Principal’s report

P&C meeting tonight
Our school P&C meeting is on at 6pm tonight in the staff room. All are welcome.

Small schools soccer
Our school mixed soccer team is to play Ulmarra Public School at Ulmarra next Wednesday, June 17th. Thanks to Phillip and Paula Clausen who have been training the team in preparation. We wish them all the best.

Athletics carnival
Our athletics carnival is set down for next Friday, June 19th here at school. Students from Baryulgil will be joining us for the day so events will commence when they arrive at around 9:30am. The carnival is for all children and we value participation and having a go just as much as winning. There should be some time for novelty events as well.

Student reports
Reports go home this Friday and parent/teacher interviews are being held next week. Look for these in your child’s bag and please read it with them. Recognise their achievements and efforts and also discuss, in a constructive way, how they could improve the areas needing attention and how you could help.

GONSKI funding
You may have heard about Gonski funding in schools in the news. David Gonski was the person who conducted a review into school funding and made a number of recommendations, some of which the federal government is adopting. Gonski funding in our school has meant we are able to fund a speech therapy program for 9 infants students, 3 days per week. It has also paid the $8000 fee for the ‘brain training’ online program that 20 of our primary students are currently undertaking. It has allowed all staff to undertake specialist training in teaching children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Without Gonski funding we wouldn’t have the extra teacher time that enables us to split our infants class most mornings, support primary students with extra literacy needs or run stage 2 Maths groups. At the moment our school is well resourced and our children are afforded some great opportunities to enhance their learning, but this may change if the federal government does not fund the full Gonski initiative as it was intended.

Cheers,
Andrew

Principal’s Award
Daimin Miles