Today the School Photos were taken. Thank you to all those parents who made an extra effort today to make their children look pristine. Most of the students had their uniform items at school and looked great. The photos will be processed and available in about 5 weeks.

The FAIR was a huge success on Saturday, despite the intermittent rain. Thank you to all those who contributed in so many ways. We particularly want to thank Ken and Vicki Schubert who did another excellent job of organising the Fair, even in spite of the fact that little Obadiah was born so close to the event. Thank you, everyone. The school raised approximately $19,000 which is a great effort in the circumstances. Well done, everyone!

The HSC trial exams are taking place for one more week. The senior students need to be preparing for their exams with great energy and application now. The HSC exams are approaching very quickly and there are only a few weeks of lessons still to come.

Vaccinations that were due to take place tomorrow have been postponed for one week.

Next Tuesday is a special debating day for Year 6-8 students. All students will be part of debating teams that will compete for the prize of “Best Debating Team”.

Next Thursday there are some University students visiting our school talking about Health and Wellbeing. This will involve Years 6-10.

The High School Camp is only a little over a week away. Please return permission notes by Monday at the latest.

It is Vicki Spark’s birthday today – Happy 21st, Vicki!

Pip Dangerfield has been appointed Infants Teacher to replace Mrs Digney in 2008. We welcome Mrs Dangerfield to her new position. She has already started planning for the new year and is looking forward to the new challenge.

The School Council has appointed a Heritage Project Steering Committee to seriously investigate the purchase of a new school site. The present site cannot be purchased for a few reasons and the School has decided that owning, rather than renting, a site is far preferable for the long term viability of the school. This will give the school its own asset base which can be improved upon as the years go by, if Christ does not return. The new committee consists of: Garnet Alchin, Wayne Wiltshire, Geoff Lynch, Aaron Stretton, Darren Tappouras, Simon Dodson and Luke Tappouras. This committee will be searching for the best site, exploring finance options, engaging in publicity and fundraising. No doubt you will hear more as the Committee proceeds in its work.

Last Monday we had a visit from Bro Tim and Sis Sarah Galbraith from India. They spoke about their work in India and how exciting it is to see the effect of the word of God in providing hope to people living in desperate conditions. It was great to hear them speak about the work of God in India.

Jesse Duperouzel is having another operation on his broken arm today. We pray for God’s blessing on him during his recovery.

We are looking for some volunteers to run the FAIR in 2008.

Simon Dodson,
Principal
Today we had the school photos and I must say...my Primary class would have to be the best looking class in the school!!! We had lovely ribbons, fancy hair-does, carefully folded ties and great smiles. If only we looked like that every day! (Just kidding- we have smiles!)

This week in Maths, we had a very tricky problem using counters and some paper. Would you know how to solve it? Ask the Primaries for the answer...all of them came up with the solution by themselves!

Using one canoe, transport 2 children and 2 adults across the river. But wait! Here are the rules:

1. You can put both kids in the canoe at once.
2. You can't have more than one adult.
3. You can't have an adult with a child.
4. Everyone must use the canoe to cross (no swimming).

The students worked in pairs and figured out a way to get everyone across. To check if others used the same strategy, we counted how many trips we took.

What happens when we add another adult to the problem? What about 10 adults? Students looked at patterns, recorded data, checked their results and worked mathematically.

This Math problem was presented last week by Jan Stone from the AIS. Carrie, Joh, Hannah & myself attended. This experience helped refresh our Math teaching.

For English, we finished our Coffs Harbour Recounts and in art we are drawing one picture from the camp. Everyone has done a fantastic job and I am extremely pleased with the results. Keep up the good work, Primaries!

:0) Miss Relton

Recorders: Could all Primaries look for their recorders at home and bring them in TOMORROW. Hannah

We have been blessed this week with fabulous weather and warm, sunny afternoons. Spring has sprung!

‘Jellybean’ Report: 17 cm long and got his/her eyebrows and fingernails this week!

Take care everyone
Mrs D  ☺
SCHOOL PHOTOS: Everyone looked neat and tidy today for the photos. Thank you to parents who remembered and sent their children in full uniform. There was a bit of a problem with some children not owning a jumper, or forgetting to bring their jumpers, but we managed to find enough so everyone had one for the photo. If your child does not own a jumper please make sure that you purchase them one next year as it is required as part of the uniform.

School Fees for Term 3 are due on 17th Sept.

MISSING: BELL FROM OFFICE. If you know where the bell is please bring it to the Office.

UNIFORMS: Amount Owing: $1264.99 Students start wearing the Summer Uniform at the start of Term 4. Please send in any orders for Summer Uniform asap.

WANTED: MEDIUM OR LARGE PLASTIC PEANUT BUTTER JARS FOR STORAGE FOR NAILS ETC. IN THE DT ROOM. Due to the lack of donations of these jars, the handymen have decided to accept ANY BRAND PLASTIC JARS.

WANTED: 4 LITRE ICE CREAM CONTAINERS FOR THE SCIENCE ROOM.

FUNDRAISING BBQ’S IN TORONTO
These are the new dates:
13th & 27th Oct,
10th & 24th Nov
If you can help on any of these days please phone Rhonda: 49599912 or 0428223877

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Bronze Award: NONE
Silver Award: NONE
GOLD AWARD: VICKI SCHUBERT

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CANTEEN: Open Tomorrow
On offer will be-
Recess: Muffins
Lunch: Pies, Sausage Rolls, Pizza
Plus all the usual ice-creams, drinks etc.
Watch this space— We will be in full swing next Term! Fiona Carroll and Liz Wilson

Administration
It would be appreciated if accounts could be finalised by this date. There are some fees outstanding for Term 2—if you are experiencing difficulty in making payment please ring or make an appointment with Mr. Dodson

PERMISSION NOTES: High School (6-10) Permission notes and money for Bundanoon Camp due in on Monday, 17th September. If you have a permission note attached to your Newsletter, could you please complete and return by Monday, 17th September.

VACCINATIONS: Could the following families please return their child’s immunisation forms: Kirkwood, Mongan, Pogson and Schofield.

OH&S:
☺ Parents there are no teachers on duty until 8:40am so PLEASE do not drop your child/children off till this time. Also parents need to take note that students need to be picked up by 3:20pm.
☺ Please do not send in Noodle-Cups/Soup into school that requires Hot Water, as the Infants and Primary students are not permitted to use Hot Water supply from the Staff Room.
☺ Could parents please insure that your pre-schooler wears the appropriate footwear when coming on to school grounds.

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Main account -Westpac BSB: 032-524 Acc. No: 12-2339; Fees only
Expense account - Westpac BSB: 032524 Acc. No: 12-2515; Excursions, Sport, School Assessments, Anniversary Dinner, Bus donations
P&F account - Commonwealth BSB: 062 628 Acc. No: 1009 7780; Uniforms, Fundraisers etc. Trivia Nights, Fair, Canteen.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
AUNTY VICKI TODAY
Uncle Bill Wolstencroft TODAY!
AND TO Krystal Lord 15 ON 15TH

Anthony French
13 ON 17TH TEENAGER ALERT

Johanna Dangerfield 12 ON 19TH

IT’S GREAT TO SEE AUNTY LEAH RIDDLE back home and looking a lot better.

Recovery Wishes go to JESSE DUPEROUZEL. Jesse has to undergo another operation today to have his arm pinned. Jesse will be in John Hunter Hospital and is expected to stay overnight.

Happy Birthday, Vicki!