End of Financial Year

For schools, the end of the financial year is Nov. 30th. Thank you to all those families who have finalised their accounts already.

Some swimming accounts are still outstanding. I ask that these fees be finalised urgently as they must be forwarded to the scheme organisers.

By signing the form, you have entered into an agreement and on your behalf the school has committed to the lessons.

*Please pay swimming fees and other commitments BEFORE party days etc!*  

Unfortunately, there is no fee relief for swimming scheme.

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Last Days of Term 4

The last day of classes for 2011 is Friday, December 16th. As previously discussed at P & C meetings, Dec. 19th & 20th are professional learning days for staff.

With regional approval, we have completed 2 professional learning days on Saturdays (Sept 10th and Nov. 19th) in lieu of Dec. 19th and 20th.

**SCHOOL RESUMES:**

- **Friday, 27th January** – Staff Only
- **Monday, 30th January** – Years 1 to 6

Start date for Kindergarten 2012 to be advised.

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Partnerships: School & Community

**Kid’s Cafe**

I remind all families that this service is provided to assist you.

Everyone is encouraged to use the service as they need to.

Please do not let pride stand in the way of your child having a healthy start to the day.

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**Before School Snacks**

It has been drawn to my attention that some children are buying lollies at the shop, before school and in some cases using their lunch money to do so.

We discourage this practice and ask that families reinforce this with their children.

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**Dates to Remember**

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**END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES**

**TOMORROW**, Tuesday, 29th November is the LAST CHANCE TO RETURN End-of-year activity permission note and payment. Please note that no late notes/payments will be accepted.

**PLEASE NOTE**

The school financial year ends on 30th November. This involves a significant amount of work and closes our system for several days. Therefore, ALL swimming scheme, end of year activity payments, plus outstanding money from previous events needs to be finalised by **TOMORROW, TUESDAY, 29/11**. Please contact the office if this causes difficulty.

**RULE OF THE WEEK**

“SAFE”

**Sit While I Eat/Sit and Wait/Permission to Leave**

This week’s rule is – “Safe”, Sit While I Eat/Sit and Wait/Permission to Leave eg sit and eat quietly, wait for teacher’s instructions, ask permission to go to the toilet.

Please discuss this rule with your children.

**Congratulations to the following students who were the PBL Reward Recipients for Term 4, Week 7.**

- Jacob Dwyer-Rose
- Kohen Hart (Early Stage 1)
- Khan Muldoon (Stage 1)
- Tamika Rogers (Stage 2)
- Ty Rogers (Stage 3)

**HEADLICE (PEDICULOSIS)**

Many cases of headlice (Pediculosis) have been reported throughout the school.

Could you please check your child’s hair 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.

**AWARDS**

It is great to hear that our students attending the Swimming Scheme are progressing well. Congratulations – 4 days to go!
CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT – 12/12/11

A separate note, including a sausage sizzle order, has been distributed to the eldest in the family today. Please return lunch order to the canteen by Thursday, 8th December. All Kindergarten students have been given a separate note (invitation) today.

BEST ENVIRONMENT STORY!

Congratulations to all of the Lismore South Public School students who were part of the Newspapers in Education (NIE) Team this year. Especially, Bianca Pope, Venessa Phillips, Taneesha Duff, Chantelle Ferguson, Kelsey McSweeney, Keira Weatherburn and Chloe Troy, for their article ‘Have You Got Worms?’ which received the award for ‘Best Environment Story’ at the NIE Awards Ceremony on Tuesday.

It was a fantastic effort by the Southern Stars Group. They were competing against over 100 schools from The Northern Rivers, including some high schools.

Newspapers In Education is an annual program coordinated by The Northern Star to encourage students and teachers to use newspapers in the classroom and promote local events and activities at their school.

Students learn interviewing skills and how to write engaging, informative and relevant stories. They also learn how to compliment their articles with photos to support their stories.

Look out for their photo in The Northern Star soon! Zoe Warren, Organising Teacher.

LIBRARY News

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE - Please return ALL library books (or let Mrs Denning know if you have misplaced one) by THURSDAY, 1st DECEMBER. This is also an appropriate time to locate and return ALL home readers.

BOOK CLUB ORDER

We have a Book Club order (from the previous order) that has not been collected. Please ask at the office if you did not receive your order.

P & C News

Back row (L-R): Ezra Margetts-Graham, Chloe Troy, Kelsey McSweeney, Shane Rapmund, Keira Weatherburn, Chantelle Ferguson, Tyler Travis.

Front Row: Racquel Smith, Taneesha Duff, Bianca Pope, Venessa Phillips, Leah Grant.

Each family has been issued with a book of raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the Celebration of Achievement on Monday, 12th December. Please return books (sold or unsold) by Thursday, 8th December. More tickets are available from the school office.

CAFEEN ROSTER

CAFEEN CLOSED TUESDAYS

Canteen Supervisor: Liz Weatherburn

Wednesday, 30/11 – Cathy Roberts
Thursday, 1/12 – Michelle Carmichael
Friday, 2/12 – Jenny Cattell
Monday, 5/12 – No volunteer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Particularly WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS 9 am – 12 pm
STUDENT WORK SAMPLES from 4/5C
The students have been writing to their penpals in Merrick, New York.

Dear Noorali,
Hi, thanks for the pictures. I do go on field trips but we call them excursions. We go on excursions to Midginbil Hill which is a camp. The picture of the Christmas tree in Madison Square Garden is very big.
I play sport at school like soccer, football (touch), golf, hockey and basketball. It is very fun to do these things at school for sport.
Is the Belmore Braves a good team?
What type of (code) do you play Black Ops, Modern Warfare 1, 2, 3?
Australia does not have the Xbox 720 until 2014 I think.
Well, I can’t wait for your letter to get back.
Your friend, Chris Bloxsom

Dear Steven
Hi Steven, how are you? I’m glad you don’t have to take my dog because I love him anyway.
When I said I was the smallest in year five I meant that I’m the shortest out of my friends and year five but I make it to cross country every year, which is a long distance running race.
Me and my dad always watch Major League Baseball and my favourite team is the NY Yankees too.
Do you have a PS3 with Call Of Duty: Black Ops? If you do, write your gamer tag, mines The-Bones456 and we can verse each other.
I did have fish but they sadly died, I don’t know why they died but they did.
Send pictures.
Your Pen Pal Ross Adamou

Dear Kara,
Thank you for the letter. It was fun reading it. So I am going to answer your questions. We don’t really see sharks. I have not seen one but I love to boogie board. It’s so much fun! I always go to the beach when I have a chance and I have never forgotten my boogie board! I love Oreos. They are my favourite type of cookies! It’s cool that you like to boogie board and Oreos! Even though I have not seen a shark I think they’re pretty cool. So I am going to ask some questions. Who are your favourite teachers? My favourite teachers are Miss Coyle, Miss Warren and Mr Dixon. I like Miss Coyle because she’s really nice and she looks out for you and Miss Warren because she is a MAD teacher and she does dance and drama with us. Mr Dixon is one of my favourite teachers because he’s so funny and he thinks he can sing (but he can’t). So I hope you like my letter and I can’t wait for you to reply!
Your pen pal, Shay Giles

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We have been learning to screen print. Here are some samples of our work.