Hello, Giinagay, Hai,

“Be the change that you wish to see most in the world”
(Mahatma Gandhi)

On Tuesday morning we had the School Captains present their speeches that were of a very high standard. It was great to see the Year 6’s have the courage to speak in front of an audience. It was obvious the preparation and practice are the two things that are the elements to overcome the fear of public speaking. Students then returned to classes with their voting slip with the very tricky task of voting the best captains to lead our school.

The voting was very close between all the students and after a recount to make sure, it was announced that the Captains are: Freya Lamont and Solomon Hill and Vice Captains are; Ruby Peachman and Jamison Jansen.

Congratulations to all our new leaders and Mrs C for preparation in arranging the democratic voting process.
House Captains
It has been a busy week at school, with the voting and selection of the various leadership teams for 2014. On Friday the Sports House Captains were chosen: Flinders is Peter Cooper, Ethan Joyce, Solomon Hill and Joel Shakelford; Oxley was Jamieson Jansen, Freya Lamont, Ruby Peachman and Dante. Congratulations on your selection and a great job has already been shown of leading and encouraging your teams at the Swimming carnival on Monday.

Swimming Carnival 10th February 2014
Thanks for all the parents, teachers and staff that helped make Monday such a success. The results for the day are as follows:

House: Winner - Oxley on 177 points
Runner Up - Flinders 97 points

Individual Achievements:
Junior Boys – Finlay Lamont, runner-up Jack Peachman.
Senior Boys – India Stephens, runner-up Wulaaran Walker.
11 year Boys – Elliot Joyce, runner-up Ashley Williams.
11 year Girls – Charlene Blair, runner-up Lilly Pacey.
Senior Boys – Jamison Jansen, runner-up Solomon Hill.
Senior Girls – Freya Lamont, runner-up Ruby Peachman.
Team Sprint and Encouragement Award Medals – Aila Howard and Omar Makari.

District Carnival on Friday 21st Feb.
Notes will be sent out to the successful swimmers who will be competing at the District level which is next Friday at Macksville pool. Students will need to travel to the pool by private transport and be supervised by parents. Bu Gillian will attend the day and will not offer supervision as will need to assist in the running of the carnival. If any students need assistance in travel arrangements please contact the school.

School Leadership Assembly Wednesday 19th
Parents are welcome to join us at 2pm next Wednesday at 2pm when we will present our School Leaders for 2014 with their badges. We will also be presenting the swimming carnival trophies.

School / Peer Leadership camp Wednesday 26th Feb
Year 4/5/6 will be attending a peer/leadership camp to prepare them for their roles of leadership in the school. Notes with more information will be sent out as soon as final arrangements are made.

After School Activities - Surfing
Due to the popular demand of Surfing, there was a change made to participants, all who applied won’t miss out this year. This term Years 3 and 6 will be involved and Term 4 will be Year 4 and 5. This has created some confusion, of which we are very sorry. We will certainly make sure this does not occur again. We are discussing at a staff level how to make it a fairer process for all involved.
Thanks to Bu Deb and Bu Anna who are certainly going the extra mile in offering their time in being able to offer this After School Activities available to the school community. Also thank you to Paul Evans and Victor for all their help.

School Uniforms
Hats – The smallest size school hat available at the moment is 55cm. Some smaller and larger sizes have been ordered.
All students are asked to be in school uniform each day. The uniform is: a pale blue shirt (available from the school office) and black shorts or skirts. Parents are asked to ensure that girls uniforms are NO SHORTER than mid calf length. Short shorts and skirts are not acceptable, nor denim shorts or skirts of any type. Royal blue jumpers and track pants are the winter uniform. School jumpers are available from the school office.

Regards
Gillian Stuart
Principal
**2/3 Excursion**
An excursion is planned for the 2/3 class to complement our unit of work, 'Local Environments' on **Monday 24th February**. We will be leaving school by bus and travelling to the Bowraville Folk Museum for a guided tour of local artifacts and history. We will then travel to Macksville, Way Way and Scotts Head to learn about local history, architecture and dreaming stories. The cost of the excursion will be **$6 per student**. This covers the bus fare, entry to the museum and fruit after lunch. Permission notes to go home today.
Brooke Farnsworth

**Library Bags**
All kindergarten students receive a new Library bag at the beginning of the year. Students who have lost their Library bags can purchase one for $2.00 from Julie in the Library during their Library class on Thursdays.

**Creating a Bush Tucker Forest**
Working bees every Sunday 16th, 23rd Feb and 2nd March, from 9 to 12, to continue the construction of the walking track and forest paths.

If you can give some time to the school, please ring me on 65697577 and I can ensure we have enough people for each of those working bees.
Michael Blockey, Learnscape Co-ordinator

**For Sale BBQ**
The P & C are selling their impressive BBQ!
It has been decided that a smaller, more portable BBQ will meet the P & C’s needs more appropriately. The BBQ cost $2000 and is around 18 months old and it has only been used a few times. It even has a sink!
It is selling for $1000. For further information or to arrange to come and have a look please contact Kelly at school on Thursdays.

**Community News**

**Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 2nd March**.
As usual Scotts Head Community Group will organise the event for Scotts. I hope you can spare an hour and clean up a spot of your choice. Anytime from 8:30am Register at the Rec Hut in the Reserve. Wear a hat and bring water and gloves (some gloves are available).

**Get off the couch - try Scouts!**
Parents – do you want your sons or daughters to get away from a screen and be more active? If so, talk to them about joining our local Scout group – Scouts meet each Tuesday during term time from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Scout Hall in Partridge Street, Macksville. Scouts do lots of fun things like camping, canoeing and hiking, and also a whole lot of indoor activities, like learning map reading and first aid, and doing cooking and craft.
Give it a try – the first 5 weeks are a trial period, a small ($20) insurance charge is payable to cover your child during this time.
Scouts is for kids aged 10 ½ to 14 ½ years. If you are younger you can come join the **Cubs section** (aged 8 to 10 ½ years, who meet on Thursdays from 5.30pm to 7.30pm) or if older, the **Venturers section** (aged 14 ½ to 18 years, who meet on Wednesdays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm).

Call Leader in Charge, Norm Cheesman, to find out more on 0409324066
Or visit [www.nambuccavalley scouts.org.au](http://www.nambuccavalley scouts.org.au)
Flinders Captains: Joel Shackelford, Peter Cooper, Sol Hill and Ethan Joyce.

Oxley Captains: Jamison Jansen, Ruby Peachman, Freya Lamont and Dante

Oxley Captains: Jamison Jansen and Freya Lamont with the winning shield.
School Leadership Team 2014 before their outstanding school Captain Speeches

Omar

Charlize

Get Ready ...Go!

Girl Relay Team

Close Finish!