Shane’s Simplicities.....
We are fast approaching the midpoint of Term 2. Many events continue to be taking place and teachers are now in the stages of developing and writing semester 1 student reports. Life continues to be busy in school land. This level of activity does require support and cooperation from students and families if we are to successfully offer all that is planned.

Senior School Excursion
Throughout the school year there are a number of events, activities and opportunities made available to students. These events are planned and often come with a cost. These costs are kept to a minimum at all times. Excursions are planned and operated on a cost neutral basis. What the school receives it expects to spend on the cost of the excursion. There is not a profit margin built into these events. It is understood that some events seem costly, but when we account for travel, food, accommodation, entry fees and the like, the prices are very reasonable.

Sadly though, to run excursions and extra events we often need to have a minimum number of participants and we need to have cut-off dates to confirm whether events can proceed or need to be removed from our plans. At present, the senior excursion at the end of the year needs more numbers than have expressed an interest from our Years 4, 5 and 6 students. As a result, the remaining vacancies have been offered to students from Year 3 (both from 2/3W and 3/4/5B). These places will be filled on a first in basis and NO preference is being saved for older students as they have already had plenty of time to secure their places.
If minimum numbers for this major excursion are not achieved in the coming weeks then a review of this excursion proceeding will be undertaken.

**School Performances**

As above, other events held at school are also run to meet the costs faced by the school. This includes the performance being held next week. Interest in this performance has been slow on the uptake. Payments are required this week and students who have not paid by Monday will be unable to attend. Families are reminded that your cooperation in meeting payment deadlines is greatly appreciated and beneficial to the staff organising and managing these events. Where significant issues around finances occur parents are asked to contact the school to discuss whether any options (payment plans etc.) can be put in place.

**General School Uniform**

With the onset of the cooler months many students in our school choose to continue wearing their school shirts and shorts, with the addition of a navy jumper. Navy track pants are also acceptable for those wishing to keep their legs warm. Our school uniform continues to be our school shirt with navy accessories (shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers and track pants). All students are expected to comply with this uniform expectation.

**Navy Jumpers**

There are a number of jumpers at school in the lost property cupboard. As these have not been collected for an extended period of time and have not got names on them I am offering them to families in need of a jumper for school. These jumpers are better off being worn than just sitting in a cupboard here at school.

If your child is in need of a school jumper please tell them to discuss this with their teacher so we can arrange to see if there is one in their size waiting for them. Alternatively, new jumpers can be purchased through the P&C uniform supply.

**NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3 and 5 are this week participating in the 2015 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. These annual assessments provide the school with trend data on student performance. Results are provided in a couple of months and are just a reflection on student performance taken at a point in time. Parents who would like to know more about NAPLAN are encouraged to talk to your child’s teacher.

Until next week...

**Saving Lil & Archie**

Brain Storm Productions will be performing "Saving Lil & Archie" at our School on Wednesday 20 May 2015. This year cost will be $5.00 per child. This live show is about safe, appropriate use of technology. It also encourages children to limit screen time, get more sleep and do more exercise. Please return with money by Monday 18 May (no exceptions).

Susan Johnston
Organising Teacher

**Canteen News**

NEW- Lunch orders must be placed into the Canteen Order Box which is located in the school office no later than Thursday morning in a brown paper bag with your child’s name and class clearly labelled on it and the CORRECT MONEY inside.

A Big thanks goes out to those volunteers who have come forward to offer their
time to help out in the canteen during next term. We look forward to your support.

Samantha Trustum
Canteen Coordinator

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

Barbecue Ideas
Barbecues are a great Australian way of social cooking and keeping the kitchen clean. They don’t need to always mean sausages: consider how you could turn it into something simple, nourishing and a whole lot more exciting.

Lean hamburgers or Vege Burgers (homemade patties containing vegetables &/or lentils/beans) on bread rolls, served with
* coleslaw
* onions and tomato
* pepper & parsley
* BBQ capsicum and onion slices

Use wholemeal and multigrain varieties, no need to butter rolls. For small children offer mini burgers.

Offer BBQed veges e.g. BBQ Corn Cobs, thread any of eggplant, zucchini, mushrooms, onion, capsicum, celery and pineapple pieces onto skewers for a delicious side dish.

Community Stuff
Oral Health Service
The Northern NSW Local Health District would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers FREE dental care to ALL children under 18

Oral health is essential for health and wellbeing.
It is recommended that children have regular dental checkups starting at 1 year of age.
Regular dental checkups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress.
Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.

100 years of Women in Policing
Police from the Richmond Local Area Command are celebrating 100 years of women in policing. There will be a baton relay in Ballina on Friday, 12 June 2015.

In addition to this, we are running a colouring in competition for the local primary school kids. The sheets will need to be completed and handed into police by Friday, 29 May 2015. There will be a large pink box located at Lismore and Ballina Police Station for the kids to drop off their entries. Their names, school and contact details must be recorded.

For some of the remote schools, we’re sure the local police will be able to assist in dropping off their entries. The winner of the competition will receive a Sony Play Station 3!

Canteen Roster

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Parent Session:
Tuesday 26 May, Lismore Public School Hall, 6:30-7:30pm
Join renowned education consultant and author Eric Frangenheim

**ABOUT FREE SESSION**
- encourage your child to become a more critical, creative and cooperative thinker
- share simple, fun strategies with your family to spark conversation at the dining table and get everyone contributing and animated
- empower your children to make safer and better decisions
- develop higher order thinking
- engage with your children at all developmental stages
- Ask questions at different levels

**In one hour you’ll learn how to:**
- How to boost the bond with your children at home through conversation and make dinner times fun for everyone

**AROUND THE DINING ROOM TABLE**
We’ve all heard research that says families that eat together at the dining table have healthier, happier, and more confident kids. But what about the conversation at the table? Healthy, positive discussion is just as important as healthy food. You’re not alone if you find it difficult to bond with your kids through conversation, especially as the teenage years hit.

Join Australian education consultant, author and father of three girls, Eric Frangenheim for an entertaining one-hour session sharing ways to empower your kids to communicate more freely and actively with you and each other.

Parents will receive a workshop booklet to record their ideas and use some of the graphic organisers to assist in higher-order thinking. The popular student resource, the innovative students’ companion, is available for purchase for $10 (valued at $14.95) at the end of the session.

**PARENT BUSINESS SESSION**

**BEEF MEETS REEF 2015**
Sunday, 24 May 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
**THEME: Disney Movies**
Come dressed as a Disney Movie character.

It was all started by a mouse...

Be a part of the dress up parade at 11:30 am in front of main stage in Oak Street.

Judges will be picking the best dressed.

Great prizes to be won!!

Sponsored by Muzza’s Milk Bar.