Community Information on our School Wellbeing and Discipline Policy
Next Monday 1st March at 5:30pm, prior to the 6:15 P & C Annual General Meeting, I will be presenting information regarding this school policy. This will be the second information session for our community this year, as we endeavour to keep you well informed and able to contribute to ongoing improvements. I look forward to seeing many interested parents and carers in the 5/6 room and hope they will stay on to find out more about our P & C and consider joining this fabulous team.

Individual Learning Plans meetings and Student Led Conferences
Teachers are currently meeting with parents, carers and students with specialised programs. All parents and carers will receive a letter regarding our End of Term One Student Led Conferences next week. These are a wonderful opportunity for your child to be engaged in their learning and be part of this year’s goal setting and planning.

Giraffes and Dinosaurs
Students will soon receive a note regarding Life Education and an amazing Dinosaur show. Life Education is an integral part of our Personal Development and Health programs. We try to bring authentic and engaging learning experiences to our students and this program assists students to make informed choices. Eureka and Upper Coopers Creek Schools are also looking forward to joining us for the Dinosaur Workshop in the last week of the school. This will captivate the imagination of our students with the help of a huge working model of a dinosaur. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the timing of our 3 workshops has had to be run in Term One due to limited booking times available. We hope the early notice will assist with budgeting and ask that you contact the school if you are experiencing financial difficulties as the school can offer some financial assistance.

Easter egg draw
Thank you to all those generous families who have already donated Easter Eggs for our raffle. Each student who supplies eggs/goodies for the raffle will receive a free entry into the draw. Tickets will go on sale very soon.

Year 2 to 6 Swimming for sport
One week to go! Please return permission notes and volunteer notes if you are able to help.

Michelle Slee
Principal

Our Student Representative Council for Semester 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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A proud member of the First North Community of Schools and The Rivers P-12
**Student Assembly**

Our next student led assembly is tomorrow, Friday 4th March at 2.15pm. The 3-4 class will be performing a short item for your enjoyment. All families are invited to attend.

**Cricket Postponed**

Hopefully the grounds will dry up and our team will be able to play the Byron Bay Team next Tuesday. Amended notes have been sent home with players today and need to be returned to school by Monday at the latest.

**High School Open Nights**

- Kadina High Campus: Wed 9 March
- Lismore High Campus: Tues 8 March
- Richmond River High Campus: Thurs 10 March

**Notes due in**

- Swimming for sport: Friday 4th March
- Cricket v Byron Bay PS: Monday 7th March

**What’s happening in 5/6 classroom!**

This term we are looking at 'Identity' and trying to define what an Australian is - a very complex concept!

In Science we are learning about light and how we see, while Mrs Henderson has been guiding us in art techniques with brilliant results.

Students are also publishing excellent writing and are currently working on a narrative about "Being a refugee".

Students are taking greater responsibility for their own learning and developing time management and organisational skills.

It is has been a great start to the year.

**Library lessons** in term 1 for year 5 and 6 will cover three main areas.

Firstly, we are encouraging students to read both at home and at school. During library lessons they will be given time to select a book for this.

Secondly, we will be discussing and learning about the influence that different forms of the 'media' have on people. Last but not least students will be learning about Indonesia and to speak and understand phrases in Indonesian.

**Small Schools’ Choir**

Any students interested in joining the Small Schools’ Choir (and performing at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival in August) can come to the school office and collect more information and a permission note on Monday. The first practice session will be on Tuesday 22 March at Clunes PS.

**Combined Band Practice**

Ms Fiona Clarke will be inviting eligible students to participate in the Combined Band which will perform at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival later in the year. The first band practice is at Goonellabah PS on Wednesday 16th March. Notes will be distributed early next week.

**P & C News**

Next Monday the 7th of March is the next P&C meeting. Everyone is welcome - it is the AGM so please come and show your support.

Our biannual Trivia night extravaganza is on the 14th of May. Save the date and start thinking about get your master mind together. Cost is $15 per person; tables of 10; prizes galore! The theme will be announced at a later date.

If anyone would like to do a canteen we are looking for someone to do canteen in March. If you would be interested you have free choice in what you would like to serve and the day you would like to run it. Please contact me at snaily363@hotmail.com

**COOSH**

We have begun March at COOSH with a focus on creativity. The educators modelled how to design simple shadow puppets from cardboard and straws. The older boys were asked to improvise and demonstrate puppetry with the ferocious crocodile Hannah Made! The children used their imagination to create whale, fish and mermaid puppets before drawing a simple sea scene as a front drop for their shadows.

Animals were the theme for Laura’s watercolour art and a common talking point in our sharing circle as two COOSH families have new puppies.

We are extremely grateful to Raymond Pryde who has joined COOSH as a new committee member …welcome Ray! We would also like to express our thanks to Matt Kehoe who will be stepping down from the HR role this year. Thanks for the great work you did for us Matt.

Kate, Charli and Freya who trialled for the NCPSSA girls’ cricket team last week.