A message from the Relieving Principal

Open Day 2015: Many thanks to all the parents/carers and grandparents that attended our school’s Open Day last week. Classrooms were open to see lessons and students work. In the K/1/2/3 classroom students and adults were busy participating in Numeracy Learning Centres, in the 3/4 classroom students were proudly displaying their computer skills and in the 5/6 classroom students were getting creative with art activities.

The School Band performed the items that they are preparing for the Performing Arts Festival. During the assembly the Stage 2 & 3 winners of our public speaking competition, Ella, Danika, Lydia and Charli got an opportunity to practise to a larger audience. Awards and medals were also presented (see below) and the all students K-6 sang _The Mango Tree_.

Coffee Camp School has a proud tradition of excellence in so many areas and we were all delighted to share our talents with our school community. Many thanks to our wonderful staff Mr Crane, Miss Claydon, Ms Vos, Mrs V (teachers), Ellie & Charlotte (classroom) Brett (music), Tom (GA), Danielle (cleaner) and Sandra & Ros (office).

The Student Representative Council had a meeting last week and came up with some great ideas to improve our school and and involved in making such positive suggestions for our students engaged in meetings (the minutes were impressive) the Duty Group of the week. It is wonderful to see the SRC Council also discussed the roles and responsibilities for the Performing Arts Festival in Lismore.

**Open Day Awards**
Sportsmanship Awards – Annabel, Zara, Gryff
Community Service Award – gardening for Open Day – Arnhem, Jude, Taimana
Public Speaking Awards – Ella for an excellent speech on the origin of vampires and Danika for a fantastically engaging speech on being paid to be awesome.

**Good Deed Medals**
Rory received his level 2 bronze medal and Kai D was awarded his platinum medal which is an outstanding achievement. Well done Kai! Congratulations!

**THE ROCK AND WATER COURSE OUTLINED**

**Lesson 4: Continue Rock and Water in the school ground**

Another set of exercises will be used to experience rock and water attitudes in the playground. The terms “Tunnel Attitude” (introvert and vulnerable) and “Beach Attitude” (positive, open and confident) will be introduced.

**Discussion:** What does “too rocky” or “too watery” look like? When do you choose a water or rock attitude? Can you be both at the same time?
The Channon Teams Day – Friday 4th September
If you are unable to drive to The Channon there will be a bus from Coffee Camp School. The cost for the bus will be $6 per child. If you would like your child to travel on the bus you MUST return your note by THIS FRIDAY 21st August. The size bus that we book will be based on the numbers of notes that we receive. If you return the note late there may not be a seat available for your child. It is ok to send the note by the 21st August and the money later.

This day is a great opportunity to share a picnic with your children and watch them having fun playing sport. The children will be organised into teams. We will have 2 Danish rounders teams, 2 T-Ball teams, 3 junior and 3 senior soccer teams. The teachers will be supervising the games. To make the day run more smoothly we would like to have one parent responsible for each team so that they can be on time for the start of their games.

If you can join us on the day and would like to look after a team please let us know. You don’t need to know how to play – you just need a watch to get the children to their games on time.

Performing Arts Festival – Thursday 27th August

Evening Performance – doors open at 6pm
The School Band, the Opera House Choir and the Small Schools Choir will all be performing at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival which at the Lismore Workers’ Club in the evening of Thursday 27th August.

Transport is by private vehicle arranged by parents.
Tickets are NOW on sale from Lismore Workers Club.
Adult: $14 Child $6
Tickets are available in the following ways:
• Online at www.lismoworkersclub.com.au by credit card and print off at home.
• Front Desk at the Workers Club with cash or credit card.
• Over the phone at Lismore Workers Club with credit card.
• There will be a very limited number of Standing Room Only seats available for your child. It is ok to send the note by the 21st August and the money later.

Band photos
Photos of the school band are available to order for $15 each. A sample copy of the photo is available to look at the school.

School photo packs which have been ordered will be delivered by the end of the term.

Performing Arts Festival – Rehearsal Mon 24th Aug
The Coffee Camp students who will be performing in the band or the choir at the Performing Arts Festival will be travelling to Lismore Workers Club for a rehearsal on Monday 24th August. We have hired a bus which will be funded by the school to take them to the rehearsal.

Please wear full school uniform and bring your instruments next Monday 24th August.

Regional Athletics – Friday 28th August
Well done to all the students who participated in the zone athletics carnival last Friday. It was a great effort by all our Coffee Camp students.

Congratulations to Cooper and Arnhem who have earned a place in the regional team. Cooper came 2nd in the junior boys high jump and 3rd in the 200m and will be competing in both these events. Arnhem was 2nd in the 11 year boys high jump and will be competing in that event.

We wish Cooper and Arnhem the best of luck when they compete at the regional athletics carnival in Lismore on the 28th August.

NAPLAN results
The children in years 3 and 5 have been given their NAPLAN results today. The results will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs.

Anyone who would like more information about NAPLAN can arrange to speak with a teacher or visit the NAPLAN website at www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au.

Book Fair 2015
Thank you to all the families who supported our book fair. We sold $1337 worth of books which allowed us to choose $400 in book rewards for the school library.

We are processing these new books and they should be on the shelves early next term ready for borrowing.

K/1/2/3 News
Home Reading is one of the most important ways that you can support your child’s learning at school. Make time EVERY day to read with your child and hear them read. Let the child choose the books they want you to read to them. Sometimes choose books you enjoy – perhaps favourite stories from your own childhood.

Publishing Student Photos
Students may be photographed at school for a number of reasons. They may be participating in activity days, receiving a medal, participating in sport or attending an excursion. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to notify the school in writing if they do not want their child to be photographed or to have their photos published in school documents such as the bulletin, annual report and school website or local newspapers.

Public Speaking – Thursday 27th August
Coffee Camp School will be represented at the public speaking competition by Ella and Danika in Stage 3 (Years 5/6) and Charli and Lydia in Stage 2 (Years 3/4).

The students will be presenting the speeches that we heard at Open Day.

schoolatoz tips
The Department of Education’s schoolatoz website has many tips for parents on aspects of schooling and parenting.

Mastering spelling
Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Good number sense
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them. Find out more:

Find tips on many other topics at www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au.
If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of beyondblue, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8-17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.

Food of the Week

The Good For Kids website Incorporating Physical Activity into Key Learning Areas other than PDHPE has some examples of how teachers can incorporate more physical activity into Key Learning Areas (KLAs) other than PDHPE. They have been designed to help get kids moving and be active while they learn. These can be amended and adapted these to best suit the needs of your students.

Book Fair

Last week Book Fair was held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. At Book Fair students were able to both look at and purchase book packs, posters and individual books.

It was great to see so many students buying books for home. The school earned credit and received $400 in new books for the library, which students can now borrow.

Open Day

Last Week on Open Day students from Year 5/6 worked on optical illusions for art. At assembly the band performed as practice for Performing Arts, and later Ella and Danika presented excellent speeches as practice for the Public Speaking Competition: Ella’s on the history of vampires and Danika’s on being paid to be awesome.