As you may know we will be holding Parent Information Sessions this Wednesday, 15th. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and hear about what your child will be learning this semester. Teachers will specifically be staying back for the following times;

ES1 (Kindergarten) 3.30 pm in Room 2 (Ms Whaite’s room).
Stage One (Years 1 & 2) 4.00 pm in Room 6 (Mrs Phillips room).
Stage Two (Years 3 & 4) 4.30 pm in Room 7 (Miss Coyle’s room).
Stage Three (Years 5 & 6) – 5.00 pm in Room 11 (Mrs Wrights room).

This morning students received a ribbon if they came a place in a final at the swimming carnival. They were very proud of themselves, as they should be having made a fantastic effort in the pool. Well done to everyone who got wet on the day!

A wonderful effort to our Age Champions, who will receive a special award at the end of the year.

Junior – Girl – Phoebe Shur
Boy – Bodhi Whipps
11yrs – Girl – Taneesha Duff
Boy – Darcy Travis
Senior – Girl – Bianca Pope
Boy – Jordan McMahon

(See photo next page)

For Your Information
Scripture starts Tuesday this week.
Thank you all the parents and staff who have supported me while relieving for Diana Foley while she has been on leave. It has been an exciting week.

J. Coyle

Partnerships: School & Community

Martial Arts Bully Prevention After School Program

Last week each class attended a Bully Prevention Lesson encouraging children to think for themselves. Students have the opportunity to continue this program after school for the next four weeks.

Bus Safety Week

This week is Bus Safety Week. All classes will be discussing how to catch a bus, cross a road and bus manners. We are all mindful of the fact there are many buses here each afternoon.

Upcoming Events
- Parent Information Afternoon
- Drumbeat: Performance
- School Photos
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Harmony Day

Congratulations
Swimming Age Champions

Confidence • Discipline • Self Defence • Fitness • Fun
### Dates to Remember

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**NO CANTEEN-TUESDAYS**

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### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photographs will be taken on **THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY** using a **PRE-PAY SYSTEM**. Order envelopes with correct money enclosed are to be returned on **PHOTO DAY, THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY**. **Preschool, Year 6 Group Photo** and **Special Group Photos** (Band, Swimming, Cross Country, Athletics Champions & Sporting Teams) will be taken in Term 3.

Every student has been given an envelope today.

If you wish to order, please complete the pre-pay envelope and return with correct money enclosed on **PHOTO DAY, Thursday, 23rd February**. If ordering for more than one child, please complete one envelope for each student. Total cost may be included in eldest student’s envelope. **Cheques should be made payable to Classic Color Studios.**

**DO NOT PUT OTHER ENVELOPES IN ELDEST.**

If you would like a **Family Photo** (only brothers and sisters who attend this school) please return the slip requesting a Family Photo Order Envelope.

**Please note:** If you have a child in Preschool, these family photos will be taken in Term 3.

**DO NOT INCLUDE FAMILY OR GROUP PHOTO ENVELOPES INSIDE OTHER ENVELOPES.**

Classic Color Studios have been very supportive of our school in the past. As in previous years, if you **order a class group photo** you will receive a complimentary whole school photo. These are very popular.

Our **School Captains** will also be given a complimentary photo. We thank Classic Color Studios for their generosity.

**Students are to wear school uniform.**

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**Congratulations to Darcy Travis, Bodhi Whipps, Jordan McMahon, Bianca Pope and Phoebe Shur, our Swimming Champions.**

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### PREPARATION AND EATING OF CERTAIN FOODS AT SCHOOL

Every student has been given a separate note. Please complete and return to each class teacher as soon as possible.

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### BUS SAFETY

As part of our Bus Safety Program, we are currently organising a bus safety session with Northern Rivers Buslines which will include a bus ride around the school area. Students in **Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 (KK, KW, 1/2D & 1/2P)** will be involved in this program and will receive a separate note soon. Please complete and return the permission note by the due date.

There will be no cost involved. Hopefully, the session will be held on either Thursday or Friday morning.
RULE OF THE WEEK

To be ‘SAFE’ students are reminded to be “Safe with Equipment” eg carry scissors correctly, find a space that is big enough to swing a skipping rope. Please reinforce this rule with your child/ren at home.

TECHNOLOGY

This generation of parents is the first to face the challenge of helping our children make the most of their virtual space while keeping them safe in it. If you’re still getting your footing in virtual parenting, don’t worry. I will put a tip up each week to help ensure that your child’s online experience remains positive.

1. Become a net-savvy parent. The best safeguard against online dangers is being informed. Jump in and learn the basics of the Internet—read articles, take a class, and talk to other parents. A good place to start with some basics is www.LearnTheNet.com. A good place to stay current with the latest in online technology is mashable.com. You don’t have to be an expert to have a handle on your child’s online world.

Check InternetSafety.com for more information.

Opening accounts for School Banking

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers licence and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well!

From January 2012 when children make their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

Senior students can now open accounts at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Student banking is processed at school on MONDAYS by volunteer parents.

P & C News

BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY
Thank you to the people who have already volunteered their services. We still require assistance of 2-3 people from 11am (over the busy lunch period) and 2 people until 5 pm. OH & S requirement – covered footwear. Please phone school (6621 3433) or Liz 0427 466 589.

UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR & CANTEEN TREASURER – Urgently required.
If you would like to volunteer for either of these positions, please contact Liz 0427 466 589 or the school office.

P & C MEETING
Everyone invited to attend the monthly meeting of the P & C Association on Monday, 20th February commencing at 5 pm in the staffroom.

UNIFORM STORE
The Uniform Store will be open in the school hall on WEDNESDAY, 22nd February from 9.15am to 10.15 am.
Enquiries, please phone Grace 0406 992082.

CANTEEN ROSTER
CANTEEN CLOSED TUESDAYS
Canteen Supervisor: Liz Weatherburn

Wednesday, 15/2 – Jordeena Cowles
Thursday, 16/2 – Rhonda Muldoon
Friday, 17/2 – Leonie Hyde, Samantha Irwin
Monday, 20/2 – No volunteer

Community News

SPORTING CLUB SIGN ON INFORMATION
For full details regarding sign-ons for the following sporting clubs, please ask at the office.

South Lismore Celtic Football Club
Lismore Workers FC Junior & Senior Soccer
Lismore Thistles Soccer Junior Club
Marist Bros Junior Rugby League
East Lismore Netball Club
Far North Coast Hockey
Lismore PCYC Activities
Green Team Update

Well the year is up and running and the Green Team has started again with the children showing terrific motivation. This motivation is even apparent through the rain with the students still keen to get green activities completed. The Green Team has planted pumpkins of a few different varieties and can’t wait for the vines to start producing. KW started up a bean garden and KK started up another pumpkin patch.

The Green Team this year will be split into 2 groups as the interested number of children has grown very quickly. Years 3-6 will be called the Senior Green Team and Kindergarten-Year 2 will be the Junior Green Team.

Other plans for the Green Team involve the children planting beetroot, purple carrots, sunflowers, peas and tomatoes. Stay tuned because if we have enough produce we might start up a stall. On the stall side of things the worm farm is powering along and producing plenty of Concentrate Liquid Fertiliser. If anyone is interested in purchasing any for their own garden to help the Green Team Raise Funds we have two litre bottles for $2.50 and four litre bottles for $5. All money raised will go towards purchasing more seeds and equipment. If you are interested see Mr Boronski, send money in an envelope or email him at mark.boronski@det.nsw.edu.au. We currently have about 60 litres bottled.

Also, a big thank you to Sandra at ‘Forget Me Not Seeds’, off ebay, for sending the children a variety of free seeds to plant in the school gardens.

Mr Boronski

The 2012 Season has only just begun, all our leagues are now back in full action and firing on all cylinders. It’s not too late to join a team. So don’t miss out any longer on all the FUN & FRIENDS you can make here. Call us TODAY! 66212479.

BUMPER Dragon’s Join @ anytime - Finishes 30th June. SATURDAY’S @ 9.30am, 1 GAME OF BOWLING, $5 PER WEEK, END OF SEASON BREAK-UP PARTY & PRESENT!
ALLEYGATORS Join @ anytime - Finishes 30th June. SATURDAY’S @ 10am, 2 GAMES OF BOWLING, $12.50 PER WEEK, END OF SEASON BREAK-UP PARTY & TRIP TO MOVIEWORLD!

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