**Zone Swimming Carnival**

Jacob L, Drew, Lucy & Brady participated in the Northern Rivers Zone Swimming Carnival in Lismore last Thursday. Congratulations to these 4 students who achieved their personal bests in the P6 relay. Thanks to all parents who helped with transport and cheering.

**Canberra Excursion**

Thank you to all families who have returned the expression of interest form and deposit for the Year 5 & 6 Canberra excursion. *A reminder that these are due Friday 6th March.*

**Scripture**

Attached to this newsletter is a note regarding scripture. Due to the change in the DEC enrolments form most of our records do not indicate students options to attend this 30 minutes session on a Thursday morning. *Could all notes please be returned to the office by this Thursday 4 March.*

**General Knowledge Day**

As a member of the Southern Cross Community of Schools we will again be participating in the General Knowledge Day to be held on Tuesday 17 March at Ballina Public School. The day will commence at 10:00am and finish by around 1:30pm.

Students selected to attend in the past have found this a very enjoyable day, not only for the fun, friendly competition but also for the opportunity to mix with students from many of the other small schools. Questions on the day will focus on the six Key Learning Areas and other general knowledge topics. This activity is for students in Year 3-6.

A separate information note will be sent home to the students selected to attend.

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### For your Diary

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**P&C Meeting & AGM**

5 March 2015 @ 6:30pm
Attendance

Education in NSW is compulsory for all children aged 6 through to 17 years of age and therefore children need to be enrolled in school or registered for home schooling, in approved education or training (TAFE etc.) or in full-time paid employment. For primary aged students the last two options are not applicable. Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance and are responsible for deciding if reasons provided for absences are justified. If the principal decided that the explanation for an absence is not satisfactory, the absence will be recorded as unjustified.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:
- Has to go to a special religious ceremony
- Is required to attend a serious and/or family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- Is too sick to go to school or has an infectious condition.

Section 22 of the Education Act (1990) requires the parents of children of compulsory school age to enrol them at a government school (or registered non-government school or to register them with the Office of the Board of Studies for home schooling). The Act also requires parents to ensure the regular attendance of their children at school.

Section 23 Education Act (1990)
- It is an offence for parents to fail to meet these obligations
- The Department undertakes legal action on behalf of the Minister when parents do not fulfil these obligations.
- Regular attendance: refers to 100% attendance at school: ie for each day the school is open for instruction, except in the case of absences for reasons deemed by the Principal to be justified.
- Erratic attendance: refers to attendance that falls below 100% where absences have not been justified.
- Unjustified absence: refers to absences that remain without satisfactory explanation. Legal reasons for justifying absence include illness, attendance at a family member or close friend’s funeral, and unforeseen events (e.g. flooding). Providing a note to explain an absence does not mean the absence will be justified. Absences from school are scrutinised and from time to time principals may request a medical certificate or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness.

Book Club

Issue #2 of Book Club has been issued today. Orders are due back by Monday 16th March.

P&C News

The P&C will be fundraising at the next Lismore Car Boot Market, Sunday 16th March. If anyone has any clean, saleable items can you please bring them into school by Thursday 12th March. What doesn’t sell at the markets will be on sale at the State Elections, held at our school on Saturday 28th March.
A warm invitation is extended to parents/carers and students to attend our

INFORMATION NIGHT

FOR

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS YEAR 7, 2016

Tuesday 10th March 2015
5.30-7.30PM

LISMORE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

- Interactive displays
- Tour of School
- Free sausage sizzle
- Information on curriculum
- Scholarships
- Future directions in education
- Technology, academic, sporting and creative arts opportunities

Enquiries: Mr Nigel Brito, Principal
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Email: Lismore-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Healthy Kids Association

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Wyrallah Public School

IS A SMALL SCHOOL MEMBER OF THE

HEALTHY KIDS ASSOCIATION

2015-2017

Member ID 0770/17

Healthy Kids Association, Suite 16, 15 Cambridge Street, Lipping NSW 2121
Ph: (02) 9876 1300, Outside Sydney Ph: 1300 724 800, Fax: (02) 9876 1471, Email: info@healthy-kids.com.au, Web: www.healthy-kids.com.au

ThemeParks.com.au
Ticket Sale

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode “OCP414” to gain access to these ticket offers.

Terms & conditions apply, offer valid for scheduled time.