Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another term! We have a very busy, fun, and engaging schedule.

Yesterday, we welcomed our Kindergarten 2015 families. It is such an exciting time for the children and we are looking forward to Orientation starting on Friday in Week 3. Here at the school we feel very privileged to be part of every child’s journey as they further develop their social and academic skills. Parents and carers of students both old and new, we welcome your questions and feedback as this helps us make the school the best possible environment for every child.

Next week, we have a whole-school excursion to the Lismore North Coast National Show. We have an opportunity to promote our wonderful school to the broader public. The staff have found some great art work and photos to put up. If anyone is available, we would love your support in setting up the display the day before the show starts.

I have some good news about the school canteen. I spoke with staff at Lismore City Council and they have decided to keep the canteen open for operation. We need to give the space a good clean and do some minor changes which I will discuss at next week’s P&C.

**TERM 4**

**Week 2**

**Monday 13th October:**
Active After Schools starts

**Tuesday 14th October:**
School Photos
Science Club

**Friday 17th October:**
Lismore Show Excursion

**Week 3**

**Monday 13th October**
Active After Schools

**Friday 24th October:**
Kinder Orientation
Active After Schools

**Week 4**

**Monday 27th October**
Active After Schools

**Friday 31st October**
Kinder Orientation
Active After Schools

**Week 5**

Swimming Scheme starts
School Photos

We will be having school photos taken next Tuesday 14th at school. All students need to be in full school uniform. Year 6 students are to wear their year 6 shirt. If you would like to purchase photos please return the photo envelope attached with the correct money inside on this day.

Lismore Show

The whole school will be travelling by bus next Friday 17th to attend the Lismore Show. The cost is $8.70 per student. This covers entry and bus. They will need to be at school by 9am as the bus will be leaving by 9.15am.

Students are to be in full school uniform and wear covered footwear and hat. They will need to bring recess, lunch and a water bottle. Please return the permission note attached to this newsletter and money by next Thursday 16th October. Please note there will be no supervision at school during this excursion.

Kinder Orientation

It was wonderful to meet the families and students yesterday at our Parent Information session for Kinder 2015. If you were not able to attend and your child is attending Orientation please contact the school on 66886236.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Kinder students to the first Orientation session to be held on Friday 24th October from 9am until 11am. If you have any queries please see Mrs Cantrell at school.

Hats

Parents please ensure that your child/ren bring a hat to school each day. Children are not to share hats as this can spread headlice. The school has a ‘no hat play in the shade policy’. We also have sunscreen at school that children can apply if needed. The school has broad brimmed hats for sale for $8.00 and limited small sizes of bucket hats for sale for $4.00.

STUDENT AWARDS

K/1
Jeremy-
Doing great work in Library!
Emerson-
Doing great work in Library!
Milaya-
For her lovely singing!
Elke-
Working well in Library craft!
Ollie-
Contributing well in class discussions!

2/3
Audrey-
A positive attitude!
Indi -
Giving 100%, 100% of the time!
Milly-
Great internet research on superglue!

4/5/6
Ivy-
Fandabbadozie Maths!
Isabel-
Fabulous writing!
Talia-
Producing an outstanding piece of written work!
From Mrs Cantrell

It was lovely to come back refreshed and ready for a new term and to see the children looking bright-eyed and bushy-tailed! This is going to be such a busy term, with Kindy Orientation and Swim Scheme, not to mention the end of year concert as well! It’s great to see the kids munching away on their healthy snacks when we have ‘Crunch and Sip’ at 10…they’re going to need all their energy to get through the next weeks.

Leaders’ Report

Welcome back, we hope you had a safe and happy holiday! Remember to wear your school uniform next Tuesday for it is school photos. Coming up soon is the whole school swimming scheme and next Friday the we will all be going to the Lismore Show. Mrs Eleftheriou has been in our class teaching and we look forward to having her as our teacher each Tuesday for the rest of this term.

Zachie, Abby, Jarrah & Ruby

Science Club Tuesday 14th October, Lunchtime.

Science club is meeting on Tuesday next week, bring your work so far. There will be a chemistry experiment to look at too, see you then!

Vanessa

[Image of a family on the cover of Norco Country]
Garden Working Bee Monday 13th October, after school.

Let’s get together for a fun social gardening afternoon this coming Monday. The school garden needs some TLC and bed preparation for our summer crops of corn, cucumbers and basil, which should be ready by the end of term.

Here is a list of jobs that need doing, choose your job and bring any tools.

- add organic matter to gardens (cow pats etc.)
- dig over garden beds
- add dolomite to garden beds
- mulch garden beds
- weed around citrus trees and fertilise
- prune citrus trees as necessary
- put wires in passionfruit fence behind the garden
- remove weeds from pathways
- design a drip irrigation system and provide costing estimate
- move wood chips for landscaping (school has a wheelbarrow)
- replace bamboo along pathway edge with timber (10m)
- Materials needed, donations gratefully accepted!
- mulch
- compost (1 cubic metre from the tip costs $35)
- cow pats
- lengths of wood for pathway edge
- citrus fertiliser for 10 trees
- 2 bags dynamic lifter
- 1 bag dolomite
- seeds for cover crop over December/January

Thank you in advance, and I am looking forward to the pleasure of your company,

Vanessa