In an ever increasing world of cyber and technological communication, I am growing more concerned at the decrease in ability of students to effectively communicate with one another. This is further compounded when students of rather young and immature age have access to devices and technologies that even adults find very hard to successfully manage.

As a school we face the challenge of trying to develop student’s social skills, looking to make them more aware of both expressive and receptive language skills. This is complex enough. Students have to hear the tone in communication, read and interpret body language and also comprehend and process the messages that are being shared with them.

Throw into the mix technology............. mobile phones, Wi-Fi communication, online social networking, Facetime, text messaging, Instagram, Snap Chat, Oovoo, KIK, Imessage, Chat On, Viber, Flippergram, Skype, online gaming, Messenger, Facebook etc. (Many of these expect users to be at least 13 years of age and NO student in our school has reached that age yet!)

I am saddened to think that often students of today are using these devices without truly understanding them, knowing the laws about them, being able to use them appropriately, knowing when to use them and so on. As mentioned above, adults of today are still coming to terms with these new modes of communication.

I know it can be easy and convenient to put technology in
It is easy to justify that these tools are necessities and in today’s world we cannot survive without them. Well, having lived through the good old days many of us actually know that children can survive, and in many cases survived a little better, without gadgets doing our communicating for us. As adults and parents we have to take some responsibility for what student’s access and how they access them.

As a school we will continue to work on developing students social, emotional and communication skills. That is our job. I do ask though that where possible parents lend us a hand and either teach your children how to use technology and cyber communication tools appropriately, responsibly and legally, or to refrain from putting these tools in children’s hands until they are equipped to use them properly. Sometimes the best option for a parent is the hard option. Sometimes saying no leads to the greater good.

Hopefully, through an effective partnership, we can give our students the skills to communicate positively, effectively, respectfully and legally. Hopefully we can avoid instances of bullying, intimidation and harassment because we know how to communicate. And in words from days past, we may understand that “if we have nothing nice to say, maybe we should say nothing at all”.

**School Car Park – Drop-offs and Pick-ups**

Our school car park is not a safe zone for students to be roaming free and not in the direct supervision of parents or responsible adults. Our car park can become busy and with traffic flow come risks and dangers that need to be considered and managed. This also includes students crossing the road outside of the school in the vicinity of the bus shelter.

Parents are being asked to take up the necessary responsibilities to support and enhance student safety in these areas. Can you please get out of your vehicle to support students moving within the car park or across the road. Students crossing the road should, wherever possible, be using the pedestrian crossing outside the school grounds. No primary school student should be moving through the car park or crossing the road without a responsible adult guiding them. Students should be collected at the access point to the car park or the school gate by parents/carers.

Student safety and wellbeing is important. It is bad enough when two cars bump together in the car park, we certainly do not wish for incidents such as these to be between a car and a student.

It is appreciated that there are many students being picked up at the end of the school day. Not every student however has to be off site within the first five minutes of the bell. Parents who are able to wait five minutes may wish to do so to alleviate a bit of the rush and minimise the congestion in the car park and crossing the road where busses need to be pulling up.

**NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3 and 5 should have taken home NAPLAN results at the end of last week or the commencement of this week. Parents who have questions about these results are encouraged to communicate with your child’s teacher.

**Lismore District Performing Arts Festival**

This week is the week for our LDPAF participants to put their skills on display.

Today is the dress rehearsal in Lismore with the performance scheduled for tomorrow night (Thursday). I look forward to seeing the students up on stage showcasing their skills and enthusiasm to the audience. Congratulations Miss Warren on bring the performance together so far. Now it is time for all to go ahead and shine!

Until next week...
Sports News
North Coast Track and Field Championships
Woodburn Public has three students heading to the North Coast Track and Field Championships in Lismore on Friday 28 August at Riverview Park. Good luck to Chloe Dunne, Chloe Trustum and Damien Rojcevic.

Boys Touch Football
Our Touch Football team and Ms Warren are off to Ballina on Tuesday 1 September to play in round 4 and 5 of the PSSA Knockout competition. First game is against Wollongbar Public. Permission notes went home Tuesday this week. Good luck everyone.

Susan Johnston
Sports Coordinator

Debating
On Friday 21 August four students, Kyla Smith, Mikayla Kennedy, Benjamin Fletcher and Chloe Trustum, went to Banora Point Primary School to attend the quarter finals debating challenge for years 5 and 6. Unfortunately we could not beat last year’s debating champions Banora Point. We put up a good fight but as some of us know this was the first year our school had decided to enter in the Premier’s Debating Challenge so we were overruled by Banora Point’s amazing debating skills.

“We had an awesome time. I thank Mrs Duncan so much for supporting me and my peers through this amazing experience.”
Kyla Smith

“I think myself and my peers had an awesome time learning how to debate from the very beginning to now, we all appreciate Mrs Duncan’s effort to give us the best chance at the competition and taken time out of her life to help our skills. THANK YOU!”- Mikayla Kennedy

“I had an awesome day at Banora point; it was a day full of excitement, fun and education. Thanks Mrs Duncan for supporting me through this amazing experience.”
Chloe Trustum

“First of all I would like to thank the parents that helped out but I mostly would like to thank Mrs Duncan for the lift up to Banora Point and for helping me learn about debating. Thanks so much for all your support.”
Benjamin Fletcher

THANK YOU

Thanks to Mrs Duncan and the parents involved for supporting us and giving up your time and effort to give us the best chance at winning the Premiers Debating Challenge.

TOM
Last Sunday our TOM team consisting of: Charlie Ticknor, Troy Turner, Kyla Smith, Ben Fletcher, Keely Johns, Chloe Trustum and Jack Patterson, travelled to St John’s Woodlawn to compete. This team has been working hard over the past 5 weeks to create and perfect their solution to the long term challenge and to prepare for the

Canteen Roster

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unseen short term challenge. Although they did not win their efforts were rewarded by the great performance they produced.

Thanks go to all the parents who gave up their Sunday to support their child in their endeavours.

Mrs Duncan
Organising Teacher

Paper Plane Competition
Last week we held our paper plane competition and we had enthusiastic participation and some surprising results.

In the distance category the results were:
1st - Corey Cross (Year 4), 2nd - Troy Turner (Year 5), 3rd - Corey Stewart (Year 3).

In the accuracy division we had:
1st - Riley Stothard (Kinder), 2nd - Mika Spicer (Year 2), 3rd - Amy Hicks (Year 3).

Finally in the stunt plane section the results were:
1st - Hunter Sykes (Year 2), 2nd - Sam Ticknor (Year 6), 3rd - Daniel Williams (Year 5).

These students will receive their certificates and prize money at next week’s assembly. The spirit of the competition was fantastic and we all had a lot of fun. There will also be a surprise encouragement award handed out on the presentation day.

Marshall Brown, Tyler Elliott, Judd Piggott
Organising Students

Book Week Parade
The Book Week theme for this year is ‘Books Light Up Our Lives’, and it is a great time for sharing your favourite books with each other or just taking the time to enjoy one yourself. The Book Week Parade will be held on Friday at 9.35 am in the hall when all the students who have come dressed as their favourite book character will get to parade with a book prize for each grade. So get in the spirit and start planning your costume.

Bonnie Smith and Mrs Duncan

School Disco
On Thursday 10 September we will be having another school disco. This disco’s theme is movie characters. The cost is $5 entry for 1 and $12 for a family of three or more. It begins at 6pm and finishes at 7:30pm. Chocolates will be available for 50c and chips will be $1. Also throughout the night there will be some fun and interactive games for all children to get involved in.

All students are to be collected from the hall no later than 7:30pm by an adult. We hope you have a great time!

Benjamin Fletcher
Fundraising Committee Leader

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 three weeks to make the final payment of the full $340. Please see Mrs Mander if you have any other questions.

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 31 August at 6:30 pm. We will be providing a delicious supper and would love for you to join us! For catering purposes, please fill in the attached note and return to the office ASAP.

Many thanks
Kim Skaines - Secretary

Father’s Day Stall
Once again, we have some awesome gifts available for purchase for your dad! The stall will be on Thursday 3 September - gifts are $5 each and money and notes are due on Wednesday 2 September.

Melissa Gillett
Fundraising Committee - WPS P & C

Canteen News
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.

Samantha Trustum
Canteen Coordinator

Community Stuff

Woodburn Riverside Festival 2015
Saturday 10 October

A full day of entertainment and activity for all ages! Fancy dress parade - ages 6 and under. Any theme. This will be judged right after the 'Opening Ceremony' at 10 a.m., so come 'dressed to impress'!

Raft / inflatable race. Build a raft, or you can use any sort of inflatable (e.g. pool toy), as long as it is not a boat and not motor-powered. Lots of prizes - first group to finish, best raft, most amusing inflatable, etc.

Biathlon. Swim across the river, run back across the bridge. Two age groups - under 16, 16 and over. Prizes for each age group - $100 first, $50 second.

And also - Markets Water-skiing demonstrations Barbecue Face painting Amusement rides Live band in the evening Fireworks ...and more

For more information contact Pam Bellingham - 0414 953 879 or Glenn Crawford - 6682 2032.

The Evans Head Hammerheads Cricket Club
is looking for enthusiastic junior players for the up and coming 2015/16 cricket season. The age groups competing in the Lismore District Cricket Association are 12, 13, 15 and 17 years.

The 12 and 13 years age group can be combined.

If you are interested in playing or have any further

enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Paddy Wilde on 0468827697.

The JDC! Richmond Rumours
have returned from Australian All Star Cheer Federation 'Battle' on the Gold Coast triumphant. After competing over a gruelling 2 days, and a team member down Sunday, Junior Level 1 held their second place & Senior Level 2 jumped a place to 4th position!

So impressed with the dedication, ambition & team work displayed by all 25 of our students!

Father's Day Stall

I would love to buy my awesome dad a gift!!
I enclose $____ ($5 per gift).

Name ________________ Class ________
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Our Stars

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Once again, we will be participating in the Woolworths 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!