Last term S2M were lucky to have Miss Wilson and Mr Smith from Southern Cross University. We learnt some new skills creating a variety of graphs on Microsoft Excel.

We also learnt how to write procedures and made delicious healthy salad sandwiches.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to all our families. Term 4 is traditionally very busy with assessments, report writing, swimming school, excursions, the school Showcase, our Celebration of Achievement and much more. I hope all the students had a restful break, ready for an exciting ten and a half weeks of school to finish 2014.

Stage 2 & 3 Disco

Thank you to Ms Wright, Mr Boronski, Mrs Denning and Ms Coyle for planning and supervising a fantastic disco at the end of last term. All the students who attended were exceptionally well behaved and enjoyed a great night of dancing and games. There were some wonderful costumes, even some of the teachers entered into the spirit of the “come dressed as your favourite celebrity” theme. A certain staff member chose to come as our very own Lismore South celebrity Ms Wright. Can you tell from the photo who is the real Ms Wright?

Our New Assistant Principal

During Term 3 a new Assistant Principal was appointed to our school to fill the vacant position left by the retirement of Mrs Phillips. Mrs Karen Newton will begin at Lismore South at the start of the 2015 school year. Mrs Newton has previously taught at Kyogle and Casino West Public Schools and we welcome her to our school.

Afternoon Pickups

One of the lovely parts of our school is how many parents, carers, grandparents and other family members come to pick up their children at the end of the school day. I know that many people also use this time to catch up with other parents, which adds to the community feel of our school. We do need to be mindful, however, that the children are properly supervised, particularly close to the busy roads that surround the school. Please assist us to keep our children safe by using the pedestrian crossings, encouraging children to wait sensibly near roads and parked cars and not play chasing games on the grassed areas adjacent to the road. Our children are precious and we thank you for helping us keep them out of harm’s way.

Enjoy your week as the weather warms up.

Nickie Bartlett
Principal

EXCURSION TO DORROUGHBY – YEARS 3 & 4

Students in Years 3 and 4 have today been given a permission note for an excursion to Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre. Please complete the permission note and medical information form and return with payment by Wednesday, 15th October.

PARENT ON-LINE PAYMENTS (POP)

As from today, payment to the school for amounts owing for students for excursions, voluntary school contributions, preschool fees etc can be made online using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Permission notes will still need to be completed and returned to school. There will be an option on the permission note indicating by which method the activity will be paid by (ie cash/cheque at the office or online). It is vital that all payments are made by the advertised due date.
## Dates to Remember

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### KINDERGARTEN 2015 TRANSITION

Children commencing Kindergarten in 2015 will be involved in a Transition Program commencing on either Tuesday, 14th October or Thursday, 16th October from 10 am to 11 am. This program will continue for five weeks.

At the completion of the Transition Program, all children starting Kindergarten in 2015 and our current Kindergarten students will enjoy a Teddy Bear’s Picnic on Tuesday, 18th November.

### PRESCHOOL 2015

If you have a child eligible to commence preschool next year and have not yet completed and returned an enrolment form and required documents (Birth Certificate, Immunisation History Statement, Health Care Card and Proof of Address), please do so as soon as possible as plans are being finalised for an Orientation Day.

### 3 STEPS to deal with minor conflict - STANDING UP FOR YOURSELF

- **The strong way is to** – Stay in control of yourself.
- **The weak way is to** – Stand small, as if you are trying to hide.
- **The aggro way is to** – Lose control of yourself.

### GIRLS ROCK

Girls Rock enjoyed making Mars Bar slice at the end of last term.

### UPDATE OF RECORDS

If you have changed your address or phone number (in particular mobile phone numbers), please advise the school office as soon as possible in order to keep our records up to date.

### CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS

Two Year 2 students, Sophie Bates and Kailani Millane recently competed in the 17th Annual North Coast Dance Festive and the 102nd Annual Competition (Eisteddfod) Lismore Musical Festival Society with students from INXS Dance Academy. At the North Coast Dance Festival they received 4th place in both jazz and tap dance. At the Lismore Musical Festival they received 2nd place in the Expressive/Creative Lyrical section and 4th place in tap. What a wonderful achievement!
PRESCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME TO TERM 4
We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday. We are looking forward to a wonderful and very busy Term 4.

KINDERGARTEN 2015 TRANSITION
All children attending Lismore South Public School in 2015 will be participating in the Kindergarten Transition Sessions.
Children in the Echidnas group will attend the Tuesday sessions from 10am-11am on 14th October, 21st October, 28th October, 4th November, and 11th November.
Children in the Goannas group will attend the Thursday sessions from 10am-11am on 16th October, 23rd October, 30th October, 6th November and 13th November.
Children that are repeating Preschool or going to another school in 2015 will remain with Miss Mel and Miss Beck in the Preschool.

SPARE CLOTHING
If your child has borrowed clothing from preschool, could you please return it as soon as possible as our spare clothes pool is currently low.

Make the move from watching the TV or computer games to spending time outdoors. It's much more fun and you and your kids will be happier and healthier doing things together.

• Take a trip and picnic to the park or beach
• Ride your bikes or scooters
• Take the dog for a nice long walk
• Set up outdoor toys and games in the backyard. Bats, balls and skipping ropes are always a winner and great for skill development.

Stewart Somerville – 9th October