Stage One W have been working hard and settling into the new school year. We are enjoying our literacy and numeracy groups with fun, hands on, challenging and meaningful learning experiences.

In COG’s we are learning all about Our Families.

We have been enjoying our afternoon sessions of singing, music and movement, dance, art and sport.

And we are busy preparing for the biggest and best Easter Hat Parade, hope you can join us for this fun celebration.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
P AND C AGM
Thank you to all parents and community members who came along to our P and C AGM last Monday night. All executive positions were filled and the P and C is actively looking at ways to support our school and students throughout 2014. Thank you to our outgoing P and C executive and committee members, we value highly your efforts over the past 12 months.

POSITIVE PARENTING – A VITAL COMPONENT IN EDUCATION
Following on from last week around parents being involved in their child’s education in a positive way, are two more tips that may help when your child is having difficulties at school. Next week’s newsletter will have some more tips to help. Here’s a checklist to help you stay focused and be effective if your child experiences difficulty at school.
1. Assess whether to go to school or not
   Kids, like adults, like to vent and will benefit from having told their side of the story to a trusted source. Often problems can be dealt with at home, simply by talking through an issue, and giving kids some common sense tips to help them cope. If your child has a recurring problem that he can’t solve himself, or you think adult intervention maybe needed to sort out a relationship issue with a teacher or peer, then consider meeting with your child’s teacher, Assistant Principal or Principal.
2. Go through the right channels
   Approach the school calmly, going through the school office, or directly to your child’s teacher if that is the usual protocol. If you have already established a relationship with the teacher concerned, then it’s often easier to approach them directly.

PSSA TRIALS
Good luck to all students who will be representing our school at the various sporting trials in the next couple of weeks. A reminder to parents is that permission notes must be signed and sent in by the due date.

MATHLETICS
All students now have access to the Mathletics online program – please check with your child’s teacher for access details.

NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER
We have changed the format of our newsletter slightly and would appreciate any feedback you may have on how it looks, whether the information contained is valuable to you and what else you might like to see. Please email me with any comments you may have.

Matt Hobbs  Principal
matthew.hobbs@det.nsw.edu.au

WELCOME FLETCHER AND BYRON
Congratulations to Miss Keed and Terry on the safe arrival of Fletcher and Byron on Thursday last week. We welcome the two boys to our Lismore South PS community.

THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION
At the P and C AGM last week the P and C shared a cake with a quote from Nelson Mandela on it which was ‘Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.’
Dates to Remember

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IMPORTANT

SCHOOL RECORDS UPDATE
This information was distributed to the eldest child in the family last Monday.
The envelope contained a computer printout of current information relating to your child/children, a parent/carer declaration (consent form) and a medical form which must be completed if your child/children have any medical/health issues.
We asked that this information be returned to school by last Friday. The response has been disappointing.
If you didn’t receive this information, please let us know or please take the time to check/complete the forms and return to school. Thank You.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR STUDENTS ENTERING YEAR 7 IN 2015
Year 6 students were given this important information last Monday.
Please complete and return to school office by Thursday, 20th March.

COFFEE, CAKE & COVERING
Parents and friends are invited to assist in the library by covering books.

WHEN: THURSDAY, 20th March
Anytime between 9 am - 3 pm

Come along, meet new people, chat, have a cuppa, but most of all assist in getting our new books available for the children.
Looking forward to seeing you.

Maree Denning – Librarian

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

“WIN a SET OF 10 iPADS” FOR LISMORE SOUTH
Please cut out the tokens from the Northern Star newspaper and place in the collection boxes – Front Office, Library and Preschool. Keep your eyes open for bonus tokens that will appear randomly in the Northern Star over the next three weeks.
The competition runs until Monday, 31st March.
A PAGE OF BONUS TOKENS WILL BE IN THIS WEDNESDAY’S NORTHERN STAR.

CANTEEN NEWS
Please Note: Hash Browns are not available from the canteen.

CANTEEN ROSTER
CANTEEN CLOSED TUESDAYS
Canteen Supervisor: Liz Weatherburn
Wednesday, 19/3 – Tammy Vecchio
Thursday, 20/3 – Karen Ollett
Friday, 21/3 – Tanya Brown & Marcus Bebb
Monday, 24/3 – Samantha Pickford
HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS)
Lots of cases of head lice have been reported. PLEASE regularly check your child’s hair for head lice 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
STRATHEDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL CENTENARY
Stratheden Public School is celebrating its centenary on Saturday, 12th April 2014 from 10.00 am. All are welcome to attend.

MARIST BROTHERS JNR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB
Muster day – Thursday, 20th March, 4pm at St Mary’s Oval, Lismore. Free Sausage Sizzle. U7’s to U12’s. Enquiries Phone Rick 0408 665 554.

GOONELLABAH FC (Home of the Hornets)

P & C NEWS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thank you to the previous executive of our P & C for their efforts during 2013. Congratulations to the P & C Committee for 2014.
President: Chris Steel
Vice President: Grace Cahill
Treasurer: Tanya Brown
Assistant Treasurer: Leonie Hyde
Secretary: Alan Doohan
Canteen Treasurer: Jaime Bates

HOT CROSS BUN & LAMINGTON DRIVE
Included with this newsletter is an order form. Orders, with payment, must be returned to the school office by Monday, 31st March. Collection will be from the school hall from 11:20 am on Friday, 11th April or sent home via your child if indicated. Please support this fundraising and enjoy some yummy treats.

In 2001, the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits. If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements. The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelvec.com.au today to receive more information.

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