Congratulations to all students who attended the swimming carnival on Monday, 8th February. All students participated at a high level and showed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day.

Good luck to the students who will be attending the Northern Rivers Carnival on Thursday, 25th February.

A very big thank you to all parents who came along to the carnival to support their children and help throughout the day. The day would not have been possible without you.

Results: 1st Warning, 2nd Lindesday & 3rd Nardi

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS:

JNR – Sophie Bates & Dash Bates

11yrs – Zarra Ward, Seth Burns & Liam Stockwell

SNR – Renee Nickel & Ryan Bebb

Ms Kylie Organ
Sports Coordinator
You will have seen all the fabulous photos on the front page of the newsletter from our swimming carnival. Everyone involved had a fabulous day and we would really like to thank all the wonderful parent volunteers who assisted with the set up, supervision, time keeping and general running of the carnival. Without this help the day would not have been the huge success that it was.

Congratulations School Leaders
Our School, Vice and House Captains were presented with their badges at the Captain’s Induction Assembly recently. The staff are very excited to be working with this group of students and they have already had many opportunities to show their leadership skills around the school. Student Representative Council (SRC) class reps will be inducted at this Friday’s whole school assembly. These students will also play an important role as part of our student leadership team.

Absences
This year we have introduced a new way of communicating with families to follow up student absences, where the school has not yet been provided with a reason for the absence. Each Tuesday and Thursday mornings SMS and email notifications will be sent out to request the school be contacted to explain an absence. These messages are not meant to cause offence, they are merely a reminder to contact the school. Please remember that if an absence is not explained within 7 days it will automatically be recorded as unjustified. Best practice is always to contact the school via phone, email or Skoolbag on the day of the absence in order for school records to be kept up to date.

Family Holidays
Family holidays are often amazing experiences for children. Please remember, however, that if you wish to take your children out of school to travel for a holiday, you need to apply for an Application for Exemption (from school attendance). This is a Department of Education requirement and the form is available from the school office.

Update of Details
Please remember to complete the Update of Details form that has come home with this newsletter. This year we are offering incentives to hand in the form by the due date. Each family that returns the completed form by Friday, 19th February will go into the draw to win either an iTunes voucher to the value of $30 or a drawing pencil set. Each child in the family will receive an individual ticket. To be in the running, remember to hand the completed form back into school by the due date.

Have a great week.

Nickie Bartlett – Principal

LEARN A TRADITIONAL MARTIAL ART
WITH THE INTRODUCTION TO OUR TWO NEW KIDS CLASSES.
Ages 2-5yrs (3:30pm – 4:00pm) and 6-12yrs (4:15pm – 5:00pm)
Monday and Thursday afternoons.

Call us on 0427693900
Address – 126B Woodlark Street, Lismore CBD (Behind Shop Baby)
Website: www.southernprayingmantis.net
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/sifu.jody
Values: Self Confidence, Co-ordination, Focus, Teamwork, Respect for Elders, Discipline.
The children have settled in to preschool extremely well and we are so proud of how they are separating when they are dropped off each morning. They have had lots of fun exploring, learning our routines and getting to know each other. The Echidnas have already practised a fire drill and demonstrated how well they can listen. The Goannas had a little visitor in the toilets, where Laccey-Anne bravely called out that she saw a “snake, no lizard, no snake!” Our visitor ended up being a huge Blue Tongue Lizard who (thankfully to Mr B) was safely relocated to a nearby garden.

**Staff Changes**
We welcome Mrs Emma Smith to Preschool this week. Mrs Smith will be the Preschool Teacher for the Goanna group each Friday.
Miss Beck will be undertaking professional learning on Wednesday 17th, Thursday, 18th and Friday, 19th February and will be replaced by Miss Natalie. We also welcome Miss Natalie to preschool.

**Hours of Operation**
If you are collecting older children from the main school, please remember to collect your preschool child first, by 3.00pm. The preschool’s licence stipulates hours are 9.00am to 3.00pm. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**Sun safety**
Please ensure your child has a broad brimmed hat packed each day for preschool and sunscreen is applied as per our policy. If you do not wish your child to wear sunscreen, we require this to be in writing.

**Footwear**
As we are a Preschool, the children are allowed to take their shoes off during the day to play. For this reason, it is easier if they wear a style of shoe they can put back on by themselves. They may wear sandals during the warmer months (no thongs please).

_Kellie Keed - Preschool Educator_
Dates to Remember

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**Rule of the Week**

Be Safe, Respectful and Responsible when transitioning around the school eg walking to the left.

**Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Excursion Expression of Interest**

All students in Years 5 and 6 have been given a separate note today. Please return the form by Friday, 19th February.

**Swimming Program for Years 3 & 4 (Stage 2)**

This program will continue weekly until Friday, 18th March. Payment must be finalised by Thursday, 25th February.

**Broad Brimmed Hat**

Please ensure that your child has a broad brimmed hat every day. New style microfibre hats are $12 from the office.

**Private Music Tuition**

The P & C Association has asked the school to look into Private Music Tuition by an outside organisation. The cost would be approximately $150 - $200 a term and payment would be to the outside organisation – not the school. Lessons are usually in groups and would be in school time. Please register your interest at the school office.

**P & C Monthly Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the P & C Association will be held TODAY Monday, 15th February at 5.15pm in the school library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

3/4M PBL RAP

We are from 3/4M its true
We all follow the PBL rules
This is how we walk around
Over to the senior playground
We line up and walk in two
To the left is important too
We are safe and we are proud
We are quiet not too loud
We are awesome we are cool
Because we follow our PBL rules

Canteen Closed Wednesdays

Tuesday, 16/2 - Vanessa
Thursday, 18/2 – Deanna
Friday, 19/2 - Stewart, Penny
Monday, 22/2 – Allan
Breakfast available from 8.30 – 8.55am daily.
**CANTEEN SPECIAL LUNCH DEAL - TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY**

On Tuesday, 23rd February, students may order a special lunch deal. Over the counter items eg chips, ice blocks may be purchased. Recess orders are as usual.

*Please return orders with payment* in a bag/envelope to the Canteen by 3 pm on FRIDAY, 18th February. 
NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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**Bronwyn Pagotto – Canteen Supervisor**

**Nickie Bartlett – Principal**

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Lismore Girl Guides

Would you like to get involved in your community and help girls develop skills for life? Lismore Guide District is looking for women 18 years and over interested in leadership.

You will be supported in becoming a Leader of Guides: training, mentoring, resources and friendship. Challenge yourself as you enable girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

Call Jacki on 0427728269 or email: jackiscutt@bigpond.com
Or to find out more about Guides visit our website: www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

Myth: Healthy lunchboxes are more expensive

Opposite are two lunchboxes - the top one has the healthier options.
We compared the cost of these two & the results are in... The healthier lunchbox is $0.73 cheaper per day. That means if you have two children you could save nearly $3800 over their schooling life by packing healthy options!

ALSTONVILLE HOCKEY CLUB 2016
Family friendly, Everyone welcome! Minkeys, juniors, womens & mens All ages and skill levels welcome! All training and most games on Goonellabah turf U15 players needed for 2016

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON SUNDAY 13th MARCH 3PM GAP Road Hockey Fields Alstonville Come along for games, meet new people and BBQ RSVP at numbers below.
Enquiries:
Glen Hunter, President 0402 674 525
Maria Morton, Secretary 0476 267 949 alstonvillehockeyclub@hotmail.com

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY Netty Rats!

Come & Try morning—Saturday 20th February
Darrel Chapman Courts at SCU Lismore campus
9.00am—11.00am
Do you have a daughter, niece, granddaughter or sister who is between 7 and 12 years old and is interested in playing netball this season? Come along to the SCU Netty Rats Come & Try morning and see how fantastic the game of netball is.

FEES INCLUDES:
- Uniform Hire ($20 refundable on return)
- LDNA and Netball NSW fees
- U15 Competition Games for 2016 season
- Umpire Fees for 2016 season
- SCU Netty Rats Club Shirt (new players)

Netta : $150
Junior : $200
Intermediate : $220
Senior : $240

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