For Your Diary

Week 5  10 - 14 August
Fri  FNC Athletics Carnival

Week 6  17 - 21 August
Mon  Assembly
Thur  Netball Clinic
Sun  Tournament of the Minds

Week 7  24 - 28 August
Wed  Lismore Performing Arts Rehearsal
Thurs  Lismore Performing Arts Performance

Next P & C Meeting
Monday  31 August @ 6:30pm

Donovan Moss – Hockey wrap

I have enjoyed catching up with Donovan this week and chatting about his trip to Perth as a member of the NSW PSSA Hockey Team. The side placed fourth in the competition which is a fantastic result. The experience to play with and against the best young hockey players in our nation was a very special experience.

I am assured that the highlight for Donovan was seeing the Perth Hockey Stadium, which is home to Hockey WA and the Hockey Australia High Performance program (including the Hockeyroos and Kookaburras).

Student Behaviour

I wish to extend a huge vote of thanks to the families who continue to support the school when incidents of unacceptable behaviour may arise. Like everyone, students can and do make mistakes. These mistakes at times lead to consequences that hopefully remind students of better behaviour choices.

From time to time the school will make contact with home either by way of a letter, an email or a phone call. The support of parents in recognising that some actions by students are not of the highest standard and that through a collaborative effort we can support students to make better behaviour choices is appreciated.

The partnership that exists between home and school is valued on so many fronts. The support of children getting to and from school, sporting events and other school activities, parents supporting and encouraging home learning, participation in parent teacher interviews, attendance at school assemblies right through to the cooperation to promote higher standards of behaviour and cooperation, all show that school life is valued and that the education of our students is important.
When sickness calls

School attendance is important and students should attend everyday that a school is open. That said, there are legitimate reasons for students (and staff) to stay home from school, with sickness being at the top of the list. Students who come to school when clearly unwell can spread the illness with others, causing others to then fall ill and need time off school. In recent years our school took a strong stance and removed the 100% attendance awards to help families understand that high level attendance with appropriate absences is better than just turning up every day to get a certificate. The health and wellbeing of all is more important - yes, more important than students turning up unwell just to get a certificate. Prolonged and or frequent absences from school are best justified by providing a medical certificate that validates the leave on medical grounds. This should be considered for absences that are for three days or longer or when students have had 5 or more absences for ill health in any year.

Kindergarten 2016

Families who wish to enrol students into Kindergarten for the 2016 school year are asked to make contact with the school and to commence the enrolment application process. Early advice to the school supports us to plan for the year ahead, as well as enabling us to develop our orientation program to help make the transition to school smooth and effective for all involved.

At this point in time we plan to hold an afternoon tea for prospective students and families on Sunday 13 September, between 2:00pm and 3:30pm.

Until next week...

2015 Camp Brisbane and Sunshine Coast UPDATE

The camp will take place in week 2 Term 4 and we ask that full payment is received by the end of Term 3, 18 September. This allows 5 weeks to make the final payment of the full $340. Please see Mrs Mander if you have any other questions.

Tournament of the Minds (TOM)

On Sunday 23 August our TOM teams consisting of Ben Fletcher, Keely Johns, Jack Patterson, Kyla Smith, Charlie Ticknor, Chloe Trustum and Troy Turner, will travel to Woodlawn to compete in the TOM competition. Our team has elected to compete in the Applied Technology division and have been working hard on developing their solution to the problem presented. These solutions are all the students work with no outside input allowed. The team will participate in both a long term and short term challenge. In the next two weeks they will be hard at work refining their presentation. Good luck team.

Mrs Duncan
Co-ordinating teacher

Paper Plane Competition

To help celebrate Science Week Marshall Brown, Tyler Elliott and Judd Piggott along with Mrs Duncan will be co-ordinating and running a paper plane competition. There will be 3 categories (distance, accuracy and tricks) with a $5.00 prize awarded to each winner in the category. Planes will have to be made on the day within an allocated time frame and with an A4 piece of paper which
will be provided on the day. Entry will be 50c for each entry in each category and the completion will run on consecutive lunchtimes in the school hall on the 19, 20 and 21 of August. There will be posters around the school with more information for students. So get designing and practising!

Mrs Duncan
Co-ordinating teacher

**Jeans for Genes Day**

Thanks to everyone for their support and the fabulous cup cakes and jellies! We raised $236.95 on the day - an outstanding effort!!!

**P & C Raffle**

The P & C are running the raffle at the Rod n Reel Hotel every 2nd Thursday night. Helpers would be very much appreciated. If you can help, please arrive by 7 pm. The raffle starts at 8 pm. We look forward to your support.

Dan Gillett
PRESIDENT - WPS P & C

**Canteen News**

The canteen will continue to offer a lunch deal every Friday during Term 3, which will consist of 1 hot food item, a drink and a snack for the price of $5.00. Lunch combos will be changed on a weekly basis so keep an eye out in the newsletter for what’s coming up.

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. NO orders will be accepted after 10am Thursday morning.

A BIG thanks goes out to those volunteers who have offered their time to help out in the canteen this term. We look forward to your support.

Samantha Trustum
Canteen Coordinator

**Woodburn Riverside Festival 2015**

Saturday 10 October

In the Riverside Park and on the Richmond River at Woodburn.

A full day of Activities and Entertainment for all the Family.

9 am to 9 pm

Raft race Biathlon Children’s rides Markets

Water-skiing demonstrations Face painting Barbecue

Live band in the evening Fireworks

.... and much more!

**Canteen Roster**

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Is this you?

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When:

1. Seminar 1 – Positive Parenting for Children With a Disability
   Wednesday August 12th 10am-12pm
2. Seminar 2 – Helping Your Child Reach Their Potential
   Wednesday August 19th 10am-12pm
3. Seminar 3 – Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
   Wednesday August 26th 10am-12pm

Where: Scout Hall
   Car of Mangrove and Berry Street Evans Head, NSW

Cost: FREE as part of a research project

Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years

How: RSVP by contacting the NSW Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team Call (02) 9114 4106 or email fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au

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Once again, we will be participating in the Woolworth’s Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school.

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September, we are collecting the stickers. Just drop your stickers into the office and we’ll do the rest. At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. If you have any friends or relatives that may shop with Woolworths see if they would be willing to donate their stickers to our wonderful school!