



Hi everyone,

This week has been a busy week regarding future planning. Miss Jodie and I attended a meeting yesterday on the new Professional Development framework for teachers and today I am at a meeting regarding the new management plan with other principals and directors.

Last Friday we had 16 students in Years 5/6 from other schools attend our enrichment day. We had a great day with Christine from Dorroughby EEC. (Although it managed to pour when the groups were down at the creek!) Students learnt about our local project, developed presentations to take back to their schools on frogs and toads, participated in dipnetting and propagating plants.

In cooking last week, students made some fantastic egg creations. This week we are going to go with the luck of the Irish and make a few Irish traditional foods as it was St. Patrick's Day the other day. It will be interesting to see what the students think of Colcannon and Potato and Rosemary Soda bread.

Students have made some interesting investigations in Science and developing their understanding about the earth, moon and sun. We had fun spinning a hard-boiled egg and a raw egg to demonstrate earth movement. Our next learning is centred around the tides and the moon.

We have also started to learn the Japanese alphabet and how to write the different sounds. It has been a great learning time for me as well. The students are much better than me at remembering the different letters and their sounds!

- Tell Them From Me Survey:-was due back on Monday. There is still time to get the permission note in if you have not done so already.

The Tell Them From Me student survey asks questions about factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes. It aims to help improve the learning outcomes of students. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

### Upcoming Events

#### March 24

Excursion to Lismore  
Heritage/Museum

#### March 27

Easter Scripture Presentation  
12.30pm

#### April 2

Last Day of Term 1 2015

#### April 3

GOOD FRIDAY

#### April 6

EASTER MONDAY

#### April 20

Term 2 Staff Development Day

#### April 21

Term 2 – Students return



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NEXT Tuesday is our excursion: ( thank you to those who have already paid)

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, we will be going by bus to visit the Lismore Heritage Centre as part of our History unit. Travel will be by bus and we will be leaving at 10:30

Cost is \$10 per student or \$15 for 2 students in the same family.

Please sign the attached note and pay for the excursion by 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

- As discussed at our P and C meeting earlier on this year (and in the newsletter), due to changes in our budget system students who have not paid for the excursion by this date will not be able to attend and will stay at school.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact the school for further information.

I think that this would have to be one of my favourite Irish sayings!



Alison Bath



#### Facts about fractions

If you've forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what's left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

Find out more:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf>

#### Amazing art

Autumn's the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.

Find out more:

<http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/>

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#### Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016

Completed *Expression of Interest* form should be returned to your primary school **no later than Friday 20 March 2015.**

#### Sounding out aloud

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/phonics-helping-your-child-with-letters-and-sounds>

#### Fitness for the family

Michelle Bridges talks about how to make fitness a priority for the whole family - and the start of a lifetime habit for your kids. Try out tips to keep your kids healthy, active and out of the pantry.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/fitness-for-the-whole-family>

Hi All,

New and exciting training coming up such as Provide First Aid, Accidental Counsellor and Community Support Skills. Please check out the calendar below and click on the links for course outlines. For further information please contact Northern Rivers Community Gateway.

Kind Regards

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## Northern Rivers Community Gateway

### Training & Development Enrolment Application

To enrol please complete the training and development enrolment application  
Email: [vrc@incl.org.au](mailto:vrc@incl.org.au)

### Training and Development Calendar for 2015

To register for training download and complete the training registration form and email it to [vrc@incl.org.au](mailto:vrc@incl.org.au)

Date	Program	Location	Duration	Cost
17 March	Provide First Aid <a href="#">Course Outline</a>	NRCG - Cedar Room	9.30am – 4.30pm	VRC Member / Non \$125/\$135
21 April	Accidental Counsellor <a href="#">Course Outline</a>	NRCG - Cedar Room	9.30am – 4.30pm	\$120/\$140
23 April	Community Support Skills <a href="#">Course Outline</a>	NRCG - Coolamon Room	1.00 pm - 4.00pm	Free
19 May	Supporting Volunteers in a Coaching Environment <a href="#">Course Outline</a>	NRCG - Cedar Room	9am - 3pm	\$120/\$140
26 May	Understanding Dementia <a href="#">Course Outline</a>	NRCG - Cedar Room	9.30am to 12.30pm	\$45/\$55
9 June	Way2Go Volunteer Management Toolkit Training <a href="#">Course Outline</a>	NRCG - Cedar Room	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$45/\$55 Toolkit(optional) \$170
16 June	Understanding Ethics & Boundaries <a href="#">Course Outline</a>	NRCG - Cedar Room	9am - 12.30pm	\$85/\$100
23 June	Motivational Interviewing <a href="#">Course Outline</a>	NRCG - Cedar Room	9am - 1.30pm	\$85/\$100
July	Provide First Aid (HLTAID003)	NRCG - Cedar Room	9.30am - 3.00pm	\$125/\$135
25 August	Introduction to Aged Care <a href="#">Course Outline</a>	NRCG - Cedar Room	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$45/\$55
October	Accidental Counsellor	NRCG - Cedar Room	9.30am – 4.30pm	\$120/\$140
October	Dealing With Challenging Behaviour in the Community Sector	NRCG - Cedar Room	9.30am – 4.30pm	\$120/\$140
November	Mental Health First Aid	NRCG - Cedar Room	9.30am - 4.30pm	TBC
19 November	Way2Go Volunteer Management Toolkit Training <a href="#">Course Outline</a>	NRCG - Cedar Room	9.30am – 12.30pm	\$45/\$55

Training Program:		
Date of Course:		
<u>Enrolment Contact Details</u>		
Name:		
Organisation:		
Email:		
Phone:		
<u>Billing/Invoice Details</u>		
Name/Organisation:		
Contact Person:		
Address:		
Email:		
Phone:		
<u>Additional Information</u>		
Volunteer Resource Centre Member:	Yes / No	
Are you a volunteer?	Yes / No	
Are you a volunteer manager?	Yes / No	
Are you a community sector worker?	Yes / No	
<u>Office Use Only</u>		
Course Cost		
Involved		

Please note: if insufficient registrations the training course will be cancelled.