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*"Great teaching is explicit,
engaging and enables
students to experience
success."*

Upcoming Events

JULY

- 5 Dolphin Magic & Southern
Cross University Marine
- 6 Scripture
- Last day of Term 2
- 24 Students return for
Term 3

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CREATIVITY

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

Mural

Last Monday Nelli invited Ute from the Nambucca Guardian News to come and do a story on the Mural. Have a look online for the article and photos of the students. Thanks Nelli for organising Ute.

Reports

Our new look Semester 1 Reports will be sent home on Wednesday. Please make an appointment either before or after school next Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. When we meet, will be able to discuss your child's report and Portfolio.

Effective Reading Conference

Our Instructional Leader, Mel and I will be attending this conference on Thursday and Friday this week.

Live Life Well

Last Friday Kelly and I met with Clinton Gibbs the Health Promotion Officer from Healthy Communities. He was very impressed with all the focus on health and well-being at Medlow. However in order to be eligible for the \$2000 grant we will need to meet further criteria. This includes an improved kitchen garden program where students are involved in preparing and cooking meals. As some of you may remember, we did run this in 2016 and interestingly it was brought up in our last School Parliament meeting. Kelly has offered to run 3 cooking days in Term 3.

School Focus

Close Reading

- monitoring & predicting and clarifying

Library

Next Monday will be our last borrowing day for the term. Students are encouraged to borrow books for the holidays. Please support your child to be immersed in the world of books and language.

As the saying goes...

Kindergarten to Year 2 – Learn to Read

Year 3 Onwards – Read to learn

National Data Collection for Students with Disabilities

Starting next week the DOE will start the process of Data Collection.

Attached to the newsletter is an information sheet for families.

Gonski Report—The Role of Student Voice

One of the latest recommendations from the Gonski report is to ensure that all students have the opportunity within schools to be partners in their own learning. Giving students a voice and encouraging them to be partners in their own learning not only increases their agency and achievement, but it also creates positive long-term learning habits. According to the Gonski report, it also builds a student's engagement with their schooling, which is associated with positive outcomes later in life.

Strategies include;

- Feedback – frequent and in real time
- Involving students in decision making – this creates positive and engaged learning cultures
- Allowing students to exercise some autonomy over what they learn and how they learn

In our Medlow learning environment we certainly provide many opportunities for Student Voice –

- High Teacher/student ratios ensure timely and immediate feedback
- School Parliament – allows students to actively contribute ideas and solutions
- Student choice in learning – students select their learning path in research and presentation tasks.

Examples include;

- China presentation, Threatened species research, maths cards
- A shared and distributed leadership role where the Year 5's are learning to take on different positions within the leadership of the school.

Regards,

Sarah Landers
Principal