Tuesday 17th February 2015

Principal's Report
A big hello to all our families and to all community members.

We have staff members starting **Stronger Smarter Leadership training** today. I’m sure Mr Brown and Ms Powell will build extra skills through this exceptional training and I wish them all the best in this training.

**Homework Centre** kicked off last week and went very well. Mrs Wilder is coordinating this year and I would like to thank her for taking on this important role. Remember homework centre runs each Wednesday between 3:30pm and 5.00pm in Weeks 3 to 8 each term.

The **school socks** have arrived and look fantastic. It is great to see the kids in the new school uniform.

**Reading Recovery** for Year 1 has also commenced. Mrs Scott will be our Reading Recovery teacher for 2015. I would also like to thank Mrs Scott for taking on the role of Student Representative Council Advisor. We have a great group of kids in this position. Keep an eye on the Northern Star!

**Enrolments for preschool** are filling up fast. If you have children or know of any child who is 4 ½ years and ready for school in 2016 our Casino West Little Jarjums are looking for enrolments. The school has 2 sessions available, Monday to Wednesday and Wednesday to Friday available. Please phone the preschool on 6662 8995 and speak to Mr Anthony Brown.

The **School Website** has additional information about our school and you can find our weekly newsletters here as well. Site address is: [http://www.casinowest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.casinowest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

All classes have been working hard from day one and I would like to thanks the students for being so dedicated in their work. All the best for the week. **Regards Mr Taylor, Principal.**
Assemblies

for KS, K/1W, 1H and 1/2C

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Infants Assemblies for KS, K/1W, 1H and 1/2C will be on the following days this term. We apologise if these dates change due to unforeseen circumstances and will do our best to let you know if this occurs.

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P&C NEWS

FUNDRAISING BULB DRIVE

If you have more than one child you can fundraise on the one form and I will split the money equally between all. Can you please also put names and classes of your children on the form. Remember the prizes for the most bulbs sold is pizza for the class and second prize is ice cups. The fundraising is going well with lots of orders coming in already. It is a great way to start your winter colour garden. Orders are due in on Monday 23rd March and are expected back to school for delivery in the first week of Term 2 approximately Wednesday 22nd April. More information see Megan Keogh.

AGM Meeting

The P&C Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th March 2015. All positions will become vacant. Positions for Election are as follows:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

All Welcome. Come along and see what’s going on in our school.

Parent Information Meeting

for 2/3S, 3/4F, 3/4T, 5/6M and 5/6TC

Tuesday 3rd March at 5.30pm

Our parent information evening will commence in the library at 5.30pm and teachers will then be available in their classrooms to talk further about their individual classes. Again teachers will be happy to catch up with you if you have a child in another class.

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KINDERGARTEN PHOTOS IN NORTHERN STAR

With the 2015 school year underway, The Northern Star is once again planning its annual kindergarten lift out supplement to be published Wednesday, March 25, 2015. The supplement will be entitled ‘My First Year’ and it will feature kindergarten class photographs from the public, private and independent schools across the Northern Rivers region. In previous years the kindergarten supplement has been well received by families, producing a special quality memento of students’ first year at school.

Michael Grose

The requirements for effective parenting are changing rapidly, just as the profile of parents is changing. If you add to this mix that children are growing up at the speed of light, information technology can make parents seem redundant, and increasingly parents claim lack of time is their biggest impediment to effective parenting. So what is a parent to do?

Here are 2 golden rules to guide you along your parenting journey in 2015:

1. Build confidence
With so many parents reporting that they have a child experiencing anxiety it would seem that we are currently experiencing a crisis in children’s confidence. It would also seem that we have somehow forgotten how to absorb children’s fears, insecurities and anxieties, and instill a sense of confidence that these can be overcome. Using a mixture of coaxing, coaching and cajoling parents need to find a way to impart in children a sense of courage to put themselves in new or potentially awkward social situations; to have a go at activities where failure is a real option; and to contribute to the wellbeing of others, which reduces anxiousness and fear.

2. Build developmental knowledge
Many challenges parents experience with their children are due to a developmental mismatch. That is, parents raising their ten year old as if they are eight. The nuances of parenting are age-related, yet due to inexperience we so often don’t read the cues. Recently, I witnessed a mum and dad tearing their hair out trying to communicate with their nine-year-old son. For the first time he was saying no to them. They thought him stubborn and disobedient. I thought him normal, as nine can be a problematic age, where usually malleable children suddenly start changing. Puberty is stirring. When this couple’s second child turns nine she will experience the benefits of her elder brother paving the way and breaking her parents in for her.