



Calendar

12/11/14—Orange Day
13/11/14 and 20/11/14—
Kinder Orientation
2-3pm

19/11/14-P&C meeting
7pm

26/11/14 and 3/12/14—
High School transition
days for Year 6 students
Lismore High,
Kadina and Richmond
River.

26/11/14 and 3/12/14—
LHPS transition days for
students in Kinder
through to Y5

5/12/14—Carols by
Candlelight

10/12/14—Yr 6 Gradua-
tion Assembly 12.00pm
Farewell Dinner evening

17/12/14—Last day of
school for students

18/12/14—Staff
Development Day

19/12/14—School
Closed



supports our
Breakfast Club.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to
respectfully acknowledge
the Elders past and
present of the Wijabal
Wiyabal people and other
peoples of the Bundjalung
Nation.

We acknowledge that they
are the first peoples of
this land on which our
school stands.

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Picking students up early

Please can I remind all parents and carers that the school day ends at 3.10pm. We recognise that on rare occasions students need to be collected from school early. If this is the case, parents and carers are reminded to collect a 'leave pass' from the office before collecting children from their classes. This is a school requirement and your compliance is greatly appreciated.

School Captains forms returned by 11 November

We are now starting the process of appointing School Captains and Vice-Captains for 2015. Year 5 students who have demonstrated outstanding behaviour at school and who are exemplary role models are invited to collect an application form from their class teacher and return it to the school by Tuesday 11 November. No late applications will be considered. Application forms should be completed in full by the student presenting for nomination, and should be signed by a parent/carer, a staff member and two peers. Once applications have been received, applicants will be interviewed by the Stage 3 staff / Principal. Following the interviews, applicants will be shortlisted and the successful applicants will be invited to deliver their speeches to the Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. Voting will follow to determine the successful candidates.

Snakes in School

There have been two brief sightings of snakes at the school recently. Students and adults need to remain vigilant, especially at this time of the year. Students are reminded to stay to the 'in bounds' areas and avoid going in the school gardens, in bushes or behind buildings. When entering / leaving the school grounds, students and adults are reminded to stay on the paths.

5 cent round-up

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 5 cent round-up. This simple fund-raiser has raised \$362.90 this year alone. That means that over the past seven years that we have been running this campaign, we have raised over \$2,500. The 5 cent round-up money is always added to the P&C funds which are used to improve facilities at the school. Our P&C have provided many significant additions to our facilities at the school, including the excellent new cover over the play equipment which was installed earlier this year. The classes who raised the most money this year were –
Runners-up: 5/6A who raised an average of \$3.07c per student. They receive a free-play computer afternoon;
Winners: 5/6J who raised an average of \$3.15c per student. They will be rewarded with a movie and popcorn afternoon. Well done to everyone who took part.

Business Intelligence Training

The school has been at the cutting-edge of education this week, delivering Business Intelligence training to principals from across the Far North Coast. The school has hosted a team of facilitators and 50 principals over two days. Training was provided using the school's computer suite. I would like to thank the students for their excellent behaviour at this time, which resulted in a swathe of positive comments from the visiting principals.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten Orientation commenced this week with 25 new and beautiful students arriving at the school to take part in the program. The Orientation Program continues for the next 3 Thursdays, culminating in a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' on Thursday 27 November. If you have a child who is ready to start school next January, please contact the school - it's not too late to come along and join in the fun! Dates and times below:

Thursday 13 November 2:00-3:00pm

Thursday 20 November 2:00-3:00pm

Thursday 27 November 10:00-3:00pm

Parents and carers are invited to stay and attend the parent information session which take place during the afternoon sessions.

Training Day

Members of The Rivers P-12 executive staff attended a training day at Southern Cross University led by Canadian educationalist, David Townsend, to explore the concept of 'goal setting' and 'accountability' at all levels, with a view to improving outcomes for students across communities of schools. Pictured are executive members from Lismore's primary and high schools (including our own Mrs Witchard) having fun engaging in a team building activity.

Mark Scotton



Sista Speak

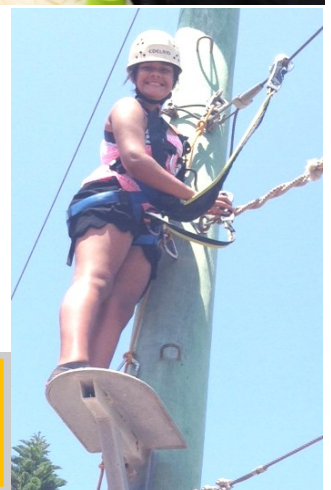
Sista Speak was held at Lake Ainsworth last Friday and was a great success for our Year 6 Goori girls. The girls climbed the high ropes, went canoeing and learnt how to motivate, encourage and help each other.

Nigel, the coordinator for the day, said we had "the best bunch of girls he has ever had" and would be happy to have them back anytime. They didn't whinge once about helping pull rafts in and out of the sheds and water.

The aim of the day was for the girls to learn to cooperate, problem solve and to work together as a team. I feel our Goori girls went far and beyond and did a deadly job.

Nena Carroll

**Wear orange to school on Wednesday
12 November: SES Appreciation Day.**



Positive
Behaviour
for Learning

Week 6

Use Toilets Appropriately

Be SAFE, Be Respectful



Could you discuss with your children the importance in using school toilets appropriately. Students will be taught how to: 'leave food & belongings outside, aim carefully & place used toilet paper in the toilet, flush the toilet, wash hands and leave no mess behind. Also to go back to their inbound/supervised areas after leaving the toilets.'

The PBL Team appreciates your support in teaching children the benefits in following our school rules.

Be SAFE, Be Respectful and Be a Learner