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Raya’s Surfing Achievement

Raya is quite a good surfer and is a member of Snapper Rocks Surfriders Club. Raya looks like she will be Under 12 Girls Club Champion for 2014.

On Sunday 10 August she won the Under 12 Girls Queensland Title at Event 1 at Duranbah Beach.

On Sunday 28 September while on holidays in the UK visiting family, Raya had the opportunity to compete in The British Junior Nationals where she came 4th in the Under 14 Girls Final at Fistral Beach in Newquay, Cornwall.

At Coffs Harbour on Sunday 12 October, Raya came 2nd in the Under 12 Girls Final of the Wahoo Groms Competition. All this at the age of 10 years old.

Well done Raya!

Swimming Scheme

Years 2 & 3 have nearly completed their School Swimming Program at Cools Swim School. They have been having so much fun learning how to swim.

Ms Robinson
Teacher

We invite you to attend our

Annual Presentation Day

Monday 15 December 2014
from 11:30am – 1:30pm (DST)

All are welcome to attend the presentation
School Spectacular Rehearsals

Last Thursday 30 and Friday 31 November, our School Spectacular students participated in a dress rehearsal with four other schools in Ocean Shores. The choreographer came to start final rehearsals before the big event. The students are all looking forward to performing in Sydney later this month.

Canteen News

Canteen Volunteers
We are in need of Canteen Volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The canteen being open on three days is dependent on volunteer help so if you are able to help even just one or two days in the term please let Fine in the Canteen know.

Recent Enrolment Information Request
Information missing from K-6 enrolments has been requested recently. It is a legal requirement that all students have Proof of Birth, Medicare Immunisation status, proof of address/out of area forms in their record cards. Please ensure you comply with our request for any missing information. This is a time consuming process for the school office.

How you help your child

You help your child learn in many ways during everyday life….

You help improve your child’s literacy skills when:
• you tell the same stories in lots of different ways,
• you share reading instructions to get things done.

You help to improve your child’s numeracy skills when:
• you talk about “grouping” and “matching”. It is about counting,
• you talk about “1,2,3,4,5”. It is about learning number names.

You help to improve your child’s social skills when:
• you stay in touch with your wider family and your community.

Community News

THE COMMONWEALTH RESPITE & CARELINK CENTRE
We support ‘Young Carers’. Do you 100% look after someone who has long term illness, disability or mental illness? We may be able to help you with respite (need a break), help at home, getting to sport or other activities, tutoring or time to study. Freecall 1800 052 222. The Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre will talk to you and your family about how we may be able to support you.

THE FAMILY CENTRE
Courses for Term 4. Bookings are essential. For further information on any courses or workshops please call 07 5524 8711 (Mon - Fri 9am-12.30pm) or visit the website www.thefamilycentre.org.au

Saver Plus
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs? Join saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including school uniforms and text books, computers, laptops and tablets, excursions and camps, sports equipment, uniforms and lessons, music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself. For more information contact your local Saver Plus worker, Jasmin Dorrington on 07 5536 5613, 0417 485 477 or email jasmin.dorrington@thesmithfamily.com.au

NORTH COAST TAFE
Is your youngest child turning 8 this year? Need to work or study to receive Centrelink benefits? North Coast TAFE offers courses in growth areas such as retail, pharmacy and warehousing which may meet your needs. For more information please contact North Coast TAFE on 1300 628 233.

NEW SCOUT GROUP FOR COOLANGATTA
We are seeking expressions of interest from any families or community members who are interested in establishing a new Scout Group in the Coolangatta/Tweed Heads area at the Scout Den on Scott Street, Coolangatta.

For more information please contact John Laing (Regional Development and Support Officer for South East Queensland) on rdso.seq@scoutqld.com.au or phone 0409 573 900.

NSW FAMILY ENERGY REBATE 2014-2015
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives a $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applications who hold an account with an electricity retailer and a $165 direct payment to nominate bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

Apply:
• Online - it just takes 2 minutes to submit an application https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au
• Paper - download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax and post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.