Josef Dowton, Mason Carney, Riley Farrington, Eli Ryan, Jasmine White, Abby Moores, Laicy Costigan, Maddie Collins, Astynn Carney, Charlotte Ostler, Kimberly White, Eva Lawrie, Jordan Relf.

Good luck to all our swimming competitors!

**Donation to School**
A $200 donation was received by the school this week from Inland 4WD & Tractors on behalf of John Smallie who won the Motorised Esky Race in the Beechwood Billycart Classic last year.

Thank you Mike & Jennifer Rus and John Smallie. Your donation is much appreciated and needed.

MAURICE COOK
Principal

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**FRIDAY FUNDRAISING**

*Chicken Sausages* on bread may be purchased at $2.00 each and Bulla Splits $1.50 each. *Half a sausage* in slice of bread available for $1.00. *Slushies* are available ($2 each) and *poppers/flavoured milk* ($1.50 each).

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**TERM 1, 2015 – FRIDAY FUNDRAISER ROSTER**

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If your rostered date is not suitable, please contact Mrs Reid in the office.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

*Welcome to 2015 BBQ – This Friday 13 February – 6pm to 8.30pm*

We are asking for donations of cakes and goodies that can be sold in the canteen for 50 cents. These can be dropped off to the canteen any time this Friday. We will also need a few volunteers to man the canteen on Friday night - no experience necessary just drop into the canteen throughout the night and offer your help ☺. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase in the canteen throughout the night and a free sausage sizzle will be provided by the P&C. Thanks.

LEANNE ROBERTS
Canteen Supervisor

**TERM 1 - Monday Canteen Roster:**

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Wauchope Hockey Club
The Wauchope Hockey Club is a family friendly club that has been part of the Hockey scene in the Port Macquarie Hastings Association for over 100 years and in 2015 we are the reigning minor premiers in the Women’s C grade competition and both the Women’s B and Men’s B grade competition, as well as Major premiers in the Men’s C Grade and both Women’s and Men’s B grade competition with all 4 of our senior teams making it to the grand final. We also have a very strong junior side with teams ranging from under 7’s to Under 16’s and we wish to let your students know of the opportunity to be able to learn this great sport.

Wauchope Soccer Club
Wauchope Soccer Club Online Registrations are now open for 2015. For further information and to access the My Football Club registration system, visit our website: www.wauchopesoccerclub.sportingpulse.net. You can also become a fan on our Facebook page “Wauchope Soccer Club” to be kept in the loop before the season starts. The club is holding payment and information sessions on the following dates: 14th and 21st February at Wauchope RSL from 10am to 2.30pm; 18th February at Wauchope RSL from 5.30pm to 7pm and 24th February at Fairmont Gardens from 5.30pm to 7pm. For more information phone Secretary, Tracey Eastwood on 0400 929 480 or go to www.wauchopesoccerclub.sportingpulse.net

Comboyne Show & Goat Races
For a relaxed country day out for the whole family, come to the Comboyne Show on Saturday 28 February from 9.00am, entry $5 per adult (16 and under FREE). There will be poultry, market stalls, dog championships, produce pavilion, art pavilion, equestrian events (only on Sunday), music, food & coffee and of course goat races with a Calcutta show.

For more information go to www.combyneshow.com

BOOSH NEWS

Are you having trouble in the afternoon getting to school on time to collect your children? Do you have appointments you have to attend in the afternoons or just run a few extra errands? BOOSH is available from 3pm-6pm Monday to Friday with qualified educators who provide quality care for your families. Afternoon tea is provided as well as lots of fun new activities, such as scrapbooking, which has been a hit. There is even a designated time for children to do their homework. Places are filling up fast so get in quick. Please be aware children need to be enrolled at BOOSH before the day they attend. Please see BOOSH staff or the School office for an enrolment form.

Sharon Palmer - BOOSH Coordinator

TERM 1 - 2015

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 3:  
Friday 13 February 6.00pm to 8.30pm P&C Welcome BBQ
Week 4:  
Monday 16 February 9.00am – 11.00am Boat Safety talk – Years K-6
Tuesday 17 February 11.30am Library Van – Years K-3
6.00pm P&C – AGM
Wednesday 18 February 8.30am – 3.00pm HCH Zone Swim Carnival – Port Macquarie
Friday 20 Feb 10.00am Year 5-6 Assembly – Induction of School Parliament 2015 members.
11.00am – 1.00pm Primary Years 3-6 Weekly Swimming

END OF TERM 1 – Thursday 2 April 2015

TERM 2 – STUDENTS RETURN – Tuesday 21 April 2015