This from the Principal . . .

MEET THE TEACHERS EVENING
Next Tuesday, 18th February, 2014 we will be holding our meet the teachers evening with one session at 3.15pm and one session at 5.30pm. Please come along and meet your child’s teacher and other stage teachers at one of these times.

TIME SPENT ON EACH SUBJECT
I thank one of our parents for emailing me with the information below from the Board of Studies website and suggesting it would be valuable for all parents. If you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher. The Board’s syllabus requirements can be taught in 80 percent of a typical 9am to 3pm five day school week. The remaining 20 percent of the school week is left free for additional activities at the school’s discretion. For example, many schools use this time for languages, additional school sport, concert rehearsals, religious education and special projects. English and Mathematics make up about 50 percent of the school week – this is equivalent to at least 12 hours each week. The other subjects are spread across the remaining time. The use of computers is included in every stage of every subject. There are many different ways for teachers to organise lessons effectively. Talk to your child’s teacher about what they expect to cover in class and how you can help your child at home.

SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION
Today we held our School Leader Induction assembly. Congratulations to all our student leaders for 2014, we know you will lead your student body with pride. Thank you to parents and family members who shared this special occasion with us.

P and C MEETING
Our first P and C meeting for the year will be held next Monday, 17th February from 5.30pm in the school library. I encourage all parents and community members to come along to the meeting and take on an active role in our school P and C which supports our school in a variety of ways and helps make resources available to all students.

MRS MALTHOUSE UPDATE
It is anticipated that Mrs Malthouse will return in approximately four weeks to school. She has had the cast taken off her foot and is now undertaking a recovery program. Ms Kellie Ross will continue as the teacher of Stage 2M until Mrs Malthouse returns and we thank her for her hard work over the first two weeks of term. Any parents of students in S2M are encouraged to contact Ms Ross to discuss any aspect of their child’s schooling they may have questions about. Her email address is kellie.ross11@det.nsw.edu.au or call the school office.

CHILDREN RIDING BIKES TO SCHOOL
All parents who have children who ride bikes or scooters to school are asked to ensure their children wear helmets when riding their bikes. Students are also reminded bikes and scooters should be walked into school via the Wilson Street gate and then walked out to the gate in the afternoon.

Please email me on the address below if you have any questions.
Matt Hobbs  matthew.hobbs@det.nsw.edu.au
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
Our annual swimming carnival will be held at Lismore Memorial Pool on **Friday, 14th February**. Students in Stage 2 & 3 received a permission note last Monday. Permission note and payment is due by Wednesday, 12th February. All students must return a permission note, even if they will not be attending the carnival.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**
School photographs will be taken on **TUESDAY, 25th February** for the school and Preschool Echidnas group and on **THURSDAY, 27th February** for Preschool Goannas group. Photos are taken on a **PRE-PAY SYSTEM**. Order envelopes and details have been sent home today. Order envelopes with the correct money enclosed are to be returned on **PHOTO DAY**. If ordering for more than one child, please complete one envelope for each student. Total cost may be included in eldest student’s envelope. 
**DO NOT PUT OTHER ENVELOPES IN ELDEST.** Cheques should be made payable to Classic Color Studios.

If you would like a **Family Photo** (only brothers and sisters who attend this school) please collect a Family Photo Order Envelope from the office. If you have a child in Preschool, these family photos will be taken on the day your preschool child attends preschool. Do not include family or group photo envelopes inside other envelopes.

As in previous years, if you order a class group photo you will receive a complimentary whole school photo. Our School Captains will also be given a complimentary photo. We thank Classic Color Studios for their generosity.

**BOOK CLUB**
Orders and payment (**CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO LISMORE SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL**) must be returned to the library by **Monday, 17th February**.
By supporting Book Club, you not only provide your children with books to read, but you help our school library and classrooms as we receive reward points which go towards purchasing books.

**RULE OF THE WEEK**
“**WALK ON HARD SURFACES**”
To be **SAFE**, students are reminded to “Walk on Hard Surfaces”. Example: Walk from lunch area to the playground.

**ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL**
Parents/carers are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven (7) school days.
If your child is sick or is going to be absent for a period, please let the school know by contacting the office.
If a student arrives late, leaves early or needs to leave school for a period of time eg visit doctor/dentist, parents must sign their child in/out at the school office.
Thank you for your co-operation.

**PURPLE and YELLOW DAY**
Thank you for supporting the Cancer Council NSW and Lismore & Villages Relay for Life Purple and Yellow Day last Wednesday. $155 was raised and the students were excited when Dougal Bear, along with members from the Relay Committee, made a surprise visit to school.
PBL MEETING
A PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 19th February** at **3:15 pm** in Mr Dixon’s Room. Parents/carers are encouraged to attend.

P & C NEWS
Our first P & C Meeting for 2014 will be Monday, 17th February from 5.30pm in the library.
Our AGM will be held on Monday 3rd March 5:30 in the library. Annual membership fee of $2 each.
All positions will be declared vacant. Please take the time to think about which of the following positions you may be able to fill on the committee.
A full job description can be obtained from [http://www.pandc.org.au/faq.seo](http://www.pandc.org.au/faq.seo)
President
Vice President
Treasurer
Vice Treasurer
Secretary
Canteen Treasurer
We look forward to seeing you there and welcoming your contributions toward creating an even better school for our children.
Jaime Bates – President

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
Assistance is required in the Canteen on Wednesdays. If you have some spare time (9 am – 11.30 am) once a month and would like to help, please contact Liz in the canteen or the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS
MARIST BROTHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE SIGN ON
Saturday 8/2/14 and 15/2/14 10.00am – 1pm
At Crozier Field Lismore – next to Oakes Oval
Enq. Rick Lennon 0408 665554
New players please bring copy of birth certificate, medicare card & passport sized photo
Fees $115 includes shorts, socks and a polo shirt.

DENTICARE FOR KIDS
Good oral health is important for everybody, but it is critically important for kids.
Children aged 2 -17 years in families that receive Family Tax Benefit A are eligible to access Denticare for Kids: an entitlement to Medicare-funded dentistry. Denticare for Kids is administered via the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). Speak to your dentist about eligibility.

LISMORE TENNIS Centre
Under new management with fully qualified Tennis Australia coaches. WE OFFER
* Private, Group and Squad Lessons
* MLC Hotshots (4-11 yrs)
* Cardio Tennis (Adults and Teens)
* Friday night junior social comp
* Tournaments
* FREE court, racquet & ball hire (Between 3:30-5:30pm Mon-Fri).
SIGN ON EVERY SATURDAY MORNING IN FEBRUARY
10am-12pm
Call Paul Denning 0419 146 190 for more Information.

INTERRELATE – POSITIVE PARENTING
Provides parents with strategies for positive communication and parenting techniques. Assists parents to know and acknowledge each child as an individual, to understand the power of focusing on what children are doing well and to deal with what children do that is not working for themselves and others.
Dates: Wed 19th and Wed 26th Feb 2014
Time: 10.30am to 1.30pm
Interrelate, Ground Floor, 5 Market Street, Lismore
Cost: $30 ($15 concession) in total
Interrelate Family Centres - Phone 6623 2750

CANTEEN ROSTER
**CANTEEN CLOSED TUESDAYS**
Canteen Supervisor: Liz Weatherburn

Wednesday, 12/2 – Michelle Dwyer
Thursday, 13/2 – Karen Ollett
Friday, 14/2 – Grace Cahill, Krisstyn Arany
Monday, 17/2 – Rhonda Muldoon
Stage 1K has been busy making class rules as a team and getting ready for the new busy year ahead. Meet our class rule reminder Buddy. Buddy helps us remember all of our class rules.

We have had a great start to the year! Thank you Stage 1K.