Shane’s Simplicities......
School Swimming Scheme
Our schools intensive swimming scheme commenced this week and will place an extra level of physical demand on students. I do urge parents to encourage some extra rest at home and to also make sure suitable lunches and drinks are provided to sustain children throughout the school day.

End of Year Celebrations
As we have now passed the mid-point of the final term of the 2014 school year the school is starting to plan and coordinate our end of year activities. This will allow us the chance to celebrate the successes of our students across the whole of 2014. Our celebrations will commence with our Term 4 Merit Assembly on Friday Dec 12 as we recognise efforts of students across this term. Our student leaders are currently preparing for and starting to organise our 50c Fete (Monday Dec 15). Our annual Presentation Assembly (Tuesday Dec 16) will give recognition to students for efforts made to class, school and sporting activities across the year. Our Year 6 Farewell and School Disco (also Dec 16) will allow for students to celebrate the end of another busy year at school and to extend our thoughts and best wishes to our Year 6 Graduating Class before they commence high school in 2015.

Our school each and every year has many things to celebrate and reflect fondly upon. Our students meet many challenges on a daily basis. Our core values of Respect,
Integrity and Participation are often noted and commented upon by parents and visitors to our school. It can become very easy to take for granted the efforts of our students who collectively make our school such a great place for learning to occur.

I look forward to sharing our end of year celebrations with any members of the community who are able to join with us on the dates mentioned above.

**After School Arrangements**

In recent times there have been a number of students making changes to their after school plans on the afternoon these changes are to be occurring. This is NOT satisfactory. Changes to students after school plans need to be communicated with the school preferably in writing. Consideration also needs to be given to notifying bus companies also, especially when changes are made to who is or is not catching the school bus. It is not acceptable that students be ringing a friend’s home or ringing their own home to make changes at the end of the school day. Staff are responsible for getting students home of an afternoon and changes such as these do not make life any easier.

Changes to routine are acceptable, but need to be made prior to the event and with suitable notification (preferably in writing) to school staff so the change can be effectively managed.

**After School Events (Dance etc.)**

Students from our school who are waiting around to participate in after school events such as dance are expected to stay with other students in the bus shelter/playground until they are being supervised by parents or involved in dance. In recent weeks students have been involved in behaviours and activities that are unsafe. Without supervision these students should NOT be in the vicinity of the school hall. Parents are requested to reinforce this message at home. Ongoing unsafe behaviours may put the programs on offer at risk which is not a desirable outcome.

**Appropriate School Foods**

In recent weeks a growing number of students have been bring lollies and other inappropriate food sources to school and eating these at inappropriate times of the day. Worse still, they are not even hiding the issues and are throwing wrappers on the ground as they go. An effective diet for a successful school day should be balanced and not high doses of sugar intake. Our canteen sells approved foods that meet expected limits of sugar. Students who wish to have a treat at school are encouraged to buy from the canteen.

Parents who are aware of this issue happening are asked to do their bit to help overcome this issue. If lollies are fine for you then that is acceptable to us, just better that they are consumed after school where the effects of sugar are not disrupting the learning environment of others.

**Canteen change**

Students and families are again reminded that from next Monday lunches can no longer be ordered at school. The canteen will open on a Monday and Friday at lunch time only to sell packaged foods (drinks, chips, ice blocks etc.). The lack of volunteers who can consistently attend has brought on this change. Hopefully as we enter 2015 there may be enough new and existing helpers to get our full canteen service back up and running.

Until next week...

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PLEASE NOTE: SWIMMING IS NOW $2.10 ADMISSION FEE
SRC News
Term Four Entertainment Night was a great night where we raised the most money in a single event to date. This is a fabulous result for my last Entertainment Night as SRC Patron. The SRC met and decided that the money raised would go towards the purchase of a new data projector—no more spots!

Thank you for your support of Wear Orange Wednesday the funds raised will go to our fantastic local SES volunteers.

Tracey Tebbutt
SRC Patron

P & C Christmas Hamper
It’s almost that time again! Please send in a little something for our Christmas Hamper. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD, YOUR DONATION GETS YOU A TICKET IN THE DRAW. We will be drawing the winners at the Presentation Afternoon.

While we appreciate all donations, please ensure all food stuffs are in date.

Thank you for all your support with fundraising throughout the year!

Kim, Al, Toni & Dan
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Student Banking
School Banking is on each Friday morning. If you haven’t opened an account and would like to, please drop into the office.

Lyn Blake
COORDINATOR

Community Stuff

Playgroup at Woodburn PS
Every Thursday (during school terms) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Come along for a fun morning. We have a great facility with plenty of toys and games. It’s very informal—a chat and morning tea while the kids play. It’s open to Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas and Carers.

Woodburn Tennis Courts Open Afternoon
Sunday, 9 November - 4 to 8 p.m.
All welcome! Free entry! Come along and enjoy ‘having a go.’ Racquets and balls provided Barbecue ($2.50) from 5:30 p.m. Organised by Woodburn Chamber of Commerce. For further information contact Woodburn Visitor Information Centre - 6682 2032

Community Access Bus
The Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre offers return bus trips to Ballina on Tuesdays. Pick up in Evans Head starts at 10am and drop off back in Evans Head is around 3pm. Cost is $10 Per Person for the return trip. To Book a seat or for more information, please phone Eileen at the Neighbourhood Centre on 66824334.

If you require more information please email eileen.stewart@mrnc.com.au or feel free to call on 66824334. I am available Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Canteen
Please be reminded that lunch orders will cease at the end of THIS WEEK. After this time only packaged foods and drinks will be available during the lunch break each Monday and Friday. The canteen will be CLOSED at recess from the beginning of next week (Monday 17 November).
Canteen Roster

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Hot Food only available at lunch. REMINDER - BROWN PAPER BAGS ARE 10C EACH IF NOT BROUGHT FROM HOME! Please have your money securely placed in your lunch bag! Parent Helpers for the next week are in bold. Thanks for your ongoing help - we really appreciate you! If you cannot make it on your rostered day it is up to you to find a replacement. Any ideas for canteen PLEASE come along to our next P & C Meeting!