School Swimming and Water Safety Program
It is great to see that all places have been taken in this year’s School Swimming and Water Safety Program because it is very important that children learn to swim. This is a learn to swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. It will give them the opportunity to participate in water sports anywhere.

The scheme will continue daily for two weeks from Monday, November 30th, to Friday, December 11th. Lessons will take place at Toukley Aquatic Centre under qualified teachers. All children attending must come prepared with the following items:
- a towel
- underwear
- a brush or comb
- warm clothing
- a t-shirt or rash shirt (optional)
- a strong plastic bag to take home wet items
- goggles (optional)

The children are to wear their swimming costumes to the pool under their uniform and it is important that all their belongings are labeled.

Our lessons have been organised in the middle part of the day. Group 1 (2M S3C 2J S2WB S2B S3B S3GP S3L S3SW) commences at 12 midday and Group 2 (S2A S2C S2EV S2J S2L) at 12.45 pm. Swimmers may order hot food from the canteen for recess and must indicate they are a swimmer on their bag. It may be wise to encourage your child to eat more food than normal at recess during this time, particularly if they are in Group 2. Some children might like to eat their lunch at recess and their recess later.

If you have any questions about this program, do not hesitate to contact me. We hope to have a fun and rewarding learning experience.

Miss Jurd (Swimming Coordinator)

School Leaders 2016
Congratulations to the following Year 5 students who were successful in attaining a leadership position in 2016; Mitchell H, Luke V, Jay K, Cody S, Tyler G, Jessica-Lee Q, April H, Ella G, Rachel F and Erika S.
The students will be presenting their speeches for school Captain and Vice-Captain at a special assembly on Wednesday 25th November at 1:35pm in the hall. Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be voting. Parents and carers are invited to attend.

Rotary Citizenship Award
Congratulations to Blake O’Brien and Libby Plumb who received Rotary Citizenship Awards at a special dinner last Wednesday night.

Maths Fun Day
Our whole school participated in the Maths Fun Day, and YES, Maths can be FUN!!
Two students shared what they thought about the day.

On Thursday the 19th November we had a Maths Fun Day. We went to Miss Jurd, Mrs Bondfield and Mrs Jones. At Mrs Jones class we did electronic geoboards and made shapes on the laptop. In Miss Jurd’s classroom we did tangrams with shapes like triangles and squares. We liked this activity because we could make whatever pictures we wanted with the tangrams. With Mrs Bondfield we had to make 3D towers that could hold blocks out of straws and sticky tape too.
It was a fantastic day because we had so much fun. Maths Fun Day was the best day ever!
Zac V and Sienna B 2M

Year 6 Farewell
We will be having a parent meeting this Thursday at 3pm in Mrs Lindsay’s room. All parents are welcome. We will be finalising decorations and catering.
A special thank you must go to Brian Hilton Motor Group for a very generous donation towards decorations at our Year 6 Farewell.

Enrolment in 2016
Teachers will soon begin the process of class formation for 2016. If your child will not be attending Budgewoi PS in 2016 please let us know as soon as possible.

Book Fair
Many thanks to our wonderful parents, grandparents and extended family who dropped into the Book Fair to purchase books. This is not only a wonderful way to develop a love of reading, or to find a great Christmas gift, it is also a support to our Library funds enabling us to purchase a large variety of resources.
Thanks to all who assisted on the day. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Year 6 - Northlakes High School Orientation Day
Just a reminder that students attending Northlakes High School in 2016 are having their Orientation Day tomorrow, Tuesday 24th November. Parents & carers are responsible for transporting their child.

Coming events for Term 4
Tue 24th Northlakes High School Orientation Day
Wed 25th Eat it to Beat it Cancer Council parent session
Thurs 26th K-2 and 3-6 disco *New
Yr 6 Farewell Committee meeting
Tues 1st Scripture assembly
Mon 7th Last Week of School Banking for the year
Tues 8th Variety Christmas Party- unit children
Fri 11th Year 6 Big Day Out & Year 5 class parties
Mon 14th Presentation Day
Reports Home
Tues 15th Year 6 Farewell
Class parties Kinder – Year 4
Wed 16th Last day of term for students
17th & 18th School Development days – pupil free
Best Attendance
Due to circumstances beyond our control we will have this and next week’s best absences in the Week 9 newsletter.
Mrs Vicki Keats, Deputy Principal

School News

Frequent Reader Club
Congratulations to the newest members of our Frequent Reader Club: Jade C (2J) and Jett (KD).
Congratulations to our newest 200 club members; Keeslee W (S3L), Gabrielle S (1M), Brock W (1M).
Their names will be displayed on the special Star Reader display board in the office. We hope to see some more readers join the club soon!

S3B News
S3B have been completing a Where’s Wally Unit this term. This requires students to select a where’s Wally reader, choosing from locations all over the world, and locate that place on a world map they then pin facts about that country to the world map. Students then complete set tasks by reading the information in each reader. One of these activities requires students to write an informative letter home to a love one telling them about the great things they have seen and learnt from that location.
To mum and dad,
My time in the USA is going amazing. I got to ride a horse like a cowboy, I visited Oklahoma and I got to see a tornado but it was really scary, we had to go in bunker/tornado shelter. One of the best things there was seeing how they farm their wheat, it was interesting. Did you know that Indians lived in tepees and I got to make my very own, there were 300 tribes all over America and the richest tribes had carved wooden totem poles outside, they are very interesting but a little scary I think. I also got to visit Mount Rushmore which is a hard rock that has sculptures of earlier presidents; it took 14 years to make.
I’m not sure where I am going to visit next, but I will make sure I write
Love and miss you,
Yours sincerely
Ella.

To my family,
I am having so much fun down here in the South Pole, although it is very cold! I wish you guys were down here seeing and hearing about all these amazing things. Did you know that down here the air is so clear you can see mountain peaks from hundreds of kilometres away? And one of my favourite facts is, it’s so cold that your breath freezes into tiny ice crystals and when the sun hits the ice it can make a rainbow come out of your mouth.

Antarctica is a huge continent almost twice as big as Australia so I obviously haven’t been everywhere plus over 98% of the land is covered in a layer of snow and ice all year round so it makes getting around a little more difficult. In places, this icy layer is 4km thick. Strangely, Antarctica is the driest place on earth, with less than 5cm of rain a year. The snow that falls on Antarctica is the cleanest in the world because it hasn’t been polluted by chemicals. It’s so fun here but it would be better if you guys were here. I have to go now.
Love you all,
Your awesome daughter,

Privilege Badge winners
KC Phoenix, KD Mary, KE Osharna, KL Jasper, 1K Huntar, 1M Arsenyi, 1MC Leon, 1O Nathan, 2J Ella, 2M Dakota, 2WB Kalan, S2A Keeley, S2B James, S2C Lexi, S2EV Sophie, S2J Taj, S2L Noah, S3B Indirayne, S3C Kym, S3GP Cody, S3L Flynn, S3SW Will, Unit 1 Clinton, Unit 2 Tiarna, Unit 3 Hannah & Unit 4 Jasper

Holly
School Banking
Just a reminder to send in your 10 tokens and order you’re banking prizes by next week (week 9) to receive them by the end of the year. Week 10 is the last week of school banking for this year.

Canteen News
Now is the time to buy or place your no deposit lay-bys for uniforms for next year.

Roster for week beginning 24th November 2015:
Tuesday 24/11/15 – Denise Wilson, Michelle Burgess
Wednesday 25/11/15 – Denise Heather, Jenny Leatham, Sue Walker
Thursday 26/11/15 – Vanessa Allan, Georgina Atkinson
Friday 27/11/15 – Madeline & Dale Clenton, Megan Lewis, Kristie Hermsen
Monday 30/11/15 – Alana Paku, Pauline Isierf

Helpers, if for some reason you cannot attend, please contact Sophie early on 43992238. New volunteers are always welcome.

Northlakes High School Uniform Shop
The Northlakes High School Uniform shop is open every Friday from 10:00 till 12:00pm (beat the rush before orientation day 24/11/15)

Year 6 Orientation and additional transition visits (Northlakes High School)
If your child is going to Northlakes High School in 2016, a permission note has already gone home regarding Orientation Day which will be held on Tuesday 24th November. Please note that parents are responsible for transport on the day. If your child did not receive a letter, see Mrs Rich. Some students were chosen to participate in additional transition opportunities. A letter was sent home last Friday. Please return the permission note to Mrs Rich as soon as possible.

Year 6 Farewell
The Year 6 Farewell is on Tuesday 15th December from 5:45 – 8:45pm. A note will soon go home explaining dress code, drop off and pick up times and if you will be able to assist on the day with either decorating the hall or with food preparation. Please contact Mrs Rich if you have any questions.

Year 6 Big Day Out and Year 5 Class Parties
The Year 6 Big Day Out and Year 5 class parties will be held on Friday 11th December. The Big Day out permission notes have gone home to all Year 6 students. Please ensure that money is paid by the due date as we cannot accept late payments. The movie the students will be watching is Hotel Transylvania 2. Further information will be sent home soon for Year 5 parties.

P&C News
DON’T FORGET the school disco in the hall on Thursday 26th November.
Kindergarten to Year 2 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Years 3 – 6 5.30pm – 6.30pm
The cost will be $3.00 and this will include a popper for all children. There will be no glow sticks allowed at the disco and we would appreciate if you do not send them with your children. We hope to see you all there.