Cross Country
Thanks to Mr Clifford for his organisation of the cross country held at Koala Park last Friday. Once again this was a great event. We had beautiful weather for the day and everyone who participated deserves praise for their excellent behaviour and their effort in running.

Students who placed 1st will receive their medal at the end of year presentation assembly.

Students who placed 1st – 6th will represent Budgewoi at the Zone Cross Country in 2 weeks time. (Friday 30th May)

Results were as follows:

**Boys:**
AWD 12/13yrs Boys – 1st Braeden.T, 2nd Tyler.L
5th Toby.D, 6th Jace.U

**Girls:**
AWD 12yrs Girls – 1st Haley.K
AWD 11yrs Girls – 1st Shaely.C

The first 4 competitors in each house group receive points for the place they came. (i.e. 1st = 1 point, 21st = 21 points, etc). Therefore the house group which tallies the lowest amount of points are the winners of the Carnival. The overall results for the winning House Groups for the 2014 Cross Country are:

1st – Doyle 234 points
2nd – Slade 291 points
3rd – Timms 342 points
4th – Hargraves 367 points

All students who participated on the day received a point for the supporters trophy which adds to the Swimming Carnival points from term one. With only the Athletics Carnival left this year, I can tell you that once again it is very close between all four house groups.

Thank you to all of the parent helpers who gave up some of their morning to help around the course on the day. It is greatly appreciated and could not run as smoothly without everyone’s assistance. Also thank you to Mr.Balzola who once again assisted with recording the places and tallying the results. It is truly always appreciated.

Mr.Clifford

SEA Program
This self esteem, resilience program will commence in school this Wednesday 21st May, for Year 5 boys. We will have three presenters from Horizons a family support service here at the northern end of the Central Coast., delivering three sessions across the day and at the end of term there will be a Graduation ceremony. The program has been sponsored by several local businesses and we wish to say a HUGE thank you to them: Beyond Blue Pool and Spa Services, Pizza Pit, Coastlink Real estate, Universal Fire protection and lake Macquarie FM 97.3

Horizons Family Service
Further to their support of the SEA program, Louisa from Horizons will be available at school 28th May, 4th and 11th June (all Wednesdays) from 2pm for a coffee and chat if you wish to access services. The Horizons service can offer support with available services for counselling, organising budgets, health, housing, child support/care, legal services and Centrelink. These meetings are strictly confidential.

Coming events for Term 2 (updated as events arise)

**Tues 20th**
Aust schools computer test
Oral hygiene talk K-2

**Wed 21st**
Hearing assessment

**Fri 23rd**
Walk safely to School Day

**Mon 26th – Fri 6th**
Stage 2 Live Healthy lunch Box Challenge

**Wed 28th**
Canteen Pizza day

**Thurs 29th**
Netball gala day

**Fri 30th**
Wallarah Zone cross Country

**Mon 2nd June**
K-2 assembly 2.15pm

**Fri 6th**
Assembly Yr 3-6

**Mon 9th**
QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

**Tues 10th**
P&C meeting 9.15am Staffroom

**Wed 11th**
Yr 6 visit to Ourimbah University

**Thurs 12th June**
Environment Yr 2
Final date for payment for Unit 1 and 4
Walkabout Wildlife Park excursion

**Tues 17th**
Canteen Cookie day

**Thurs 19th**
Walkabout Wildlife Park excursion Unit 1 and 4

**Mon 23rd**
K-2 assembly 2.15pm
NAIDOC Week

**Wed 25th June**
Canteen Spaghetti Bolognaise day

**Thurs 26th**
Semester 1 Reports Home

**Fri 27th June**
3-6 Assembly
Last day Term 2

Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 23rd May is Walk Safely to School Day. Take an opportunity to walk with your child and remind them of safety- crossing roads and stranger danger. This is also a chance for some activity in your day as part of an active lifestyle. If you drive your child park a small distance from the school and walk a little way. Any child walking to school that day will receive a sticker.

Congratulations to our Privilege Badge winners
S2/3SE Jack, S3GR Callan, S3J Shane, S3K Lachlan, S3L Ryan, Unit 1 Seth, Unit 2 Kye, Unit 3 Ilesha & Unit 4 Katie.

Best Attendance
Congratulations to Unit 2 who had no absences last week. Well done!
Mrs Kerry Moore (Principal)

School News
S3J News
This term S3J are studying the text “Alice’s Adventures In Wonderland” by Lewis Carroll. Students were asked to write about their own Wonderland and what they may find there:

You open the door and walk down a large staircase full of bright colours. As you step on each stair they sing a different tune, as you go through another door the sun is gleaming and talking to you. There are little mushrooms that talk and dance, some are small and some are very big. As you go down the path full of flowers you will see a little unicorn. He can sit and talk and he is sitting with a turtle called Flash. There is another creature called a flutter fly, it is a butterfly with glass wings. The water changes colour every hour in my wonderland.
Tanaya P
Wonderland is deep in your imagination, somewhere only kids can go. Just close your eyes and look deep inside yourself and you will be in wonderland where all the plants talk and there are bread and butter flies. The sky is bright and your friends will all be there. There is a magical kingdom made out of chocolate, the Mad Hatter is there along with the March Hare, Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee are there too along with the Queen of Hearts who likes to play croquet. All the trees are made of loom bands and every building is edible. Don’t be a fool close your eyes and go to Wonderland.
Chloe C

ICAS Competitions
If your child entered the University competition for ‘Computer’ the test will be administered tomorrow - Tuesday 20th May. There are 8 children from Year 4 and 6 sitting this year for Computer. Mrs Bondfield will collect you and supervise the test.

Canteen News
Roster for week beginning: Tuesday 13th May
Tue 20/5 - Denise Wilson, Kristy BP, George Thomson
Wed 21/5 - Denise Heath, Jenny Leatham, Kelly White
Thurs 22/5 – Lisa Lear, Alana Paku
Fri 23/5 - Monique Hall, Megan Lewis
Mon 26/5 – Elissa Foster, Kat Rowe, Melissa Stafford

New Volunteers are needed in our school Canteen. If you are available to come in and help out one day a month, Mums, dads, grandparents are all welcome. Come see us in the canteen.

Northlakes HS year 7 2015
Entering High School is an exciting time for students, and families. Northlakes High School would like to invite any interested Parent/Caregiver to come along and find out about the wonderful things happening in our school. The Principal of Northlakes High School, Mrs Rowley would like to meet you and answer any questions you may have about making the move into High School. The meeting will be at Budgewoi Public School, AV Room on Friday 23rd May, 2014 from 9.00 till 10.00am. If you are a working Parent, or it this time does not suit you, we will be holding an evening session at Northlakes High School on Thursday evening 22nd May, at 6.00pm in the Library.

From the DEC
Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hyn2E

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Community News
Budgewoi Halekulani Community Based Preschool has started taking enrolments for 2015.
For those who haven’t heard of us, we are a small preschool situated down by the beach at Budgewoi. We are on the cnr. of Ocean and Erudgeree Streets. We were established in 1974. At our preschool we enrol children from 2-6 years of age. Our hours are 9-3pm school terms (closed school holidays). The Children bring their own morning tea and lunch. We thrive on preparing your child for the transition to Big School. Every child receives an electronic portfolio at the end of their preschool year. We encourage parent participation. We have mature, nurturing, friendly, caring staff with lots of experience. We have a speech pathologist on site one day per week. We work closely with local intervention agencies and schools. Our preschool always fills very quickly. We would like to invite interested families for 2015 to call in to meet our educators and have a look at our preschool. Alternatively, please call 43909726 and speak to Alison or Janet.

To: School Office
Kindergarten 2015
If your child or a friend or neighbour is eligible for enrolment please complete the following details or pass it on to them and return it to the office so that we can forward enrolment details. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s readiness for school please contact Mrs Moore or Mrs Keats.

Child’s name……………………………………………………………………………………………
Date of Birth…………………………………..
Parent Name ………………………………………..
Address ………………………………………………..
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Name of child at school to deliver information
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