Congratulations to the following students who have gained selection to participate in the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA in Lismore on Friday 14th August.

Jacob L - Long Jump, Shot Put & P6 relay team
Drew - P6 relay team
Lucy - P6 relay team
Tameka - Shot Put
Rebecca - P6 relay team

Separate notes are attached to this newsletter.

School Intensive Swim Scheme

It is that time of year again when our school will participate in the Department of Education School Swimming Scheme. This program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over ten days commencing from Monday 7 September to Friday 18 September (weeks 9 & 10 this term) at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre. Each daily lesson is 30 minutes.

The school will be paying for instruction by the qualified instructors. However, there will be a charge for pool entry and bus transport. It has been decided that the school and P&C will subsidise costs. A very big thank you to the P&C who, each year, subsidise the costly bus travel. Without this support our participation in the Swim Scheme might not be possible.

The total cost to parents for the 10 day scheme, entry to the pool and bus transport is $45.00 per student. This equates to just $4.50 per session.

Attached to this newsletter is a permission note.

Payments can be made in total ($45) or on a weekly basis ($22.50). Could notes and money, if paying weekly please be returned by Thursday 3rd September 2015.
**Lismore Performing Arts Festival**

A reminder that students in years 5 & 6 participating in the Small School Choir have rehearsal this **Thursday 6th August at Goonellabah Public School commencing at 12:30pm - 1:30pm**. Thank you to Renee and Charlotte for volunteering to take students.

Rehearsals are well underway for our item for this years’ Lismore Performing Arts Festival. This year our creative performance will be a shadow play. Costumes will be a simple plain black tights/skinny jeans and black long sleeved skivvy.

Performance dates are as follows:
- Tuesday 25th August – Rehearsal and Evening performance
- Wednesday 26th August – Evening - Small Schools Choir
- Thursday 27th August – Whole school attending the Matinee performances – and Small Schools Choir

Attached to the newsletter today is a parent/student agreement form and permission and levy note. Please complete these notes and return to school as soon as possible. A detailed schedule of the above dates will be issued next week.

To cover the cost of levies and bus fares each child is charged a levy of $15 (capped at $30 per family). Payment of this levy can be made to the office at any time before Friday 14th August 2015.

**Stage 3 National Capital Excursion**

The grey skies abated just in time for our Stage 3 students to bundle themselves onto the Mazzers’s Coaches, with a mixture of excitement and anxiety, which soon dissolved in the hubbub of a bus filled with students from Leeville, Afterlee, Wiangaree, Stratheden, Doubtful Creek, Manifold, Rappville, Mummulgum & Rukenvale schools. The excursion to our nation’s capital, Canberra, was a wonderful, action-packed time for everyone.

The students will be working on recounting some of their memorable experiences which will be published in our newsletters over the next weeks. During the excursion they participated in a variety of educational programs which focussed on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program, towards travel expenses incurred. This amount was already deducted from the overall cost. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

It will be very interesting to read their stories and find out what they enjoyed most: participating in the ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, voting at the Electoral Office, exploring Cockington Green, the night views from Telstra Tower, the sense of history at the National Museum, the energy of the Australian Institute of Sport, scientific investigations at CSIRO, the justice of the High Court, the richness at The Mint, role plays at Parliament House or maybe the hands-on fun at Questacon?? Or could it have been swimming at the Leisure Centre with their new friends, sharing rooms and meals at Greenleigh Motel?? What an excellent and rewarding excursion they all had!
5 Tips to help with screen time at home
Are you having trouble getting your child off technology and television? Try some of these ideas to reduce the amount of screen time your child has each day.

- Go screen free for week days
- Try technology free Tuesdays or Imagination Wednesdays
- Restrict times when your child has access such as “no screens before dinner”
- Issue 2-5 year olds with two half hour screen time vouchers a day, and 5 – 18 year olds with four half hour screen time vouchers for recreational use a day. Once they’re used, no more screen time!
- Restrict access by not allowing any screens in the bedroom, this has lots of other positive outcomes such as better sleep as well.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Parents, carers and community members are asked to spread the word about the “Woolworths Earn and Learn Program” which is an easy way to earn resources for our school. We ask that you tell everyone (family, relatives, friends, neighbours etc) about this program. For every $10 spent in a Woolworths store you can claim a sticker which is affixed to the collection sheet sent home last week. More sheets will be made available if required. Please return the sheets to school when they are filled. A collection box is located in our school foyer and also outside the local Woolworths stores in Lismore.

Calling all Joey Scouts!!!!
Joey Scouts is turning 25.
Lismore Scouts would like to invite you to a Birthday Party on Tuesday 28th July 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Lismore Scout Hall.
Are you between 6 and 8 and want to have fun. There will be birthday cake, games to play, information for parents
All welcome to come and see what Joey Scouts is all about.
For further information, please contact our Group Leader POD on 66227728 /0478 598 100

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Our School 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 “CPC615” to gain access to these ticket offers.
*Terms & conditions apply, offer valid for a limited time.

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Lismore Performing Arts Festival

My Child / Children ________________________________ will / will not be attending the whole school Lismore Performing Arts Festival **Rehearsal on Tuesday 25th August and the Matinee performance, Thursday 27th August** at the Lismore Workers Club. It is an essential component of our performance staging.

I understand travel will be by Quinn’s Buses.

I have enclosed $______ for the performing Arts Levy.

Name: ___________________________ Phone: _________________________

Signature: _______________________

Performance Levy: $15 per child; maximum of $30 per family

LPF Small School Choir - Rehearsal

My Child ________________________________ will / will not be participating in the LPAF Small Schools Choir at Goonellabah Public School on Thursday 6th August.

I understand travel will be by private vehicle. I am available to provide transport for _____ students.

We will need to depart Wyrallah PS by 11:45am.

Name: ___________________________ Date: _________________________

Signature: _______________________

Performance Levy: $15 per child; maximum of $30 per family