From the Principal

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the Year 6 Ski Camp, with Mrs McDonald at Jindabyne Sport and Rec Centre. While the activities undertaken on this camp have morphed over time, the Ski Camp has been an annual event for our senior class for longer than I’ve been at the school. And it’s something that all of the students look forward to, from an early age.

Not all schools will offer camping programs and definitely not from Prep. Our camping program at Currumbin Valley State School is an important part of our school curriculum and offers more than academic learning.

Our Primary School camps focus on peer group bonding and the excitement of being introduced to the great Australian outdoors, with plenty of opportunities for dynamic learning in a natural environment. Camp experiences will support classroom learning relating to the natural environment and Physical Education components of PDHPE. Camps and program activities are age specific.

As a parent I know some of you find it hard to watch your child/ren head off for sleepovers, or even to Grandma and Grandpa’s house for a few nights but these events are a healthy and important step of growing up.

Giving children the experience of being on their own in a structured, supportive, supervised environment is an important life tool. Time away from parents provides an excellent opportunity for even young children to:

• take initiative,
• develop leadership, problem-solving and social skills, which often builds self-esteem
• keep track of clothes and personal equipment
• practice living in a community like environment
• get along with roommates you don’t love (all of the time)
• start developing the process of being independent.

Perhaps the biggest emotional impacts of camp are:

• developing resilience,
• character building and
• learning to be a member of a community that’s separate from your family, who always cuts you some slack.

It’s worth remembering that every challenge your child overcome contributes to their resilience and self-confidence when facing more unfamiliar situations later on. We encourage all parents to discuss any concerns with their class teacher. Let’s work together to develop life-long skills.

Upcoming Events

Week 6
Thursday 18 August
• Mobile library van (11:30am - )
• Eisteddfod – school band @ The Arts Centre, Bundall

Friday 19 August
• 8.30 -9:30am –Uniform Shop
• 9:00am - School parade

Sunday 21 August – Currumbin Valley Open Classic - You don’t need to be able to play golf, just have a very good sense of fun and adventure. Contact Rob Morse RobertMorse@oxygen.com.au to register your team and for additional information.

Week 7:
BOOK WEEK – Australian Story
Monday 22 August
• 9:00am costume parade – come dressed in your best Aussie theme
• ALL DAY – whole school rotational activities

Tuesday 23 August
• Sporting Schools

Wednesday 24 August
• School banking
• P-2 Gymnastics program
• Sporting Schools

Thursday 25 August
Friday 26 August
• 9:00am - School parade
• 8.30 -9:30am –Uniform Shop

Week 8
Monday 29 August
• Year 4/5 Camp: Lake Ainsworth

Tuesday 30 August
• Year 4/5 Camp: Lake Ainsworth
• Sporting Schools
• Tuckshop

Wednesday 31 August
• Year 4/5 Camp: Lake Ainsworth – returning @ 2:30pm
• School banking
• P-2 Gymnastics program
Book Week 2016 - Australia: Story country (Monday 22 August)
At Currumbin Valley we celebrate by holding a whole school rotation of activities, based around the awarded children’s literature. To start our day we encourage all of the students to come dressed in theme and this includes our staff.

So get involved, it doesn’t take a lot or any money, be creative and use what you have around the house… come dressed in theme and enter into the Aussie spirit of the day.

Father’s Day stall
Friday 2nd September
Donations will be sold for between $1 and $10 at the stall and all funds raised will go towards the P&C.

Donations for the stall can be placed in the collection box in the office starting today. Something old or something new - it’s the thought that counts.

Spread the love this Father’s Day by donating, volunteering on the stall or by sending your child to school with a little bit of money to spend on the day. Please contact Leah Brenchley if you have any questions or can volunteer: angellea@angelleath.com or on 0417 458 882.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
10 weeks to go

DATE CLAIMER -
Sun, October 30: Currumbin Valley Carnival – please communicate with your class teacher to see how you can help - Carnival meeting @ 9:30 (after parade) every Friday

Don’t forget: SUSHI Thursdays!
Orders placed after 9:00am can not and will not be accepted.

Attachments
• Golf Day
• Hinterland Soccer-Netball Carnival – permission form

Please - we need donations of gifts, wrapping paper, ribbon and people to help volunteer on the stall!