You Can Do It!

Focus for Week 6 - Persistence

The ability to remain focused on a task until it is completed even if it may be difficult. To work hard to achieve results.

From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust all had an enjoyable 2 week break lapping up the sunny winter weather in readiness for yet another exciting term of learning experiences and opportunities. We have had a very busy and exciting start to this term. Mr Hines joined us on the first day. He is an intern from Newcastle University and he will be teaching at our school this term.

Yesterday we had our NAIDOC day celebration, we were very fortunate to have the students’ from Lake Macquarie High School support our student with Indigenous games and for the Didgeridoo group to perform for us. It is great to work in collaboration with our local high school. We also ran creative activities including making friendship bracelets, dot painting and watching several of the Dreamtime stories and learning about the conception of these stories.

The NED Show Comes To Town! This outstanding presentation is being hosted at Boolaroo PS free of charge and is a wonderful dramatisation of the value of friendship and the characteristics needed to be a champion at school and in life. The NED Show is an exciting new program that supports our ‘You Can Do It’ Program as well as our ‘zero tolerance’ of bullying at Boolaroo PS.

Next week Year 6 will be holding a fundraising event for the end of year gift. They will hold a fun PJ/Onesie Day and have a disco (during the lunch break). Please support them with a gold coin donation per student.

This term we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of Education Week. The slogan from 1954 is being used, Lighting the Way to a Better World, which gives us the opportunity to look at the positive ways that education has changed and the progress that has been made. We will celebrate Education Week in Week 6 along with book week; we will hold our parade, open classrooms and a Book Fair in the library. More information will come out later in the term regarding this.

Although next year seems like a very long time away we are at the time of year when I need to tell DEC staffing people how many students we will have for next year. (Sometimes I think a crystal ball would be good.) If you have a child who will be starting Kinder in 2015 please make sure we have their name on the list. If you have any friends and neighbours with preschool children please pass this message on to them. Please contact the school if you would like to organise a parent/teacher meeting to talk to your child’s teacher about their current progress.

Louise Wrightson—Acting Principal
Canteen News
The Canteen will NOT operate on Mondays for the next 3 weeks due to volunteer availability. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch for this period. Thank you.

Garden Club
The garden club has begun this term and will run every Tuesday and Friday lunch time. The students work with Miss Jones and My Community Place staff and volunteers. The group is working towards growing seasonal vegetables that will support our Canteen. This week students have learnt about correct composting procedures and the different fruit and vegetables that CAN and CANNOT be put into compost bins.

Well done to all our Merit Award Winners
Bronze Awards appear on the next page.

You Can Do It Awards

Lily—Organisation Award

Jye—Getting Along Award
**Bronze Awards**

Congratulations to all the students who caught up with Bronze Awards. This is a great effort!!!!

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**Community News**

**Saver Plus Program**

In the local area more than 700 families have already benefited from Saver Plus. Which assists people on lower incomes to strengthen their financial skills and save for educational costs. Saver Plus participants receive up to $500 in matched savings to help pay for educational costs for themselves or their children, including computers, excursions, school uniforms and sport costs and equipment.

People may be eligible to join Saver Plus if they or their partner:

- Have a Centrelink Health Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Are at least 18 years old or over
- Have some regular income from work
- Are a parent or guardian of a child at school this year OR are attending or returning to vocational education themselves.

Please contact Saver Plus, run by the Smith Family

Call 1300 610355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

**Cartoon Workshops**

Martin Cohen is running a special cartooning workshop at Maitland on Saturday August 9th—Sunday 10th. This will be held at East Maitland Scout Hall. Make enquiries to 02 9002 07656 Cartoon Kingdom

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LILY KEEPING HER EYE ON THE BALL

LOCHIE TAKING A CATCH

HAND-EYE CO-ORDINATION

WELL DONE EVERYONE!!

A BIG THANK YOU TO MIKE MCKENZIE FOR HIS EXPERT ADVISE.