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Assembly
Next Thursday 10th September we will be holding an Assembly at school beginning at 2pm. At this Assembly we will be presenting some very important awards. Some of our students have achieved significant outcomes this term and we would like as many parents & community members as possible to come along and see our students receive these awards. Both the Little Room and Big Room students will be presenting items. The Big Room will be presenting the dance item they will be performing at the Performing Arts Festival. There will also be guided tours of our classrooms and a delicious afternoon tea. Could parents please bring/send goodies for the afternoon tea. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Assembly.

Regional Athletics Carnival
Last Friday Katie Robertson and Beau Whittaker represented our school at the North Coast Regional Athletics Carnival in Lismore. Beau participated in the Senior Boys Shot Put and threw a distance of 8.81m with the 3kg shot to finish in 3rd place. This was a great effort from Beau and he has been improving his distance at each carnival.
Katie participated in the Para events for AWD students. Katie took part in six events and finished first in each event. Katie is now the North Coast Senior Girls Para Athletics Champion as well as the Northern Rivers Para Athletics Champion. This is an amazing achievement.
Katie and Beau have been training hard at school and I’m sure everyone is very proud of their achievements. Beau will be participating in the NSW State Championships at Homebush in Sydney in term four. If you would like to support Beau financially please see Shannon as she has some raffle tickets available.
Katie also qualified to participate in Sydney.
Due to Katie and Beau’s efforts our school finished 5th in the overall point score at the Regional Carnival against all primary schools from Port Macquarie to Tweed Heads, an incredible achievement. I have enclosed a copy of this result in the Newsletter.

SRC Pet Day
Congratulations to the SRC and Mr Pierce for conducting such a great Pet Day yesterday. We had dogs, chickens, a guinea pig, a sheep and a crayfish. It was lots of fun. Thank you to our students, parents, and community members who went to so much trouble preparing for this event. I thought the look-a-likes were outstanding. Finally, thank you to all our wonderful pets who were so beautifully behaved.

Rural Fire Service Visit
The Rural Fire Service will be visiting our school on Friday 11th September. The RFS will be talking to our students about various aspects of fire safety. The RFS will be providing lunch for our students on this day. Students will need to bring some food for recess.

Performing Arts Festival
The Performing Arts Festival will be held at the Casino Civic Hall on Monday evening 14th September. If you would like tickets please let Mrs Weston, Mrs Tart or me know as soon as possible. The cost is $10 adults, and children $5. Performing students are admitted free. Thank you to those people who have already indicated they would like tickets. These tickets will be distributed next week. A permission note is attached to this newsletter.

Big Room Awards
Katie Robertson – North Coast Para AWD Athletics Champion
Beau Whittaker – For 3rd Place in the Shot Put at the Regional Carnival

Star Spellers
Star spellers for the Big Room this week Tess, Annaleise, Travis, Lachlan G, Danielle, and Latrelle. Well done!!

Little Room News
Pet Day
Special thank you to all students and parents who participated and assisted with our school pet day yesterday. All pets were well behaved and seemed to enjoy socialising with the other pets and meeting the boys and girls.

Homework
Please continue with homework each week. Please place homework in the tub at the end of each week.
Year 3-6 Science & Technology

This week students in the Big Room participated in creating different environments for worms, slugs/snails and ants.

**Snail World** – consisted of Katie, Tess, Savannah and Mrs Whitney. Their job was to investigate the school playground in pursuit of garden snails. After searching for quite a while the group managed to find a few snails (just outside the school garden). The group worked together to complete the components for a fully self-contained Snail World environment inside a bottle. Their job was to follow the instructions, collect the slugs or snails and put together a unique environment for these garden dwelling creatures.

**Worm Farm** - this group consisted of Savannah, Braleigh & Tess and was completed during the previous week of school (Week 7). The group set up an underground environment specific to the needs of earthworms. The group were able to successfully follow a list of instructions in their educational tool kit and create a specific environment for the needs of earthworms.

**Ant City – (Group 1)** this group consisted of Korban, Travis and Latrelle and their task was to create an Ant City environment. The boys quickly discovered a nest of ants and collected over 20 for their project. They followed a list of instructions and were able to put together a unique environment suitable for ants.

**Ant City – (Group 2)** Danielle, Emily and Annaiese worked together to create a self-contained environment for ants. The group collected over 20 ants, followed a set of instructions and completed the required project. Students Yr 3-6 will now be able to learn more about animal behaviour and have shown some potential as junior myrmecologists (the scientific study of ants), as junior oligochaetologists (the scientific study of worms) and junior Malecologists (the scientific study of snails). Well done to all Big Room students for their ability to read and follow directions and work as a team member.

**Sight Words**

New lists of sight words can be collected from school at any time. Please continue to revise even a small list of sight words each week.

**Term 3 School Assembly**

Next Thursday is our school assembly. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible to support all K-6 students. All students K-6 have been rehearsing tirelessly to perfect their items for next week’s performances. We look forward to allocating class and school based awards as well as providing tours of our classrooms. All students K-6 have been working hard on specific classroom tasks in both Literacy and Numeracy and Creative Arts. It’s been a busy term with a large variety of school based events and our excursion to Coffs harbour a few weeks ago.

**Spelling**

Next week will be the last week of spelling for this term. No spelling lists will be allocated during week 10 or over the holidays.

**Art & Craft**

Student’s K-2 have enjoyed creating a variety of artwork after lunch. Activities have included creating an underwater ecosystem on our classroom wall with a variety of different species of fish, coral and other sea creatures. K-2 have created sheep, covered them with wool and placed them on artificial turf. K-2 have developed their skills to create a variety of paper crafts and made owls using cotton balls and feathers. These items can be taken home at the end of next week. It has been fantastic to see all students actively engaged in these hands on activities.

**Did you Know? – Summer break around the world**

Think 5-6 weeks of summer holidays is loo long? In Chile, summer vacation lasts from mid-December to early March, meaning Chilean children are off for about 12 weeks. And in Ethiopia, vacation is 12 to 15 weeks, depending on the school. Germany, however, only has a very short six week vacation.

**Did you Know? – Biggest School**

The biggest school in the world (in terms of students, not area) is the City Montessori School in Lucknow, India. The school was set up in 1959 and has more than 32,000 students.

**Did you Know? - Pencils**

Pencils are not only good in the classroom, but can be used in zero gravity, upside down and even under water. The average classroom pencil can write approximately 45,000 words (or draw a line that is 56 kilometres long).

**Awards**

**Student of the Week – Sharlynn for a good attitude and work ethic in all subject areas.**

Izack – Improved Phonics Skills
Sharlynn – Improved Literacy Skills
Hailey – 75, 100, 125, 150, 175 Nights Reading Award
Jasmine – 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150 Nights Reading Award

**Star Spellers**

Star Spellers for the Little Room this week are Izack, Layne, Jordan, Sharlynn and Erika. Well done!

**Important Dates**

- **Thursday 10th September** – School Assembly – 2pm ALL WELCOME
- **Friday 11th September** – Rural Fire Service Visit – BBQ lunch
- **Monday 14th September** – Casino Performing Arts Festival
- **Friday 18th September** – Last day of Term 3

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_Fire Permits are now required. Please contact Cheryl Whitey – 66653175 or Laurie Taylor – 66653146 if you require one._