**Principal’s Message**

**Naplan results**—this week sees Y3 and Y5 students receive their Naplan results. Parents are asked to take time to read what their children could and could not do in each of the tested areas, and are reminded that this assessment is only one of many that students undertake throughout the year. Any parents who wish to discuss their child’s results can make a time for discussion. Staff will be analysing the school’s results over the coming weeks to set the school’s focuses for future learning.

**Asthma**—all staff have updated their training in Asthma care.

**Mrs Bevitt** will be taking part in professional learning around Early Action for Success on Thursday and will be attending the Girls Netball Gala Day on Friday.

**I will be meeting** with small schools’ Principals on Friday.

**Science**—Stage 2&3 will be involved in a Science conference this morning using computers and then Stage 3 will be attending Taree High School for our Learning Community practical experiments around Electricity — shocking stuff.

**Debate**—next Monday 24th August our debating team of Aston, Kye, Jamie and Bevan will be involved in a debate V.C. with Taree West starting at 12.30 “That Children Should Have to Earn Pocket Money, we are the negative team. All parents are welcome to listen.

**Performance and Development**—staff have all identified our professional goals and learning. This is characterised by ongoing feedback and self assessment and annual reviews. I undertook these reviews last week with both Mrs Bevitt and Mrs Brown. Teaching multi-stage groups needs preparation, patience and strong knowledge of both curriculum and the students being taught allowing their best opportunities for students to achieve learning through their tasks. We are very lucky at MIPS to have teachers who are dedicated to high professional standards while making learning matter. Well done team!

**Parents of Y6 students** who will be attending Taree High School next year are invited to Mitchells Island School next Tuesday at 2.15pm to meet high school personnel.

**Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition**—this is on next Wednesday and Y5&6 will be sitting this.

**P&C Pie and Lamington Drive**—a reminder that orders and money are to be returned to school by Monday 31st August. Delivery will be on Wednesday 9th September. I have ordered mine, have you?
MIPS Performance Night is on at the hall Wednesday 2nd September at 6pm to 9pm. Items wanted for the concert—K,1,2 are in need of clown costumes or bright tops, pants, wigs, red noses, etc.

Our intensive swimming week is booked in for the final week of term at Great Lakes Aquatic Centre (YMCA) from Monday 14th to Friday 18th September. The cost for the week per student will be $25 per student, the same as last year. This cost includes transport by bus and entry to the pool (we have calculated the cost without contributions from P&C and school funds at $59.70). I will attempt to get $1000 from the P&C next Monday and use school funds to bring the cost down to $25 per student. What a bargain for you parents!

Awards—Beau, Cooper, Charlotte, Jamie, Jye, Will, Shiarna, Jaye, Amberlee, Natalia, Tannor, Jaiden, Zade, Kaiden, Marcus, Bevan, Jaymes, Lydia, Shaylah, Tom, Natalia and Michael.

Reminders -
Friday 21.8.15 - Girls PSSA Netball Gala Day at Boronia Park Forster
Wednesday 26.8.15 - Y5&6 Newcastle Permanent Primary Maths Competition
Monday 24.8.15 - Debate V.C. against Taree West at 12.30pm
Tuesday 25.8.15 - Y6 parents invited to MIPS at 2.15pm
Friday 28.8.15 - Moorland Soccer Gala Day & Regional Athletics at Glendale Newcastle
Monday 31.8.15 - P&C meeting 2.30pm in library
Wednesday 2.9.15 - MIPS Performance Night at MI hall
Wednesday 9.9.15 - Pies and lamingtons delivered to school
Mon 14.9 to Fri 18.9 - MIPS intensive swimming week at Forster

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