

# Bush Telegraph

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## Principal's Report

The community of schools celebrated Education Week on Tuesday evening with the CHAFFS concert at Camden Haven High school.

Mr Skerritt conducted our choir as they sang and our students joined the massed choir in the opening item. Well done choir!

Two of our students joined the massed band item. Great work Shaun and Rebecca! During the evening we enjoyed dancing, singing, drama, music and percussion presented by other schools in the area.

We were also proud to have Tayla Mepham act as a compeer with a high school student on the evening. Thank you Tayla!

The Picasso cow project is going well as students complete their research about the nutrients that cows produce and place the projects in our scrap book.

Students are making their draft plans

with their ideas of how to paint and decorate the cow.

I feel we need the help of a parent who is also an artist to help us complete the project. Please contact the school if you are an artist and able to help.

The Dairy Farm excursion was postponed until next Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June as Mr O 'Neill rang to say the ground was still far too wet and muddy for us to be tramping on.

Several children have Impetigo or school sores at the moment. If your child develops a sore they will need to be seen by a doctor and I am told treated by an anti biotic to get rid of them. Children with sores can only attend school if the sore is covered as they are highly contagious.

Unfortunately some students are not behaving responsibly at bus stops or on the bus as I have had phone calls from the bus company and the road workers. Please talk

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### Coming events

02.06	Cross country in Kempsey
04.06	Dance Auditions
08.06	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
12.06	1/2B Assembly
15.06	P&C Meeting - 6.45pm
18.06	1/2B Cake Stall

to your children about keeping themselves safe while travelling to and from school.

The Department of Education has put procedures in place to protect students from exposure to cases of Swine Flu. These involve any student or teacher, staying at home for seven days after returning to Australia from an infected area or contact with the H1N1 virus.

The students have celebrated Education Week, this week, with the special CHAFFS concert as well as the multitude of activities we partake in weekly e.g. learning, sport, horse riding, art, pottery, music, woodwork, singing, mathematics, reading, Picasso Cow activities, library time, science, playing, problem solving, stories and drama.

Teachers are now beginning to plan Science week which will be in August and I will apply for a science grant for this event.

Mr Burton returns on Monday.

*Barbara Jackson*

**Relieving Principal**

### **School Attendance**

All children are required to attend school from 8.55am until 2.55pm. Parents have a legal obligation to insist their children attend under the Education Act 1990. We have been getting a large number of children running late in the mornings. These children are missing out on vital and important school learning times both

academically and socially. Many are going home early in the afternoons especially on Friday afternoons. We will be monitoring this disturbing situation further and appropriate action will be taken.

### **Canteen Roster**

1.06	L. Skerritt
3.06	K. Daley
5.06	C. Mazoudier

### **Queens Birthday Public Holliday**

Queens Birthday is fast approaching. Monday 8th June is a public holiday, everyone can enjoy a well earned day off. Enjoy!

### **School Captain 's Report**

On Tuesday evening the CHAFFS Concert was held at the High School. It went really swimmingly, everyone had a fantastic time. I would like to thank Mr Skerritt for all the hard work he has put into our performance.

Please note the new dates for Schubert 7' s and Cross country as both have been altered.

*Hayley Robertson*

### **Schubert 7' s and Girls Touch Football**

Due to a clash with the District Cross Country, the Schubert 7' s and Girls Touch Football has been postponed until July 29. Another permission note will be issued closer to that date.

### It ' s Disco Time

Put this date in your diary. **Thursday June 11.**  
Come along and have a dance with your friends.

Time: 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Combined K - 6 ( so we all get home before its too late being winter ) . This is one of our main fundraisers for this term so put on your dancing shoes and bring along your coins. There will be a BBQ. More details next week.

*Leigh Stevens*

*P&C*

### New dates for sporting events

The District Cross Country has been postponed from last week and will be on Tuesday 2nd June in Kempsey. Your child should have been given a new permission form if they were selected.

The Touch Football has been postponed due to date double ups. This event will now be held on Wednesday 29th July ( Week 1 Term 3 ) .

The North Coast Rugby Trials due to be held on Friday 7th August will now be brought forward and be held on Wednesday 29th July. This event will still be held in Grafton and will only be relevant to James Kennedy and Scott Laurie.

The Netball trials that were postponed from last week will be held on Monday 1st June in Kempsey and will only apply to Shannon Woodward.

### Impetigo ( School Sores )

Time from exposure to illness

One to three days.

Symptoms

Small red spots change into blisters that fill with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

Treatment

Visit to the doctor usually prescribed antibiotics and antibiotic cream.

Do I need to keep my child home?

Yes, until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with a watertight dressing before coming back to school.

How can I help prevent spread?

Careful hand washing.

### Community News

Grandparents As Parents Again

We are a support group for Grandparents who are raising their grandchildren or provide some care for them and we are looking at starting a group in Wauchope. We plan to have monthly meetings as well as social days in conjunction with our Port Macquarie Group. We already have some families in the area that enjoy our support.

We are looking for expressions of interest from more families who may benefit from our care. Anyone who is interested may call Marilyn O ' Neill on 6585 5185 or call in to pick up a brochure from Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre 6586 4055. We hope that families who need this help will join us and get the support that they need. We hope to have meetings up and running as soon as possible.

The following tear off slips have been designed to help you in sending absence notes to the school and to ensure that we have all the necessary information for our records. We ask that a parent/guardian complete and sign all sections of the form and send it to the school on the day your child returns to school after an absent day. Thank you.

Parent/Guardian explanation for pupils absence

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