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## Making a Difference



### Principal Report

Hi Everyone,

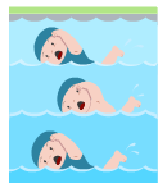
This week sees the start of a few busy weeks at school. Tomorrow we will be visiting Goonellabah public school to see the author Wendy Binks and on Thursday, Mrs Tunin will be accompanying the students to the North Coast National. I would have loved to go, but I am at a Principals day, however, I am sure everyone will have a great time.

One of the exciting things that the students will be involved in is to create a raised garden bed. To celebrate the Australian Year of the Farmer the Lismore Show Society is teaming up with local primary schools and businesses to present the Growing the Northern Rivers garden plots.



The students will be able to plant out a raised garden bed that will represent various agricultural enterprises. This will include fruits, vegetables, herbs, nuts, bush foods, cereals or forestry. As appreciation for each school participating in the program the raised garden bed will be the schools to keep after the show. The raised garden beds will be mounted on pallets so they can be easily dropped off at the school following the show. Each participating school will be asked to put together a poster about the garden plot themes – local food production and sustainability. These posters will be displayed in the Farmer for a Day Exhibition area. The garden plots will be placed within the Farming Zone. The students will also have a map to follow and work around the various agricultural events and exhibitions that will be there as well.

Next week, swimming will commence and will run for two weeks. As we will be attending with another school, it is really important that everyone has their name written on every article of clothing! It is amazing how socks all look the same when you are busy trying to get dressed after swimming! A plastic bag is also a must to put wet towels and swimmers in after.



★ Thanks everyone for attending the P and C meeting yesterday. Just remember, Mrs Larsen set us all homework about Our Big Day Out and where we would like to go to. I'm sure the students will remind you as they are already asking about the end of year program!



Mrs Bath

*Thought for the week:*  
If we all did the things we are capable of,  
we would astound ourselves.

**Thomas Edison**



**“Win a Marquee for your Team” PLEASE RETURN NOW**  
We would like to ask our school community for support by collecting coupons from the Northern Star Newspaper and dropping them into the Front Office.

This week at Assembly: **Leading Assembly:** DJ & Mia  
**Presenting:** Cooper & Ruby

## News from the Department of Education & Communities

### Swimming for survival

Help keep your child safe this summer at Swim and Survive programs for all levels. The programs – taught by experienced, AUSTSWIM-qualified instructors – run November to February throughout NSW. <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive/>

### Starting Kindy

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2013? Show them this video which explains what happens during a typical day. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-kindergarten>

### Moving into high school

Starting high school means a new location, new friends and teachers, and new routines. In this video teachers talk about how you can help to make your child's move into high school less daunting. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

### Selective schools

Are you already thinking about your child's Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2014? Online application and information regarding the process will be available from Tuesday 16 October 2012. <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

### Trades for girls

AUSGRID, with the support of Women NSW, is running a work experience week for high school-aged girls who may be interested in taking up a trade. The week is open to young women 15 years of age or older, currently enrolled in school or TAFE and who want to try their hand at an electrical trade. [http://www.women.nsw.gov.au/news/items/ausgrid\\_joins\\_campaign\\_to\\_boost\\_the\\_number\\_of\\_women\\_in\\_trades](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au/news/items/ausgrid_joins_campaign_to_boost_the_number_of_women_in_trades)

### Degrees at TAFE

If your son or daughter is planning on getting a degree at TAFE, they will need to get their applications in by October. Find out about TAFE higher education courses and how to apply: <http://www.highered.tafensw.edu.au/degrees-at-tafe/courses/index.html#.UHZeJ65Nt8E>

### Vocational courses

If your child is in Year 10 or 11 next year they may be keen to take up a vocational course while at school. Watch the video to hear Worldskills medal winners talk about how their VETiS courses have worked for them. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bV4dhWEN50M>



### Musicaviva

Please note that students are required to “dress up” in Irish Colonial costume or any of the following suggestions for Musicaviva. **NO SCHOOL UNIFORM PLEASE**

- \* Old fashioned folk dress
- \* Irish
- \* Colours of the Irish flag (orange, white & green)
- \* Green
- \* Leprechauns



Please do not go to too much trouble, it is designed to be a fun-filled day of exploration of Irish music & dance.

Miss Jodie (see attached information)



<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>S/S</b>
<b>W1 OCT</b>	<b>8</b> School resumes for all students SMASH	9	10	11	<b>12</b> <b>Kindy Orientation</b>	13/14
<b>W2</b>	<b>15</b> SMASH <b>P&amp;C Mtg 2.30pm</b>	16	17 1pm Wendy Bink	18 Lismore Show Excursion	19 Lismore Show <b>Kindy Orientation</b>	20/21 Lismore Show
<b>W3</b>	<b>22 DRESS UP!</b> 9.10 MUSICAVIA 11.30 Swimming Scheme	23 11.30 Swimming	24 11.30 Swimming	25 SMASH 11.30 Swimming	26 11.30 Swimming  BANDANA DAY	27/28
<b>W4 NOV</b>	29 SMASH 11.30 Swimming	30 11.30 Swimming	31 11.30 Swimming	1 11.30 Swimming	2 11.30 Swimming	3/4
<b>W5</b>	5 SMASH	6	7	8	9 <b>Kindy Orientation</b>	10/11
<b>W6</b>	12 SMASH <b>P&amp;C Mtg 2.30pm</b>	13	14	15	16 <b>Kindy Orientation</b>	17/18
<b>W7</b>	19 SMASH	20	21	22	23 <b>Kindy Orientation</b>	24/25
<b>W8</b>	26 SMASH  Yr 5/6 Syd/Canb	27  Yr 5/6 Syd/Canb	28  Yr 5/6 Syd/Canb	29  Yr 5/6 Syd/Canb	30 <b>Kindy Orientation</b> Yr 5/6 Syd/Canb	1/2
<b>W9 DEC</b>	3 SMASH	4	5	6	7 <b>Kindy Orientation BIG DAY OUT</b>	8/9
<b>W10</b>	10 SMASH	11	12	13 Xmas Concert	14 <b>Kindy Orientation</b>	15/16
<b>W11</b>	17	18	<b>19 LAST DAY 2012</b>	20 S.D.D.	21 S.D.D.	22/23