1/2 C has been eagerly learning all about Australian Animals. We have written about our own yucky stews, used technology to research wombats and were inspired by aboriginal x-ray art techniques to make our very own x-ray animal drawings.

We were thrilled to receive our ‘Books in Home’ books and began reading straight away. We had a fantastic day at the Macadamia Castle! We learnt about some real life Australian animals and we especially liked the wombat called Millie!
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope all the students had a restful and relaxing break. It was great to see so many smiling faces this morning ready to start a new term.

Semester 1 reports were handed out on the last day of term. If you would like to make an appointment with your child’s classroom teacher to discuss any aspects of the report, please make contact with the school office, or with the classroom teacher via the Dojo app, to schedule an interview.

**Thank you to our P & C and Volunteers**

Once again our hard working P & C and volunteers did an amazing job catering for the hungry hoards at the Caravan and Camping Show over the middle weekend of the holidays. Thank you to all those who gave up their time to organise and assist on the day. Your efforts have raised valuable funds for the students at Lismore South.

**NAIDOC Day**

At the end of last term we held an extremely successful NAIDOC Day where the students took part in fabulous activities organised by Mrs Karen Newton. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Newton for all her hard work; our Learning Support Officers and Mrs Manitta for running the activities, The Northern United Football Club and Kadina High School students for instructing the students in rugby league skills, Aunty Thelma and Bilyana for running cultural activities, Miss Bronwyn, Tina Robinson and the canteen volunteers for making johnnie cakes for the entire school, the P & C for cooking the BBQ and the family members for attending the day, in particular Jack and Autumn’s grandma, Veronica, who came all the way from the Northern Territory. It was a fabulous day.

Aunty Thelma also donated a ceremonial didgeridoo to the school which will be on display in the office area alongside the painting completed by some of our Stage 3 students at the Aboriginal Art Day at Albert Park Public School.

**Skoolbag App on iPads**

Skoolbag has released a new version of their iPhone and Android app that is specifically designed for iPads. Please go to the Apple Apps of Google Play stores to download this latest version.

**Breakfast Club**

Many thanks to the anonymous community member who donated a $40 Woolworths voucher for our Breakfast Club. All community assistance is greatly appreciated by the staff and children.

**Notes and Payments for Excursions and Other Activities**

To assist with the organisation of our excursions and other off site activities we ask that permission notes and medical forms be handed into school by the due date. The due date is always clearly written on all notes. Unfortunately, some families are not handing in their notes by the due dates and are often waiting until the morning of the excursion or activity to come to the office and fill out and/or hand in notes. This means that staff cannot finalise rolls, organise student specific first aid kits and complete essential preparations in a timely and safe manner, potentially putting students at risk.

In order to allow the office and teaching staff time to safely organise the excursion or activity, **no permission notes or medical forms will be accepted after the due date**. We sincerely hope that all families will be able to hand in their notes and forms by the due date, so that no student misses out on any excursions or activities. Thank you for your support.

It would also be appreciated if payments could be made by the due dates, however families are able to communicate with the office staff to make payments on alternative dates if required. If you are experiencing financial hardship when paying for an excursion or activity please contact the school to make alternative arrangements.

Don’t forget our School Athletics Carnival is this Thursday 16/7.

**All students will be expected to participate in their age races on the day.**

Parents and family members are most welcome to come along and cheer their children on.

**Nickie Bartlett – Principal**

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**Book Character Parade**

**(Preschool – Year 6)**

**Tuesday, 28th July, 9.30 am.**

~ start planning your costume!!!!!!!!!!
Welcome back. We hope everyone had a relaxing and safe break. We look forward to another wonderful term.

What’s Been Happening in Preschool?
You will notice many changes in the Preschool as the staff have been very busy during the holidays.

NAIDOC Celebrations
At the end of last term, the Echidna group was a part of the whole school NAIDOC week celebrations. They had a fun day enjoying the activities which included screen printing, playing Aboriginal games, listening to Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories and face painting.

Thank You
We would like to thank Shayla’s dad, Corey, for the fantastic mural he has painted for us on the shed wall in the playground.

Fees
Fee schedules for Term 3 will be placed in your child’s file this week. Fees can be paid in instalments throughout the term or in a lump sum at the school office (cash or cheque only) or by using the Parent On-line Payments (POP) (with Visa or MasterCard credit or debit cards) which is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting $ Make a Payment.

Kindergarten Enrolments
Please go to the main office to fill in an enrolment form for your child, if they are going to ‘big school’ next year.

Kellie Keed & Allison Jarrett - Preschool Educators

ROAD SAFETY - YOUR CHILD’S SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU

When Driving:
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car. A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

When Walking:
Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.
STOP! one step back from the kerb.
LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.
LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! whether it is safe to cross.
Rule of the Week
To be Safe and Responsible students are reminded to “Wash hands, sit while we eat, put our rubbish in the bin and wait for permission to leave”.

Kindergarten 2016
If your child will be commencing Kindergarten in 2016, please collect an enrolment package from the school office. We would appreciate completion and return of enrolment forms by 31st July.

School Athletics Carnival – Kindergarten to Year 6
Thursday, 16th July – Week 1, Term 3 (Wednesday, 22nd July – if postponed due to weather conditions).
Students who haven’t returned a completed permission note/payment have been given another copy today or will be contacted by the class teacher. It is EXTREMELY important that every student returns a note by TOMORROW. Students will travel by bus to Riverview Park (unless indicated otherwise on permission note), leaving school at 9 am.
DRESS: Students must wear their uniform or their house colours, including a broad-brimmed hat, joggers and socks at ALL TIMES. Collars and long sleeves are recommended. NO singlet or sleeveless tops permitted. Please ensure your child has a warm jacket/jumper, clearly labelled. It can cool down quickly!
SUNSCREEN must be worn and will be available at the grounds.
SPORT HOUSES: Sports Houses are determined by the surname of the student. They are as follows:
   A-G  LINDESAY  (GREEN) / H-Q  NARDI  (YELLOW) / R-Z  WARNING  (RED)
CANTEEN: Canteen, similar to our school canteen, will operate at Riverview Park. Any volunteers to assist on the day would be appreciated. Donations of slices/biscuits would also be appreciated. These may be taken to Riverview Park or dropped off at the School Office.

UNI-BOUND for Year 6 Students
As a lead up to our Careers Expo on Wednesday, 29th July (Week 3), there will be a visit from Simone Balzer and her UNI-BOUND team from Southern Cross University. UNI-BOUND is an inspiring program which is FREE and will be held within the school grounds on Friday, 24th July.
Years 6 students have been given a separate permission note. Please complete and return this permission note by Tuesday, 21st July.

Year 5 Excursion to Stradbroke Island & Year 6 Excursion to Canberra
Full and final payments due by 21/8/15

CANTEEN ROSTER

CANTEEN CLOSED TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
Thursday, 16/7 - Karen
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Volunteers please
Friday, 17/7 - Stewart
Monday, 20/7 - Rhonda
Breakfast available from 8.30 – 8.55am daily.

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