**A message from the Relieving Principal:**

I must congratulate staff and students on the fantastic School Band performance last Thursday evening at the Performing Arts Festival. As usual our item was of a very high standard and the students did their school and parents proud. We have such talent and the confidence of the students to perform so beautifully to such a large crowd was amazing. Brett and Jenny V have done a fantastic job preparing our students.

The school is a hive of activity at the moment as we prepare for our School Concert on Thursday the 17th September. The students and staff always look forward to this event to showcase our performing arts talents. At 5.15pm on performance night we are having a dinner fundraiser towards the costs of the Senior and Junior excursions in Term 4. See details of the dinner arrangements elsewhere in the bulletin. Please return the note if your family is planning to have dinner at the hall so we know how much food to prepare. Donations of cakes/slices for dessert would be appreciated.

Congratulations to Amy and Georgia for playing in the regional softball team in Wagga Wagga last week. The games were played in really wet conditions, but most importantly the girls had lots of fun.

Cooper and Arnhem both represented the school in the regional athletics carnival. It’s a real honour to reach regional level in any sport and the experience is most worthwhile. Congratulations to all students and thanks to parents for supporting these activities.

Sam our mural artist has begun our 2nd mural on the school grounds. A big thanks to Susie for coordinating and Linda for organising the roster plus Sam R and Andrew H for giving the tuckshop room an end-of-term clean last Friday.

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**Reminders for this week**

- Order + pay for School Band photo by 4/9
- Make first payment for excursion $100 by 11/9
- Return book club orders by 3/9
- Return play night dinner order
- Pay outstanding accounts
- Request bulletin via email – photos come in colour!

**Public Speaking – Thursday 3rd September**

Coffee Camp School will be represented at the public speaking competition at Jiggi tomorrow by Ella and Danika in Stage 3 (Years 5/6) and Charli and Lydia in Stage 2 (Years 3/4). We wish the girls all the best. Their topics are:

- Danika – Should people be paid to be awesome?
- Ella – The History of Vampires
- Lydia – Bullying & Racism
- Charli – Is it really so great being young?

- Jasper received his Level 2 bronze medal. Congratulations!

**Awards**

Awards and medals are presented at our assemblies on Fridays. Parents are welcome to attend.

- K – Gryff – for always having a positive attitude
- 2 – Annabel – for being a good friend
- 3 – Zara – for fantastic writing and great improvement in spelling
- 3 – B Zora – for trying hard especially in performing arts
- 4 – Kane – for effort in literacy
- 5 – Sinead – for being a conscientious learner – improving her maths skills
- 5 – Dashi – for striving to achieve greater results in mathematics
- 5 – Bai – for being a kind and courteous student and always completing tasks to the best of her ability

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**Senior Excursion Payment Schedule**

First - $100 by 11th September
Second - $100 by 16th October
Final - $130 by 13th November

Please contact the school if you are not able to meet the payment plan.

**School Band photos – order + pay by 4th Sept**

Photos of the school band are available to order for $15 each. Only orders with payment will be accepted. A sample copy of the photo is available to look at the school.

Order and pay for your band photo by the 4th September to be included in the school order. Photo requests after 4/9 will need to be made directly with the photographer.

**Diary Dates**

- Thurs 3/9 Public speaking competition
- Fri 4/9 The Channon Teams Day
- Thu 17/9 School play night – Years K-6
- Fri 18/9 Last day for Term 3
- Tues 6/10 First day of Term 4 for staff & students

**Exhibitions**

The History of Vampires
Is it really so great being young?
Should people be paid to be awesome?
Our school play night is Thursday 17th September at the Coffee Camp Hall.
Entry will be by gold coin donation to the Coffee Camp Hall.

Dinner Fundraiser: The P&C are coordinating a dinner fundraiser before the play. The funds raised will go towards the senior and junior excursions for Term 4.
The cost will be $5 per person for nachos plus coffee and cake. For catering purposes we need the note returned indicating how many people will be coming to dinner and how many want beef or bean sauce. We would also like an indication of who can provide cakes/slices.

Play costumes:
K/1/2/3 – Please read K/1/2/3 news
3/4 – a costume note will be sent home soon
5/6 – costumes will be advised as soon as possible

Waste Wise Challenge – win:win:win situation
Coffee Camp School is participating in Lismore City Council’s Waste Wise Challenge.
As part of the Schools Waste Wise challenge we have installed a new bin system at school.
We have bins with four different coloured lids for different types of waste. Ms Vos and the 5/6 class have designed signs for the bins with pictures of what goes in each bin.

Green – food scraps
Yellow - recycling = paper, poppers, yogurt containers, tuna tins, aluminium foil
Blue – soft plastics = plastic bags, clean cling wrap
Red – waste = whatever can’t go in any of the other bins

The children are making a great effort to use the right bins so that we can send less waste to landfill.

Doing the right bin: Ros has been checking the bins every week and is happy to report that the contents of the bins are about 85% accurate. This is a very good starting point. Of course we are aiming for 100% correct and we think we can achieve that.
The school cleaner had this to say, “The new bin system is working well cutting the garbage consumption down by more than half. A much cleaner environment around the bin area as well.”

By using the right bins for composting and recycling we have greatly reduced our general waste. This means that we can reduce our bin collection from 3bins a week to only 2 bins a week. This will save the school $378 each year in rates.

The new bin system is working. This is a win:win:win situation. Our environment benefits, the school cleaner has more time and we save money on the school budget.

Years 3/4 Performance
Yesterday we were visited by the Lismore Mayor Jenny Dowell and the Waste Education Officer Danielle Hanigan. They were judging our creative performance on the message of the dirty dozen. Congratulations to Mr Crane and the 3/4 class who did us proud with their performance and original song.

Year 5/6 – Journal
The Year 5/6 students are putting together a journal of all the waste saving measures that we have implemented at school. We will be submitting the journal at the end of term as part of the competition requirements.

K/1/2/3 News
Play costumes: Please start looking in the op shops.
Elephants – grey clothes – Mia, Luano, Gryff
Big bad mice - brown clothes - Ivy and Kai
Pigs - pink – Annabel, Alanna, Tayah
Butler – black pants + white shirt – Ethan
Black clothes – Kali
Other students – to be notified as soon as possible

Book club orders and LOOP instructions
Please note that if you are using the online LOOP ordering system for book club you will not find your child’s class listed under Coffee Camp School on the website. That is because we do one order for all students under the class name whole school. Please use whole school for all students.
Please return your orders by Thursday 3rd September.
There is no obligation to buy these books.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week
National Literacy and Numeracy Week is a great event to raise awareness of the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all Australian students.
Throughout this week we recognise and celebrate the achievements of parents, teachers, principals, and members of the community who are doing amazing things to help kids develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

You can make a difference
Parents and carers can have a big impact on their children’s education. Over 40 years of research from around the world shows that when parents are involved in their child’s learning, it really can have a positive impact.
You are the first and most important influence on your child’s values and attitudes toward school and learning. Creating a home environment that encourages a love of learning from an early age can help your child to do better at school.

How you can get involved
Taking part in National Literacy and Numeracy Week’s activities is a great opportunity to show your interest and share the love of learning with your child.
You can join with your children to participate in fun literacy and numeracy activities throughout National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Look in the literacy and numeracy sections at http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/parents to find out about the activities your child may be participating in.

Outstanding accounts + Overdue Library Books
Please return all overdue books and pay outstanding accounts by the end of the term.