This from the Principal . . .

STRONGER SMARTER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday last week Mrs Wright, Mrs Denning, Mr Whalan and Miss Organ took part in professional learning through the Stronger Smarter Leadership Program. This valuable experience provided them with opportunities to develop their teaching and leadership skills and provided them with a wide range of strategies to challenge traditional teaching methods and how to engage students in a positive manner. The next three days of professional learning will take place in Term 2, 2014.

NORTHERN RIVERS PSSA SWIMMING
Good luck to our students who will be participating in the Northern Rivers PSSA Swimming Carnival this Thursday, 27th February at the Lismore Pool. Miss Organ and Mr Hobbs will be accompanying the team.

PARENTS WANTING TO DISCUSS THEIR CHILD
If any parent wishes to discuss any concerns or issues their child may be having at school please contact the school office to arrange an appropriate time to meet with your child’s teacher. The relationship between class teacher and parents is a vital one to seeing children achieve to their potentials and is something we are focussed on at Lismore South PS. Teachers want to know your thoughts about your child and sharing them is an important step in positive outcomes for all students.

MEET THE TEACHER AFTERNOON FOR STAGE 3W AND 3O
Miss Organ and Mr Whalan have scheduled two meet the teacher sessions for tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday, 25th) – one at 3.15pm and another at 5.00pm. They look forward to seeing and talking with parents at these times. Thank you to all parents who came along and met with their child’s teacher last week.

IS IT TEASING OR BULLYING?
The information below is to point out the similarities and differences between bullying and teasing. Please read through it with your children taking note of the key differences in particular. At LSPS we do not tolerate teasing or bullying and consider it vital to work through any issues with parents and students if they do arise in an open, honest manner.

Both teasing and bullying usually involve poking fun at someone, ridiculing them in a way that we think is funny, making them look foolish, and generally mocking, taunting, or joking around with them. There are times when teasing and bullying can become physical. Teasing generally involves a sense of play and mutual joshing around. Teasing will rarely, if ever, involve religion, race, appearance or other important characteristics. Bullying does not involve play or mutual joshing around. Bullying is often about religion, race, appearance, or other important characteristics. Bullying is differentiated from teasing because of intention. Those who bully actually intend to do harm, whereas teasing is supposed to be a ‘no harm’ game.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL
Please remember to follow all road rules when parking around the school. This includes not double parking and doing u turns in spots not suitable. Motorists should consider our students at all times, particularly at the beginning and end of day when most people are around. We thank you for your support with this manner.

Matt Hobbs  Principal  matthew.hobbs@det.nsw.edu.au
DATES TO REMEMBER

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photographs will be taken TOMORROW, TUESDAY, 25th February. This will be the main day (whole school photo, preschool Echidnas group and families, classes, individual and K-6 families). Every student will have a photo taken for school use.

THURSDAY, 27th February will be preschool Goannas group and families plus absentees and re-takes from Tuesday. Please ensure students arrive on time ready for the whole school photo.
The school office will be closed for a short time while staff have photos taken.

PLEASE NOTE: The school office is unable to assist with change for envelopes. Please arrange correct change prior to photo day.

If you wish to order, please complete the pre-pay envelope and return with correct money enclosed 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 child’s envelope. If you have a child in preschool and wish to have a family photo taken with your child/ren from the school, these will be taken on the day your child attends preschool. Please hand the family envelope in to preschool.

Cheques should be made payable to Classic Color Studios.

NORTHERN RIVERS ZONE PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL
If your child received a note qualifying for the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA swimming carnival, please complete and return by tomorrow, TUESDAY, 25th February, with the $5.00 levy.
Please note transport is by private transport. If this is a problem, please contact the school and we can make alternative arrangements.

PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS, PARTICULARLY HATS AND LUNCH BOXES.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Please note: PRESCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SEPARATE.
To help provide the best possible resources to support the learning of all students within the school, a voluntary school levy or contribution is requested from parents/carers.
Whilst the Department of Education and Communities provide for the basic needs of students, extra resources such as up to date technology (including computers), reading books, art/craft supplies and sporting equipment are needed to maximise opportunities for students.
Lismore South Public School has a policy of setting the voluntary contribution at a modest level. Parents are encouraged to pay this amount as soon as possible to supplement programs across the school. Payment by instalment is quite acceptable. A receipt will be issued.

This is an ANNUAL contribution. Contributions for 2014 are:
- One student               $25
- Two students              $45
- Three or more students   $55

LANTERN PARADE WORKSHOP
Last week a note was sent home with information about a lantern making workshop at school at the end of this Term. Please note we have extended the cut off date for this workshop until this FRIDAY, 28th February. If your child would like to make a lantern and participate in the Lismore Lantern Parade, please sign and return the permission note no later than Friday. Please note preschool children are invited to participate in the workshop if they are accompanied by an adult. A note will be sent home requesting payment on March 3rd.

RULE OF THE WEEK
“WALK ON HARD SURFACES”
To be SAFE, students are reminded to “Walk on Hard Surfaces”. Example: Walk from class to playground.
ASSEMBLIES
Parents, carers, family and friends are invited to attend our assemblies.
Whole School Assembly – Mondays, 2.30 pm
Stage Assemblies – Alternate Wednesdays, 2.30 pm
Odd Weeks – Early Stage 1/Stage 1 (26/2)
Even Weeks – Stage 2 & 3 (5/3)

HEADLICE (PEDICULOSIS)
Please regularly check your child’s hair for headlice and if necessary treat according to the information below:-

1. Treat with appropriate anti-lice shampoo OR electronic headlice comb as directed.
2. Treat hair as above twice at weekly intervals.
3. Treat hats, caps, bedclothes, brushes, combs etc by washing and airing.

Please continue to regularly check your child’s hair to prevent further outbreaks.

P & C NEWS
AGM CHANGE OF DATE
Please note the P & C AGM will now be held on Monday, 10th March at 5.30 pm in the library. Annual membership fee is $2 each. All positions will be declared vacant.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Lismore Swans Junior AFC Auskick Programs
Have you enjoyed playing Auskick at your school?
Would you like to play Auskick or Club Football in 2014?
If “YES”, then come along and sign up at the Lismore Swans Junior Australian Football Club. Details Below:
Registrations:
Wednesday’s or Friday’s from February 19th onward
4:00- 5:15pm, Rodder Oval (temp), Brewster St. Lismore
Age groups include Auskick, U8s, U10s, U12s and U14s as well as U13 and U16 Girls.

RICHMOND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT EXPO
For Year 7, 2015 students and their families
Thursday, 6th March 2014 - 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm
5.00 pm – Meet in the MPU (Multi Purpose Unit)
  View displays of student work.
5.20 pm – Musical performance
5.30 pm – Official welcome to Open Night Expo
  Welcome from the Principal and 2015 Yr Adviser
5.45 pm – Continuous School Group Tours
  Supper
  Tour of school facilities
7.30 pm – Farewell from Deputy Principals & Vice Captains.

BABY BOUNCE AT LISMORE & GOONELLABAH LIBRARY
What is it?
Baby Bounce is a 20-30 minute session designed to introduce your baby, and reintroduce you, to the joy of sharing the rhythm and rhyme of nursery rhymes, finger plays, poems and songs. Each session involves singing, clapping, musical instruments, rhymes and lots and lots of fun with your baby.

When is it?
Baby Bounce happens at Lismore Library on Mondays and at Goonellabah Library on Fridays.
We have two age-specific sessions:
10am: 1-2 year olds  11am: 0-1 year olds

What do you need to do?
Sessions are free and there is no need to book so just come along with your little one. You will love joining in and re-connecting with your own childhood while watching your youngster explore, engage and interact. Want to know more?
Give us a call at Lismore Library on 66212464 or Goonellabah Library on 66251235 or just come on down and give it a go. We’d love to meet you!

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have fun learning!

Acting
Making music
Painting
Writing
Talking
Sharing
Creating

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We are on the web!!!