This from the Principal . . .

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
It was wonderful to see all our new Kindergarten students commence their time at Lismore South PS today. All students were eager to do their best and appeared to be enjoying their time with Miss Coyle and Mrs Richardson. Welcome to all new families - we look forward to working with all parents on achieving positive outcomes for your children in 2014 and beyond. Thank you also for the support of parents with the Best Start assessments last week – this ensures we address your child’s individual needs and meet the expectations you have for them at school.

SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION
On Monday, 10th February we will hold our School Leader Induction assembly from 2.30 – 3.00pm. School Captains and Vice Captains, House Captains and Vice Captains and Student Representative Leaders will all receive their badges at this assembly and take their leaders oath. All parents are invited to come along and share this special occasion with us.

CLASS NAMES
In 2014 we have decided to name our classes according to the ‘Stage’ students are in. These stages refer to the relevant level of learning based on the age of the student. Students in Year 1 and 2 are in Stage 1, students in Year 3 and 4 are in Stage 2 and students in Year 5 and 6 are in Stage 3. Our Kindergarten students are in Early Stage 1 but their class names will still be KC (Coyle) and KR (Richardson) for organisational purposes. Some classes are across stages – 4/5B and 2/3P. For organisational purposes these classes will be called Stage 2P and Stage 3B – students will still be taught at their appropriate stage level based on their need. Class names will be as listed below; if any parents have any questions at all about class names please contact the office. Our preschool classes will still be named according to the days students attend.
Mrs Richardson – KR; Miss Coyle – KC; Miss Whaite – Stage 1W; Miss Keed – Stage 1K; Mr Dixon – Stage 1D; Mrs Phillips – Stage 2P; Mrs Malthouse – Stage 2M; Mr Boronski – Stage 3B; Miss Organ – Stage 3O; Mr Whalan – Stage 3W.

SCHOOL HATS
All students must wear a broad-brimmed hat when outside as part of our Sunsafe Policy. School hats are available for purchase at a cost of $10 (limited stock but more on order) or students may wear their own broad brimmed hat.

If any parent wishes to discuss any aspect of their child’s schooling at Lismore South PS at any time with me please contact the office to make an appointment or send me an email on the address below. I look forward to working with you throughout 2014.

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

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Today students in Stage 2 & 3 have received a permission note for our annual swimming carnival which is being held on **Friday, 14th February** at Lismore Memorial Baths. ALL students must return a permission note indicating whether they are attending the carnival or not by **Wednesday, 12th February**. Novelty events will be held for students who can’t swim confidently. Parents/carers are most welcome to join in the fun and cheer the swimmers on.

**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.

**STUDENT BANKING**

Student banking will recommence on **Friday, 7th February**.

Kindergarten students will receive relevant information about student banking with the Commonwealth Bank in the near future.

**KEEPING UP TO DATE**

Our weekly newsletter and other notes relating to excursion/performances etc are sent home on **MONDAYS**. They are usually given to the eldest child in the family. If your child is absent on Monday or for some reason doesn’t bring the note home, please ask them to collect one from the classroom or ask at the office.

Newsletters/notes are also available on our website – see back page.

Please ensure that **ALL permission notes** are returned by the **due date**. If your child is unable to participate in an event/activity, please complete the **NO** section and return. It is appreciated if payment is made at the same time, however, if this is difficult, please contact us and make alternative payment arrangements. We are very happy to accommodate alternative arrangements, but we do need permission notes ON TIME.

**HAVE YOU CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS/ADDRESS?**

Please advise the school office if your contact details have changed, in particular mobile phone numbers.

**PURPLE and YELLOW DAY**

The Cancer Council NSW and Lismore & Villages Relay for Life organising committee have invited our school to participate in a **PURPLE** and **YELLOW DAY** on **Wednesday, 5th February**. The purpose of the day is to promote and encourage participation in the Lismore & Villages Relay for Life which will be held on Saturday, 5th April and Sunday 6th April.

Students may wear the colours purple and/or yellow and make a **gold coin donation** to support the Lismore & Villages Relay for Life 2014. For safety reasons, tops must have sleeves (no midriffs) and NO thongs, scuffs or high heels.

If you would like to participate in the Relay for Life visit the website Relay for Life and select Lismore & Villages Relay for Life 2014. From here you can create a team, join a team or make a donation.

Ask Mrs Paisley at the office if you would like more information about this fundraiser. Money raised supports the Cancer Council NSW to deliver support services and programs in the Lismore community.

**RULE OF THE WEEK**

**“WALK ON HARD SURFACES”**

To be **SAFE**, students are reminded to **“Walk on Hard Surfaces”**. Example: Walk in the toilet areas and under the school buildings.

**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.
UNIFORM STORE
The Uniform Store will be open in the School Hall on Thursday, 6th February from 8:45 am – 9:30 am.
We regret to advise that we only have a few large hats in stock at present. Hopefully new stock will arrive soon.

P & C NEWS
Our first P & C Meeting for 2014 will be Monday, 17th February in library.
Our AGM will be held on Monday 3rd March 5:30 in 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
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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS
HELPING LEARNER DRIVERS BECOME SAFER DRIVERS
You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop provided by NSW Roads and Maritime Services.
Thursday, 27th February – 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at SCU Room 2, Invercauld House, 161 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah.

LISMORE THISTLES SOCCER CLUB 2014 JUNIOR SIGN ON
Lismore Thistles Soccer Club’s Junior Sign-on Days will be held at Thistles Park, Military Road, East Lismore, from 9.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays: 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd February 2014.
All current and new players are welcome and we have junior teams from Grade 6 to Grade 16/17 (5 to 17 yrs). Non-competitive teams (small sided games) from Grade 6 to Grade 11.
Competitive team competition from Grade 12 through to Grade 16/17.
We have girls-only teams from Grade 12 to Grade 16/17.
Full fees are required to be paid at Sign On or by agreement on the day – however a minimum of 50% of the fees are to be paid at Sign On and the remainder no later than Thursday 24th April 2014.
For further information, contact Paul Albertini, on 0419 639151.
limorethistlesc@ffnc.net.au
www.limorethistles.com.au

GOONELLABAHTENNISCLUB
Open Day – Come and try tennis (free), Reserve St., Goonellabah. Sunday, 9/2/14, 10am – 12 pm. Sign On for competitions and social tennis. Phone Melinda Clark, 0431 021085. info@goonellabahtennis.com.au

SOCCER SIGN-ON! LISMORE WORKERS FC
All Junior and Senior Players
Saturdays 8th, 15th and 22nd February 9am – 1pm at the Lismore Workers Club House, Richards Oval, Brewster St, next to the Lismore Square.
Registrar: Sharon Lane, Mob. 0466 388 422
www.lismoreworkersfc.org.au

CANTEEN ROSTER
Canteen Supervisor: Liz Weatherburn
Wednesday, 5/2 – Michelle Dwyer
Thursday, 6/2 – Tracey Winkler
Friday, 7/2 – Tanya Brown, Marcus Bebb
Monday, 10/2 – Samantha Pickford
Community Group Update 2014

Wow, 2014 already. The Community Group Program went from strength to strength in 2013 and we plan to make it better in 2014. The students really developed a sense of worth, giving and team work throughout the sessions with the clients of St Carthage’s Care. The children participated in activities such as mosaicing, gardening, fitness programs and just having a conversation with people older than them. The talking with older people was amazing to see and our students learned facts about local history first hand, just showing what a wonderful resource the older generations are for the students.

Our big project for the year was a signing choir. A few of the clients sign as they have loss of hearing and it was great for the students to learn basic sign for a song and then present it. Watching the Lismore South students teaching and working with the elders was really powerful and reinforces the idea that we can all make a difference. These students really made a difference for themselves, our school and especially to a group of people in our community who are now in the twilight of their lives.

As the project has been so successful we are going to continue it this year. We are starting off making Bird and Possum Boxes with the support of Bunnings Lismore. We would also like to thank St Carthage’s Care and Tracey Clements who make this program possible. We also thank local musician David Reeves who provided the live music for the project. Without people like this, programs like Community group would not be possible. We thank them for their continued support of our school in providing powerful learning experiences for our students.

Students who wish to be part of the program for the first 2 terms need to write their name and reasons why they should be involved on a piece of paper and hand to Mr Boronski no later than Thursday of Week 2. The Term ½ group will then be chosen and notes will go out for a probable start in Week 3.

Keep your eyes out for updates about the wonderful programs that are being provided at South this year.

Here are a few pictures of projects the children completed in 2013.

Mr Mark Boronski