Dear Parents,

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016**

Advance notice that we are holding our school swimming carnival for all K-6 students on **Wednesday 3 February 2016** commencing at 10.00am at Kingscliff Pool. There will be a number of novelty events in shallow water so all children will have the opportunity to participate. A number of freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke events will also be held to cater for our more capable swimmers. We will be recording times to see which students qualify for the Small Schools Carnival held later in February.

All children have been placed into a sports house group (Cockatoos or Rosellas) and will gain points throughout the day which go towards their house groups.

The emphasis of this carnival is on participation and enjoyment. We will send an information and permission note home early in the new year.

**PRESENTATION NIGHT**

A huge thank you to everyone ‘who chipped’ in last Thursday night after the storm. It was wonderful to see the school community all working together to enable our presentation night to go ahead. It is an absolute credit to our families that the night was a success—congratulations.

**PARTY DAY**

The children had a great day on Friday at the school end of year party. The inflatable double dive water slide was a real hit with the children on such a hot day. The sand art was a welcomed quiet and air conditioned break and the results can be seen on the following page of pictures. Thank you to Maryann for offering to help out with the hot dog lunch.

**LAST DAY**

This Wednesday is the final day for students. We will say our final goodbye to graduating Year 6 students as they file out of school for the last time. Parents are welcome to attend the ‘ringing of the bell’ at 2.30pm on this day.

Have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. School resumes for students on Thursday 28 January 2016.

*Marg Burgess*
Principal

*Today students have received their calendars and other artwork pieces purchased earlier this term. Enjoy!*
Presentation Day
Party day fun!
Registrations will commence soon for the 2016 Soccer Season for boys and girls turning 5 - 15 years during 2016

Sign-on will be at the Clubhouse in Bawden Street, Tumbulgum on Saturday 6 February 12:30pm - 2:30pm & Sunday 7 February 9:00am - 11:00am

Players aged 5, 6 and 7 years will receive a complimentary ball and shin pads.

All players receive a polo shirt. Mini Roos games are played locally. Older age groups play in the Tweed and Byron Shires.

For further enquiries please call and leave your details with Brian Breckenridge - 02 6676 6343.

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Slam Poetry Workshop (Ages 8-12) With Samantha Turnbull

**When:** Wednesday, 20 January 2016 10am-1pm

**Where:** Byron Community College, 107 Jonson St, Byron Bay.

**Cost:** $25 members & $30 non-members

**Bookings & Information:** nrwc.org.au or (02) 6685 5115

Learn how to write words that are destined for the stage. Forget stuffy old-fashioned poetry - slam poets write and perform everything from hip hop and rap to comedy and monologues. Perfect for kids who just want to have fun with their writing, and may have side interests in drama, public speaking and performance. Find out why slam poetry is rising in popularity across the world with YouTube clips of epic slam performances going crazy viral. Everyone’s a poet, even if they don’t know it.

Samantha Turnbull is the author of the best-selling Anti-Princess Club series of novels for kids. She’s also a closet rapper and slam poet who has twice represented the North Coast in the NSW Finals of the Australian Poetry Slam. Sam was never into poetry as a kid because she thought it was a bit posh and had too many rules – then she discovered slams and found out that’s where all the cool writers were hanging out. Sam hopes to one day be crowned Australia’s Poetry Slam Champion (because she’s an anti-princess, that’s the only crown she’d actually wear).