Week 8 brings a few community issues into this week’s newsletter. I wish to thank those who attended this week’s P&C meeting for raising these on behalf of other families and community members.

**P&C Meeting Feedback**

**Meeting Participation** - This week’s meeting of the P&C Association was poorly attended, with the base quorum of 5 members in attendance. This could be a reflection of many things, ranging from a general contentedness of our community with regard to the school, through to a fear of being involved in this aspect of our school-community partnership. Schools, under new planning arrangements, are expected to consult and engage with their communities. We do this in a range of ways, with the regular P&C meetings as a feature of this process. I would love to see numbers attending our P&C meetings increase and would welcome feedback or opinion on how we may be able to help this happen.

**Parental Safety Concern for Students** - At the P&C Meeting concern was raised over the safe delivery and collection of students from events such as our termly Entertainment Nights, especially with parents accessing the school via School Lane. It was suggested that students could be taken to the bus shelter for collection by parents. This is NOT considered as our best option for a range of reasons (weather, supervision, lighting etc.). Children will continue to be kept in the hall until collected by parents, however I do urge parents to utilise our school car park and to walk to and from the hall with children to help improve safety.
the concerns for children's safety. Parents are not encouraged to use School Lane as this can become very congested with cars and bodies on these nights. Parents are asked to put safety first on these nights and I applaud the families who already follow this practice.

**Head lice** – This topic was raised for discussion and consideration by those at the meeting. Head lice are an ongoing problem for many families. The issues may arise from contact with other students at school, passengers on school buses, fellow participants in sports teams or community groups, from friends or even family members. Where head lice are identified as a concern through the school we do send home notes to classes where these concerns are identified. Students identified with head lice should not return to school until their child's hair has been treated with a recognised head lice treatment. Parents are encouraged to have a regular routine of checking and monitoring your child's hair. Some preventative and helpful management strategies include applying a cheap white conditioner to your child's hair and then thoroughly combing with a nit comb to remove any eggs and lice.

Whilst head lice are not a life threatening condition, they can be a social concern for student's wellbeing. Family support in monitoring your own children's hair helps minimise the impact of head lice across the school. With a more vigilant community hopefully we will see a decreasing impact of head lice across our school.

The following information has been extracted from the NSW Public Schools website (http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php).

**The Facts**

- Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.
- About 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time.
- Anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is.
- Head lice move from one person's head to another via hair.
- Head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head.
- Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet.
- Head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments.

**Treatment**

- Daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits).
- School communities may need to hold 'check and treat' or Nitbuster days where everyone learns about and starts treatment on the same day.

**Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice**

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- Regularly check your children's hair.
- Teach older children to check their own hair.
- Tie back and braid long hair.
- Keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

**What you can expect from your school**

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice.

Observing students scratching their heads is not a reliable or efficient means of assessing head lice prevalence in the school.

Where one student has head lice this serves as a warning light that there is likely to be an infestation in either specific classes or across the whole school population, including staff.

The school will send a letter home when infestations of head lice occur and request that parents examine their child's hair and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

Schools also provide:

- A venue for parents to get together and work out and where relevant,
implement, local strategies
- ways of communicating information
  about head lice infestations and
  treatment for parents (eg through
  school newsletters).
They will also encourage students to avoid
head to head contact in group activities as
far as possible.
In rare cases where students are
experiencing a chronic head lice infestation
the school, parents and the local community
may need to work together to treat the
infestation.

Seat Belts
In recent weeks it has been disappointing
to see families leaving our
school where the driver of
the car has secured their
seatbelt but this is not
necessarily the case for
students who have just
entered the car. If the
driver’s safety warrants a seatbelt then I
would expect that our most precious cargo,
our children, would also warrant the same
level of safety when travelling. Situations
like these may be simple oversights in the
haste to leave the school grounds, but I do
ask that parents ensure your children have
clicked and clacked before moving your car
away on the homeward journey.

Term 3 Merit Assembly
We will again finish our school term with our
merit assembly. This assembly will commence
at 2:15pm on Friday 19 September. Parents
and community members are invited to
share with us the celebration of hard work
and commitment to learning by many of our
school students.

Until next week…

Performing Arts Festival
On Wednesday 27 August, Ally, Keely,
Tamika, Taj, Sarah, Aimie, Chloe T, Amber,
Kate and Bonnie showcased their fantastic,
brilliant and dramatic talents at the Lismore
Performing Arts Festival.

It was nerve racking at the start but then we
got used to being on stage in front of a large
audience.

A big thank you to all the parents and teachers
who came to watch and support us on the night,
especially Madeline Ison and Donna Kylstra for
their make up expertise.

By Alannah Skaines, Tamika Obst and Bonnie
Smith.

Big Day In
Thursday 11 September 2014 is our Term 3 Big
Day In. Our school will play host to visitors from
Evans River K-12 School, Coraki Public School and
Broadwater Public School for our annual event.
Parents who would like to come along and lend a
hand on this day are most welcome. Notes with
all the information went home last week. Please
read carefully and return to school by Friday 5
September 2014.

Susan Johnston
Organiser

Choir Performance At Riverside Festival
The Woodburn Public School Choir will be
singing at the Riverside Festival at Riverview
Park, Woodburn Saturday 11 October 2014 (this
includes all children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and
Year 2). Our choir has been performing at this
event for several years
now and we have been
working hard toward this
performance all term. In
order for us to perform
and to be a success we
will need as many of the
children in the School
Choir to attend. The children are to come dressed
in school uniform. Keep watching the School
Newsletter for meeting and performance times.

Miss Suzanne Johnston
Choir Teacher

The French Assembly
is this Friday (5 September 2014). Each class
will be performing an item for your entertainment and to show what we have learnt in French so far this year. The assembly will begin at 12:50 pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Suzanne Johnston

**2014 Book Parade**

To celebrate and encourage a love of reading as well as recognising Book Week and National Literacy and Numeracy Week (which have already come and gone), we will be having a ‘Come as your favourite book character’ Day and Parade. This day will be held on Friday 12 September 2014 and students can come dressed as their favourite character from a book for the day. The parade will be held in the school hall at 12.45 pm and students can wear their costumes all day although some bits may need to be removed if they interfere with ease of learning for the student themselves or others e.g. wands, wings, etc. All are welcome to come and watch the parade and support our students in a love of reading. There will be a book prize for the best costume from each grade.

Vicki Duncan

**Kindy Orientation 2015**

We will be commencing our Kindergarten Orientation Program early in Term 4.

### Canteen Roster

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**STOP PRESS: FULL MENU NOW AVAILABLE ON MONDAYS!**

**Sorry no more Yummy Drummies**

**New: Fruit Stack Iceblock 50c**

Hot Food only available at lunch. New prices are now in effect. 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!  **MEAL DEAL COMING UP IN WEEK 10!!**

### Canteen Meal Deal

I’d love to order a meal deal! I enclose $______ ($5 per deal)

Name _______________________________ Ham / Chicken Class __________________

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will be a Parent Information Night, Tuesday 14 October 2014 and the children will commence their orientation to school the following morning Wednesday 15 October 2014.

At the Parent Information Night there will be a number of guest speakers who will give you information on various programs we have at school. Also information on travel to school, P&C, uniforms and school canteen. The aim of this night is to provide parents with information that will help their children make the best possible start to school.

Kindy Orientation for the children will be a series of 3 days, where they will spend the morning session with the current Kindergarten doing fun activities and also getting a feel for the classroom and “Big School”. The days will start at 9:30 and finish at 11:25am.

The dates for Kindy O are as follows:
Wednesday 15 October 2014
Wednesday 22 October 2014
Wednesday 29 October 2014

If your child is ready to start school in 2015 could you please contact the school and give your details, or if you know of a child that could be starting school next year could you please ask the parents to contact the school to ensure that all our potential enrolments receive all the information needed to make a great start to Woodburn Public School.

Suzanne Johnston
Kindergarten Teacher

**SRC News**

Footy Colours Day will be celebrated at Woodburn Public School on Thursday 4 September. Wear your team’s footy colours and bring in a gold coin donation to support the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Tracey Tebbutt
SRC Patron

**Father’s Day Stall**

For those who haven’t already ordered, our Father’s Day Stall will be on tomorrow. Just $5 a present.

Alison, Kim, Toni & Daniel
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

**Canteen Meal Deal**

On Wednesday 17 September (Week 10), we will be having a fabulous meal deal! For just $5 you can get a pizza (either ham & cheese or chicken & cheese), a poppa and an ice block. Order form needs to be returned by NO LATER than Monday 15 September.

**Community Stuff**

**Playgroup at Woodburn Public School**

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.

**Richmond Valley Swimming Club**

**SIGN ON**

Friday, 12 September 2014 from 4-6 at the Evans Head Aquatic Centre, Friday 10 October 2014 from 5.30 to 6.30pm before Club night races start.

**CLUB NIGHT**

Starts: Friday 10 October 2014 6pm Registration for 6.30pm start. At the Evans Head Aquatic Centre. For more information call in or phone: Evans Head Aquatic Centre on 66825885

**Woodburn Riverside Festival 2014**

Riverside Park, Woodburn
Saturday, 11 October - the first weekend after the school holidays
Start designing and building your raft for the Great Raft Race! Rafts can be made of anything that will float as long as it is not a boat or a rubber raft, and must not be motor-powered. Any number of people to a raft. Life jackets
must be worn. Prizes!
Start training for the Biathlon! Swim across the river and run back across the bridge. Two age groups - Under 16 (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult), and 16 and over. Cash prizes! Plus lots more entertainment and activities during the day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information contact the Woodburn Visitor Information Centre on 6682 2032.

**NAIDOC Family Movie Night**
You are invited to attend a Mid Richmond Celebration of NAIDOC WEEK on Wednesday 17th September at 5.30pm at Evans River School, under cover on concrete so remember to bring your camp chairs, cushions and blankets. BBQ available for gold coin donation. Brought to you by the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre and proudly sponsored by the Richmond Valley Council our NAIDOC family movie night will feature short films made by Aboriginal people from all over the country - some are funny, some are informative, some are thought provoking and some are just wonderful. There will also be guest performances and a special premiere viewing of a locally made film produced by the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre of last year’s NAIDOC Painting Poles project.

**EH Little Athletics**
Sign On Monday, 15 September 2014 4.30-5.15pm at Evans K-12 Ovals Club afternoons start 13 October.

**Casino RSM Club Fun Run**
28 September 2014 - 10k, 5k and 2k courses. Register before the 5th September and receive a free shirt! Run by NSW Athletics for the benefit of Little Athletics in our area. Register @ www.casinofunrun.com.au for a huge day of fun!

**Music Stars**
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Guitars and keyboards supplied for every student to use during lessons! Registrations Close Soon! Please register online via www.musicstars.com.au Payment is not required when registering. Limited spots are available so be quick so you don't miss out! Phone: 1300 889 179 Email: info@musicstars.com.au Web: www.musicstars.com.au

**School Holiday Activities**
**Surf Clinic (Level 1)** (67693) (8-15 yrs) Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 September 2014 9am - 4pm Cost $130
**Sailing for Beginners** (69263) (10-14 yrs) Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre Monday 29 September 2014 9am - 4pm Cost $55
**Sailing Regatta Day** (69264) (10-14 yrs) Wednesday 1 October 2014 9am - 4pm Cost $55
**Surf Clinic (Level 2)** (67694) (8-15 yrs) Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre Thurs 2 & Fri 3 Oct 9am - 4pm daily Cost $130
**Lake Ainsworth Raft and Ropes Adventure** (69265) (10-14 yrs). Lake Ainsworth Centre, Lennox Head Thursday 2 October 2014 9am - 4pm Cost $55
How to enrol Web: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au By phone: Call 13 13 02 and have your credit card details ready (Visa, MasterCard). By fax: Complete the enrolment form, include your Credit card details and fax to (02) 9006 3888.

**Denmark Study Tour**
Rotary all expenses paid study tour to Denmark
The Rotary Club of Lismore West is calling for applications from persons interested in applying for membership of a Rotary District 9640 Group Study Exchange Team to Denmark from 24 May to 20 June 2015. All travel and accommodation costs will be met by Rotary. Application form and further information available from the Web site www.rotary9640.org, link “About us” then Rotary Foundation then GSE. Completed applications should be posted to the Secretary, Rotary Club of Lismore West Inc PO BOX 323 LISMORE 2480 and must be received by Wed 11 September.