Dates to remember

16th-20th November: Swimming Scheme, via bus to Nana Glen Pool – all this week!

18th November: Orara High School Taster - Yr 6 - 12.30-2.30pm

19th November: Year 5 to present their Leader Speeches at Assembly at 2.30pm. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

20th November: Bookclub orders due – a great opportunity to shop for a bargain for Christmas gifts.

26th November: Coffs Harbour High School Small Schools Orientation Day - this goes for the whole day.

30th November: Ocean Safety Awareness at Park Beach. A separate note for this will go out late this week. There will be no cost for parents.

1st December: Final Kindergarten Orientation Day- 9.00-1.00pm

3rd December: Orara High School and Coffs Harbour High School Orientation Day. This goes for the whole day.

9th December: School Presentation Day 1.00-2.30pm. Please note the change of time from previous newsletters. Please stay on for refreshments afterwards.

11th December: Year 6’s Big Day Out for Orara Valley Year 6 students. This excursion is by invitation only, so Year 6 children need to be on their best behaviour at all times.

15th December: Fun Day Out to celebrate the end of the Year. A separate note will give details of this day shortly. There will be no cost for parents.

16th December: Last day of school for students.

17th December: Staff Development Day for staff. This will be held as a combined Orara Valley Staff Development Day at Nana Glen School

18th December: School closed as Lowanna staff participated in extra after hours professional development this term to cover for this day.

Playground Activities

Last week the whole school discussed how our playground could be made a safer and happier place for all students.

The children came up with the idea of choosing 3 activities for a week and the children choose which activity they play.

There is a student chosen each day as a monitor for each activity.

If someone does not play by the rules, a yellow card is issued to them by the teacher on duty, and that child misses 10 minutes of play. If the incident is serious, or more than one yellow card is issued to the same child, they spend lunch with Mrs Hawken for reflection.

Everyone is quietly confident that this will help everyone enjoy their playtime more.
Sharing- it does not always come naturally...
Children should be encouraged to share time, space and possessions from the earliest possible age. Sharing is an important element in forming friendships and a prerequisite for living and working effectively with others. It is a vital skill for social and academic success at school.

Parents can stimulate children to share by establishing a co-operative atmosphere at home. There are many situations in family life that can be used to foster co-operation and sharing.

**BRIGHT IDEAS**

- Allow children to serve themselves from dishes at the meal table rather than put food on the plate for them.

- Use family discussions to teach children to take it in turns speaking and listening to others which is a very important social skill.

- Provide games and toys for the whole family to share. The rules of board and card games provide a good structure to follow. Children need to be able to both win and lose graciously.

- Limit children’s time at solitary activities such as television and computers. Encourage interaction with other children through indoor and outdoor activities.

- Share television time with other members of the family.

- Provide an opportunity for a child who has difficulty sharing to occasionally play with younger children, or even toddlers. It is often hard to avoid sharing with younger children.

Kind Regards,
Alison Hawken

Class News
Mrs Hawken’s 4/5/6
We discussed and learnt about why we celebrate Remembrance Day, and how important a memory can be to all of us.
**Mrs Carter’s 2/3/4/5**

Another week has flown by! In Literacy this week things stayed as normal with Spelling and Reading remaining the same.

We are busy learning a poem for Presentation Day, called *The Crocodile’s Toothache*.

In Maths we were very busy learning about time and had great fun doing this. We were learning to read both digital and analogue clocks. They do need some more practice so have them read you the time whenever possible!

In Art we did a watercolour of Our Place Lowanna, and they have turned out great. Big effort, everyone!

In Sport we are still playing volleyball. Kaycie, Shania and Kiara, just to name a few are getting the hang of it. Don’t forget we need egg cartons for our recycled art competition.

There is no homework this week, but we will change Home Readers this week.

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**Miss Pellegrino’s K/1/2**

Last week in K/1/2 we had our second Kindergarten Orientation Day. The boys participated in some fun activities related to the book *The Very Itchy Bear*. It was great to see the boys settled into classroom life.

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**K/1/2** also participated in a *Friday File Fling*, where we went through the classroom finding paper we could recycle.

Please remember to read with your child each night and return their Home Readers each day.

**Saving Egg Cartons**

Don’t forget to save and bring in all your egg cartons for our Recycling Christmas Art Competition.

**P&C Christmas Raffle & Recipe Book**

Raffle tickets were sent home today for our bumper *Christmas Raffle* with 5 prizes. Each family has been given $10 worth of tickets ($1 each). Your help in selling them would be appreciated. Please return by 9/12/2015.

*Lowanna Recipe Books* are available from the P&C, via our school office, for $10 each. They would make a great gift!