**Library news**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes at the end of August so keep entering the books on-line as you go using student log in details.

Congratulations to *Margaret* and *Isimeli* who have now completed the Challenge. There are quite a few students almost there.

Our annual book week parade is on Tuesday, 25 August. Children dress up as their favourite book character using their imagination and recycled materials.

There will also be a book fair in the library all day Tuesday and Thursday. Books are very cheap and all sales allow the school to purchase books from commission. The community is most welcome to come in and have a look. A great idea for birthday and Christmas presents.

**Athletics**

Congratulations to our large group of students who competed in the District athletics carnival. Although the day was a bit bleak, we still had some good results.

On Wednesday this week, the following students will compete in the Lower North Coast Athletics carnival in Wauchope:-

- Ellie (PP5 relay)
- Elenoa (100m, 200m, PP5 relay)
- Margaret (800m, PP5 relay)
- Isimeli (100m, PP5 relay)

**Interest groups**

A reminder that Thursday afternoons we will be knitting, making movies, gardening and special sports. We would love anyone with patience and knitting skills to come in at 2.00 to help teach the small group of knitters.

**What’s happening in K-2?**

This term we are studying the science topic “All Mixed Up” which is an ideal way of linking science with literacy in the classroom. Students learn about materials that don’t mix well, and others that are difficult to separate. Through hands-on investigations, students explore how changing the quantities of materials in a mixture can alter its properties and uses.

We have also started *Daily 5 in Maths*. Students select from five choices and work independently towards personalised goals, while teachers meet individual needs through whole-group and small-group instruction, as well as one on one learning.

- maths by myself
- maths problems
- maths with technology
- maths facts
- maths with the teacher

The benefits of Daily 5 Maths include developing independence, building stamina, and accountability. It also allows teachers to meet different needs to ensure all students meet standards.

In HSIE, Mrs Walder and the K-2 students are looking at “The Way we Were”. If there are any senior members of the community who would like to come in and talk to K-2 about their home life, games, school and chores when they were young, please contact the school.

**Private vehicle conveyance**

An important message regarding Semester 1 payments:-

*Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy after introducing a new computer system.*

This has delayed collection of data from schools and payments for at least several weeks.

*Transport for NSW has apologised for the inconvenience.*

**Kindergarten enrolments**

Enrolment forms are available for any children turning 5 before 31 July 2016. Please let anyone in the community know that forms are available from school.

A transition program for these children will commence in Term 4 on Fridays.

*What vegetable was forbidden on ships of explorers to Antarctica? Leeks!*

*Betty Green presenting our Waterwise Accreditation to Jill*
**School & Community News**

**PCYC Thursday Afternoon Program**

Unfortunately this program will no longer run as further funding was not secured. Please make sure all children are collected at 3.00pm unless they are catching the bus.

**Principal's news**

**Waterwise accreditation**

Last term we were accredited as a Waterwise school. Mrs Betty Green presented the award to Jill at our assembly. See inside for photo.

**Prac student**

We would like to welcome Miss Sophie Rossiter to our school from the University of New England. Sophie will be here for the next four weeks working with K-2 and Miss Syd.

**Cooking program**

Each week Mr Fly will be taking a group of students for cooking on Wednesdays. This will involve preparing and cooking two different dishes to share with the school. If you have any excess produce (eggs, pumpkins, citrus), please send into school. Mr Fly loves cooking from local produce.

**What's on**

**Week 4**

- Tues 4 Aug: P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- Wed 5 Aug: Lower Nth Coast Athletics Wauchope
- Thurs 6 Aug: Mrs Mitchell Coffs Harbour Conference
- Fri 7 Aug: Mrs Mitchell Coffs Harbour Conference

**Week 6**

- Tues 18 Aug: Assembly 2.30pm
- Fri 21 Aug: Premier's Reading closes

**Week 7**

- Tues 25 Aug: Book Week Parade & Fair
- Wed 26 Aug: Year 6 KHS Transition
- Fri 28 Aug: North Coast Athletics

**Week 8**

- Mon 31 Aug: Pet Education 11.30
- Tues 1 Sep: P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- Fri 4 Sep: Father’s Day Stall 9.00am

**Week 9**

- Wed 9 Sep: Dunghutti Art Project
- Thurs 10 Sep: Dunghutti Art Project

**Week 10 (last week T3)**

- Tues 15 Sep: Assembly 9.00am

**YES, our school is collecting Earn & Learn stickers from Woolworths**