Thank you to the parents and community members that shared last Monday night’s P&C meeting. This group continues to do so much on behalf of our wider school community and they deserve some thanks and recognition. Without them we would not have a canteen, uniforms on hand, subsidised school events and a communication flow between the school and community.

At this week’s meeting I discussed communication tools used by our school to gain feedback on what works best. There was positive recognition of our Newsletter, some suggestions for our Website and acknowledgement that our Facebook site is effective, but may need further promotion. If you are a Facebook user (over 13 obviously) then you may like to check out our Facebook page. It is not the be all and end all of wisdom, but is a tool for communication that does seem to have a fairly speedy interaction with some community members.

On a further note there have been some issues with the State body representing Parents and Citizens across NSW. As a result there are changes happening at that level that I have been asked to share with our school community. This information is as follows:

**Reforms to State P&C Federation**

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court
action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

**NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3 and 5 are this week participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. These assessments are conducted locally but marked externally. Results are made available to the school, generally in Term 3. These assessments provide a point in time ‘guide’ regarding student and school performance. Children should not feel pressured by the assessments, but we do acknowledge they are a change in routine from regular classroom happenings, which may concern some students.

We encourage all children to do their best, but remind students and families that when results arrive we need to look at the entire learning journey to validate student results. As we are aware there are many contributing factors that need to be taken into account about a child, where there learning has been, where it is and where it is heading. Teachers have school based data that when looked at alongside NAPLAN results can best support the ongoing educational pathway provided to students.

**Basketball Knock-Out**

Last Friday both our Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball teams competed in the NSWPSSA State Knock-Out against Teven-Tintenbar PS. It was a pleasure to host these games and to watch the enthusiasm and commitment of all teams on the day.

Our girls played well and dominated most of the game, having a little more fluency of ball movement which helped snare a first round victory. Our boys team also dominated much of their game, however their eye for target was not quite as accurate under match pressure. That said, Woodburn managed to snatch a few more baskets on the day and will also progress to round 2 of this competition.

Thanks go to Toni McConnell for coaching these teams, as well as to Scott Harkin (Lismore Basketball) and Steve McCarthy (Ballina Basketball) for umpiring these games. A great day of sporting opportunity was enjoyed by those who participated and watched parts of these games.

**School Grounds**

Our school grounds are used by many outside agencies for a range of activities. At this time it needs to be said that those not actively involved in these activities need to be mindful that they are on school grounds and that due care, responsibility and respect for the school setting is required.

In recent weeks little things have been noticed (scratches to paint work, writing on walls, door locks with minor damage) and if these continue we will have to reassess the levels of outside access to the school.

I remain committed to having our school as a great community resource and having it used by those who can make the most of our facilities, but in return we seek the respect and cooperation of the community.
through this process. Please be mindful of what is happening across our school site, especially where visitors to our school are not actively involved in the activities being held at the time. Doing this keeps are school as a pivotal community resource.

Until next week….

Sports News

Students from Woodburn Public travelled to Coraki Public last Monday to compete in the Mid Richmond Cross Country; from there 22 students competed at Lennox Head in the Ballina District Cross Country. Congratulations to all students who competed. Chloe Dunne and Chloe Trustum will be competing at the FNC Cross country in Byron Bay on the 23 May 2014. Good luck girls.

The Boys soccer team competed against Evans River in Round 1 of the PSSA Knockout. The boys played hard but were defeated 2-0.

Both girls and boys basketball teams played round 1 of the PSSA Knockout and were both successful against Teven-Tintenbar. They will now play round 2 against the winner of Byron Bay/Lennox Head.

Wow what a week in sport! Congratulations to everyone who has represented our school. We are proud of your commitment.

Susan Johnston
Sports Coordinator

Canteen Roster

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STOP PRESS: FULL MENU NOW AVAILABLE ON MONDAYS!

Special: Yummy Drummies $1 ea

New: Sakata Rice Crackers BBQ Flavour 80c

Hot Food only available at lunch. New prices are now in effect. REMINDER - BROWN PAPER BAGS ARE 10C EACH IF NOT BROUGHT FROM HOME! Please have your money securely placed in your lunch bag! Parent Helpers for the next week are in bold. Thanks for your ongoing help - we really appreciate you! If you cannot make it on your rostered day it is up to you to find a replacement. Any ideas for canteen PLEASE come along to our next P & C Meeting!
**SRC News**

**Stewart House Wear Blue for Stew Day and Autism Awareness Day**

Thank you so much, we raised just over $100 last Friday for Stewart House. The SRC is going to match this effort with a donation to Autism Australia out of the profit from the Term 2 Entertainment Night.

**Entertainment Night**

This term’s Entertainment Night will be on Thursday 22 May from 5:30 - 8 pm. The movie will be “Frozen” so come along wearing a “warm” hat. Entry cost is $5 per person or $12 a family.

Please send along a plate of “goodies” for us to sell, and some change so the kids can buy.

Tracey Tebbutt
SRC PATRON

**Student Banking**

School Banking is on each Friday morning. If you haven’t opened an account and would like to, please drop into the office.

This term we are giving students and schools the opportunity to win a share of sunken treasure found in the Lost City of Savings.

Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including:

- **Major student prize.** Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- **VIP Passes** for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel gift card to get them there.

**Runner up student prizes.** 130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

**School and prizes.** There will also be a separate draw for schools. As long as you have at least one student who is eligible for the competition, you will be in the running to win: $1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory of Australia.

Lyn Blake
COORDINATOR

**Canteen Meal Deal**

On Wednesday 28 May the canteen will be having a Meal Deal. For just $5 you get a Cheese Burger, Poppa and an Ice Block. Orders must be placed NO LATER THAN MONDAY 26 MAY. Canteen is NOT open on this day for other purchases!

Samantha Trustum
CANTEEN COORDINATOR

**Uniforms**

NEW Hooded Jumpers now in stock - $25 ea, sizes 6 - 16 available. Sloppy joes will be discontinued 2 x size 12 left - $5 till sold out! Small & medium adult size school shirts have arrived - these are $20 each.
**Community Stuff**

**Playgroup at Woodburn Public School**
Every Thursday (during school terms) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Come along for a fun morning. We have a great facility with plenty of toys and games. It’s very informal - a chat and morning tea while the kids play. It’s open to Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas and Carers.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR TAX HELP 2014**
Free Training provided.
The Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre is looking for volunteer assistance in delivering the annual ATO Tax Help program.
Tax Help is a free, volunteer run, community service for people on low incomes. Volunteers will assist in preparing and lodging straight forward returns for eligible participants.
We can’t run it without you!
For more information google taxhelp volunteer.
To register to volunteer phone the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre on 02 6682 4334 or email catherine.ohalloran@mrnc.com.au

**JUST DANCE! Richmond Valley**
Jazz/Funk, Modern/Contemporary & Stunt Cheer in Woodburn & Coraki for ages 3 & up. Prices start at $4 per lesson. New students welcome! Check out our 2014 timetable @ www.facebook.com/JustDanceRV or contact Tammy on 0409822565 for further details.

**Meal Deal**
Thanks, I would love to order a Meal Deal for Wednesday 28 May.

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I enclose $5 per meal deal.

Please return by NO LATER THAN MONDAY 26 May.

**Praise Mistakes by Michael Grose**

#1: Praising ability rather than effort
The research is very consistent on this: praising effort, not natural ability, is far more effective for building confidence and persistence.
In other words, praise the things that kids can control - not the things they have no control over.
This teaches them to persist and that improvement is possible when they make the effort. You want your child...

**Our Awesome Kids!**

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to learn that intelligence and ability are malleable rather than fixed. Then they will be motivated to keep pursuing real, lasting improvement over time.

Praise mistake # 2: Praising results over improvement
The evidence is also clear that parents who overemphasize achievement are more likely to have kids with high levels of depression, anxiety, and substance abuse. Your focus instead be on recognising improvement and your child’s efforts to do their best. This, again, will teach them that improvement is possible if they persist; it will encourage them to compete against themselves rather than others.

Praise mistake # 3: Over-praising, leading to lack of impact
Common sense suggests that the more you praise the same thing over and over, the less impact that praise will have over time. My suggestion is that you praise as a poker machine provides winnings, i.e. intermittently. In this way your praise will have the maximum effect.

Praise Mistake #4: Praising what kids automatically do already
Sometimes we praise kids for activities that they are doing automatically, without conscious thought. For some kids this might be keeping their room clean. For others it might be helping with the washing up. It’s fine to praise these things once in a while, but don’t make doing so a habit. All you will achieve is to make this unconscious behaviour conscious, and after a while the praise will be expected. It is better to show gratitude for tidiness or other automatic behaviours only every so often. Instead, focus your praise on those behaviours that are less automatic but that you would like to become habitual.

Praise mistake # 5: Making praise a very public thing
There’s nothing wrong with praising a child in front of their grandparents or other adults every now and then. It’s great to see a kid puff their chest up with pride!

However, constantly praising a child in public can have some interesting side effects including building greater dependency on the opinions of others, avoiding the taking of learning risks and a heightening of sibling competition. I suggest that you make praise, encouragement and positive reinforcement a private matter between you and a child – at least most of the time. This will make these things more meaningful. Leave the public praise to others – such as grandparents.

The last word
I’ll leave you with a final thought about praising correctly from Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman, authors of Nurture Shock: New Thinking about Raising Children: “The key (to praising correctly) is intermittent reinforcement. The brain has to learn that frustrating spells can be worked through. A person who grows up getting too frequent rewards will not have persistence, because they’ll quit when the rewards disappear.”

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Beef Meets Reef 2014
Sunday, 25 May 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Theme
HEROES AND VILLAINS
Come to Beef Meets Reef and take part in the fun & fantasia.
Be at the MAIN STAGE at 12:00 pm dressed up as a hero or villain to recevice a free ticket into a draw to win a FAMILY PASS to a Gold Coast THEME PARK!