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ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL A SUCCESS

On Tuesday 12th February our annual swimming carnival was held at Branxton Pool. It was pleasing to see the enthusiastic participation of all the students in the events and the novelty events. Our thanks go to the parents that assisted us with timing and recording. We appreciated the assistance. We could not manage without you. Ribbons and trophies were presented at last Friday’s assembly. The 2013 winning house was Mills, but it was a very close tussle between all houses. Congratulations to our 2013 Swimming Champions.

These are:

Junior Champions:  
Jacqueline Weissel  Aidan Shepherd

11 Year Champions:  
Ella Gidney  Noah Hogan

Senior Champions:  
Kayla Gibbs  Sam Champness

Encouragement awards:  
Lydia Siddens  Reef Stocks

The 2013 Zone Carnival will be held this week and we have 3 representatives participating. They are Jacqui, Kayla and Aidan. We wish them good luck in their events and congratulate them on their success.
**Parent Teacher Information Talks this Week**
All teachers will host an information session for parents this week. On Wednesday afternoon, Year 3/4 and Year 4/5/6 will be holding their sessions. On Thursday afternoon, K/1 and Year 1/2 will be hosting their information talks. Parents are welcome to attend to hear about class programs, homework expectations, excursions and to have any questions answered. Teachers have a brief outline of information to share with parents and if you are unable to attend, we will send this information home with students the next day.

Later this term, teachers will host Parent Interviews for any parent interested in attending. These are held later in the term so that teachers have the opportunity to get to know their new students and then discussions can centre around student strengths and areas in need of improvement. Times and dates for these will be sent home in a few weeks time. We trust that you will take up the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher later this term.

**Merit Selection Panel Training for Parents**
We need to ask for parents to volunteer to become trained in Merit Selection Panel training. All staff have been trained and we are looking for any parents that may be interested in participating in the training. What this means is that if the school has the opportunity to interview for a new Principal or classroom teacher during this year or next year, then a selection panel will be formed. Included on this panel will be a parent representative. Whoever is asked to join the selection panel must have been trained in the procedures for merit selection. The person representing the community on a panel must be approved by the P&C Association.

The training will take place on **Monday, 11th March at Rutherford Primary School from 4:00pm to 4:45pm**. There will be some written material to review prior to the training session. The training is open to any interested parent or community member. The one key point is that you could be asked to be part of a selection panel in the future.

If you think you would like to be a part of this please leave your name at the office and we will send home information about the training and put your name down as a participant. It is not difficult and is just really giving you an indication of what the responsibility of panel members are during the interview process.

**P&C Annual General Meeting Planned**
All parents are invited to be part of the next P&C meeting. It will be held at school in the Library on Tuesday, 5th March from 3:15pm. We will be electing our 2013 P&C Executive.

Our P&C has a healthy bank balance thanks to the hard work of the group during 2012. Being a part of the P&C is a rewarding experience and you have the knowledge of knowing that you are assisting the students and school to purchase resources, enhance the school grounds and that your contribution will last long into the future. Please try to join us for this meeting and have your say about fundraising and expenditure of funds.

**Kinder, Year 1 and 2 Maitland Pool Excursion**
Due to unforeseen circumstances at Maitland Pool we have had to change the date of our Maitland Swimming Pool excursion. We will now be holding the excursion on **Tuesday, 26th February 2013**.
### Kindergarten

**Hannah Cant** - being a wonderful kind friend and helper.

**Ryan Swan** - listening well and following instructions.

**Kyra Platt** - beautiful stencil work and writing.

**Jayden Fogg** - improved pencil grip and writing.

### Year 1/2

**Isabella Tindale** - excellent work in spelling.

**Blake Pearce** - becoming more confident when working independently.

**Purusha Gibbs** - Always being ready to learn.

**Luke Baker** - trying his best in all subjects. Well done!

**Connor Gibbs** - being a very enthusiastic learner.

**Jared Gibbs** - always trying his best despite having a broken arm.

**Patrick Fletcher** - a great improvement when sounding out words.

**Declan Williams** - for putting a great effort into his work.

### Year 3/4

**Ethan Preston** - a settled start to 2013.

**Oli Allen** - great recount writing about show day.

**Emmie-Lou Philp** - great spelling results.

**Amy Whalen** - always being ready to try her best.

**Hope McCredie** - demonstrating an enthusiastic approach to all lessons.

**Ryan Carson** - wonderful word using the Jump Strategy in maths.

**Danielle Baker** - working hard all week.

### Year 5/6

**Ryan Keane** - a new an improved learning attitude.

**Lacey Mathews** - a great attitude to work and friends.

**Kayla Gibbs** - a fabulous attitude to classwork.

**Luke Ralston** - being a positive buddy and helpful school citizen.

**Readon Gibbs** - an excellent effort in dinosaur modelling.

**Sienna Brinkley** - a great effort in writing.

**Taylor Grime** - outstanding effort in dinosaur modelling.

### Best Boy

**Toby Champness and Peter Perry.**

### Best Girl

**Chloe Carpenter, Mikayla Preston, Niomi Crawley and Emma Lee.**

### Best Class


### Assembly Items:

Year 1/2 - Self Portraits

Kindergarten - ‘a,a,a’ apples.
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