Zone Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to the four students who represented the school at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday. From all accounts their behaviour was great and their efforts in the pool have qualified them for some events at the Regional Swimming Carnival. Amelia Harris will swim 50m Freestyle and our relay team will also compete. We wish them best wishes for the Regional Carnival.

Really? Persuade Me
Last Monday all students from Years 2-6 participated in a connected classroom session about persuasive texts. We joined students from Rosehill Public School and Dundurrabin Public School. The session was run by Laurine Croasdale, an Aussie Chomps author. The students looked at some advertisements, identifying text structure. They also looked at emotive language, use of alliteration and onomatopoeia as persuasive devices. Each school was then given a topic to brainstorm arguments for and against. We had to come up with three ideas supporting Santa’s move to Hawaii and three ideas supporting Mrs Claus wanting to stay in the North Pole. These were then shared with the other schools. It was a great learning experience for the students, who are now looking forward to our next session later in the term.

Mining Expo
We have been invited to attend the Mining Expo as part of the Muswellbrook Show on Friday 15th March. Further details and a permission note will be sent home later this week.
Long Service Leave
I will be taking long service leave for a little over two weeks, starting this Thursday. I will be replaced by Christina Cavalot and Mrs Parker will relieve as Principal for the two weeks.

Christina Darlington
Principal

Weekly Awards
- Chelsea Borradaile - carefully reading and completing homework tasks.
- Amelia Harris - Zone swimming. Carefully reading and completing homework tasks.
- Hugh Higgins - Zone swimming.
- Shanay Turner - achievement in maths mentals.
- Amy Thompson - Zone swimming.
- Kristy Walker - working well in all areas of literacy.
- Harmony Blackhurst - improvement in mathematics.
- Sam Thompson - Zone swimming.
- Andrew Harris - fantastic counting by ones, twos, fives and tens.
- Angel Balckhurst - reading all her sounds.

Workers of the Week
K/1/2 - Dustynn Turner and Riley Borradaile.

Student of the Week
Tarni Sheen - being very thoughtful and a wonderful help.

P & C Meeting
The annual AGM and the monthly P&C meeting were held last Thursday 21st February.
New office bearers were elected as follows:
- President - Nicola Field.
- Vice President - Kim Kennedy.
- Secretary - Michelle Stennett.
- Treasurer - Jeannie Harris.
- Publicity Officer - Nicola Field.
- Canteen Co-ordinator - Katie McLean.
- Uniform Co-ordinator - Katie Thompson.
- Breakfast Club Co-ordinator - Michelle Stennet.

Congratulations everyone and we look forward to a busy and profitable year ahead. Upcoming events include the Easter Raffle and Hat Parade, Westpac helicopter charity horse ride afternoon tea, Denman Wine and Food affair.
The minutes are available from the office if anyone would like to have a copy.
Michelle Stennett
Secretary

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Thursday 21st February, Hugh Higgins, Amelia Harris, Sam and Amy Thompson competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival held at Singleton. Amy placed 1st in the 10yrs Girls 50mtrs Freestyle, 1st in the Junior Girls 50mtrs Butterfly and 1st in the Junior Girls 50mtrs Breaststroke. Sam placed second in the 9yrs Boys 50mtrs Freestyle and 2nd in the Junior Boys 50mtrs Breaststroke. Hugh placed 3rd in the 12yrs Boys 50mtrs Freestyle and Amelia placed 3rd in the 11yrs Girls 50mtrs Butterfly and 2nd in the 11yrs Girls 50mtrs Freestyle. Amelia will go on and compete at regional level for her freestyle event as she had to swim 38 secs or less to qualify which she did. Hugh, Amelia, Amy and Sam all combined to swim in the small schools 4 x 50mtrs freestyle relay race which they won. This means they have all qualified to compete at the regional carnival to be held in Maitland on the 7th March.
Congratulations on all of your achievements!
Jeannie Harris