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What's Coming Up!
Week 2
Tuesday 5
* Kindergarten start school
Wednesday 6
* Swimming Carnival 4.00pm start for students turning 8 years or older this year at Mullumbimby pool
Thursday 7
* Stage 2 parent meeting 5.30pm

Week 3
Monday 11
No Assembly
Tuesday 12
* Early Stage 1 parent meeting 6pm
Wednesday 13
* Stage 3 parent meeting 5pm
* Stage 1 parent meeting 4.00pm
Thursday 14
* P & C meeting 6.30pm
Friday 15
* SRC School Leaders Presentation Assembly

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**Parent meetings**
Over the next two weeks, teachers will hold their beginning of the year parent meetings. Parents and teachers will have this opportunity to meet and discuss the year ahead.
- Early Stage 1: Tuesday 12 February at 6pm in KM and KS classrooms.
- Stage 1: Wednesday 13 February at 4pm in classrooms.
- Stage 2: Thursday 7 February at 5.30pm, in the Library.
- Stage 3: Wednesday 13 February at 5pm, beginning in 3G/3D rooms.

**Parents and Citizens Association meeting Thursday 14 February at 6.30pm**
Parents are invited to attend the first monthly meeting for the year. Come along and join our friendly group of parents who support the school in many ways.

**General Consent Forms/School newsletter**
A General Consent Form & Information Update will be sent home this week. Please return to school as soon as possible so our records can be updated. The school newsletter will be published every Wednesday and distributed to parents as an email, paper copy and on the school’s website. Our aim is reduce resources used to produce the newsletter and encourage parents to receive an email newsletter.

**Term 1 calendar**
The Term 1 calendar will be sent out next week but ensure you check the newsletter for any variations.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**
In 2013 the school will embark on a school wide focus on Positive Behaviour for Learning. PBL focuses on changing the environment to better meet the needs of all students through a comprehensive and proactive approach in which all staff actively teach and acknowledge expected behaviour. We are forming a PBL team and would like parent representation so if you are interested in being involved please contact Cheryl Booker.

**School Captains 2012**
I congratulate our school captains Louis Robinson-Gale and Tia Gotterson, vice-captains Ned Sacks and Kenya Drury who will commence their year in office this week. Our student leaders will be presented with their badges on Friday 15 February, the Member for Ballina and the North Coast Don Page will be in attendance.

**Swimming Carnival Wednesday 6 February**
Stage 3, Stage 2 and Stage 1 students who are turning 8 years or older this year and can swim 25m are invited to attend this year’s carnival. We ask that students in Stage 2 and 3 to not attend school during the normal school day as no teachers in Stage 2 or 3 will be at school. They will be in attendance at the carnival that evening. Students will arrive at 3.30pm at the Mullumbimby Swimming Pool to start at 4.00pm, expected finish time 8.00pm.
$3.00 entry for students and $1.80 entry for parents. Although it is an evening carnival it is advised to be sun safe. All events are timed and places awarded accordingly (no finals). The pool canteen will be open for your convenience to purchase food and drink. Students are to be taken by parents there is no bus provided. This change of venue is necessitated because of storm damage and the closure of Bryon Bay Swimming Pool we apologise for the inconvenience.

**Canteen**
The Canteen is open daily with the full summer menu available. Place your order at the Canteen by filling in a lunch order bag or order online at www.flexischools.com.au. Please remember to place your lunch orders by 9.30am. Please note Burger day is now on Tuesdays.

**School fees and book packs**
This year the annual school fee ($60) and book pack ($50) are part of the school’s budget. Parents are reminded to pay their school fees and book pack payments. The funds from our school fees include a voluntary donation plus payment for the Life Education Program, the Alpha Show and the Stamp Out Bullying production. The book pack payment covers the cost of stationery and books used in classrooms.

**Stage 2 & 3 Requirements 2013**
Students need to bring the following items to school and have them every day for the year. Please have your name on everything.

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