Our educational focus continues to be reading and mathematics and we have invested in both personnel and resources to increase outcomes in these areas.

**Initiative 1:** Extra staff for focused reading and numeracy

**Initiative 2:** Reading Links for support students

As a result of these initiatives:

- 72% of students at or above North Coast Region benchmarks for reading
- 72% of students C or above for North Coast Region Benchmarks for numeracy

2 students well above National Standard in Reading

2 students requiring significant support are demonstrating success with spelling and reading.
Silkworms
Our silkworms have been a great impetus for recording and observing changes. We found that a silkworm could wind a thread up to 900m long for its cocoon. We measured this on the oval. It’s an amazing feat for such a small creature.

900 metres equals 5.10 times around the oval!

Small Schools Camp
This was a great camp—just read Mackenzie’s report.

SCHOOL CAMP – GARAPINE 2016
by Mackenzie Taylor Casey Yr 4
Year 4, 5 and 6 went on school camp to Garapine Adventure camp at Traveston. We camped for 3 days in week 4, term 4. At camp we learnt new skills and how to work as a team.

Day 1…
I was very excited, even though I had to get up early to catch the bus. After taking our bags out of the bus, we introduced ourselves to all the people we didn’t know and we then set up our cabins before lunch. I couldn’t wait to go kayaking down at the river.

Down to the river we had to carry 10 kayaks and walk back up the big hill. We learnt how to paddle, steer and get in and out of the kayak. Then we paddled to the bridge. After climbing back up to the top of the ferocious hill, we had showers and got ready for dinner. After dinner, we played games and bed was at 9:00 pm. I slept like a log, even though Haley was snoring.

On Day 2…
I woke up early, dressed and had free time before breakfast. After lunch, we all got ready for group individuals, it was near camp. We participated in the Giant Finger, Tyre Hoops and Slingshot. My favourite was the Giant Finger because it was a team activity. Heading back to camp my legs were sore and felt like jelly. Once we were back, we had a shower and it was wonderful. At dinner, I loved the chicken wings they were so good! Yum, yum!

Day 3 …
Up early, I got dressed ready for breakfast. I only had cereal, because I wasn’t that hungry. Orienteering was so hot and I did not participate, because my leg was sore and everyone was going down the big hill. When everybody came back up for morning tea, we did our final activity, Archery.

At Archery for the first time ever, I used a bow and arrow and tried to hit the target. One arrow went up in the air. After lunch we went and packed up our things, ready to go home.

My favourite thing about Garapine was the Giant Finger, because you had to work as a team. I loved camp where I met new friends and saw old friends. I had a great time.

Merry Christmas
Matilda

We had a fantastic day in Brisbane yesterday at Matilda the Musical. What a great way to end the term and reward students for good work habits and good behaviour.

Here are some of our compare and contrast descriptions.

Compare and Contrast
by Arafim Koch Yr 4

The book Matilda and the movie are quite similar. They both have the same characters, plot and resolution.

In the movie Miss Honey’s cottage is beautiful, but in the book it’s dusty, old and dark.

In the movie, it takes ninety minutes to watch it, although in the book the author has to put a picture in our head, so it takes longer.

In the movie, Mr Wormwood is short and fat, yet in the book he is tall and skinny.

In the movie, Miss Honey is kind and gentle, unlike the book where Miss Honey is stern.

In the movie, Mrs Wormwood only cares for herself like in the book.

In the movie, as well as the book, Matilda is sneaky.

I prefer the book because it’s the original and I quite like Roald Dahl’s stories.

Compare and Contrast
by Sophia Bristow Yr 1

Matilda is smart in the movie and in the book.
Miss Honey is nice yet Miss Trunchbull is grumpy.

Compare and Contrast
by Liam Spies Yr 2

The book Matilda and the movie are quite similar. Both have the same characters, plot and resolution.

Miss Honey the same as Matilda are kind, smart and beautiful.

Miss Trunchbull is mean, greedy, cranky and obnoxious, on the other hand, Miss Phelps is kind, lovely and wonderful.

The BFG and Maths

We love books by Roald Dahl and on the last day of school we will be watching the BFG (The Big Friendly Giant).

Today we had to work out if the BFG is 24 feet, how big does his kitchen table have to be, if a 6 foot man has a table of 4 feet. We also converted feet to centimetres.

We red the length of the BFG is 24 ft. We had to change this to metric. We then measured using our rulers. We worked out the BFG is the length of 5 students and 1 butt!!
Awards and End of Year Performance

Another fantastic night and thanks not only for great organisation by our P&C, but for the wonderful support of the community that made this a very pleasant and successful evening.

2016 Awards

John Odgers Memorial Award for Community Spirit

Richard Dean Year 1
Blair Family Academic Award

Ruby Casey Prep
Theebine Masonic Lodge Academic Encouragement Award

Sophia Bristow Year 1
The Graeme Jensen Encouragement Award for Music

Beau Daniels Year 2
Junior Sporting Participation Award

Kiaya Daniels

Thankyou

- Mrs Nahrung for the berries for our cooking.
- Mr Quinn for bringing in a huge snake skin.
- Mr and Mrs Vollmerhausen for locking up our chickens.
- Mrs Quinn for the popcorn kernels for our Movie Theatre.
- Thankyou Cherax Park Crayfish Farm for supporting our raffle with a donation.

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