Reminders for this week

- Pay outstanding accounts
- Return all library books and home readers
- Year 6 return all CCPS books and resources
- Year 3 in 2016—return new bus forms for signing
- Claim any lost property items by Wednesday 16/12
- Have a hat at school EVERY day

Diary Dates

- Wed 9/12  Nimbin Carols by Candlelight
- Thurs 10/12 Christmas Tree Night + Student disco
- Sun 13/12 Goolmangar Community Carols
- Wed 16/12 Last day for students
- Wed 27/1 Staff return to school
- Thurs 28/1 First day of school in 2016 for all students
- Friday 5/2 Terania PSSA Swimming Carnival 8+ years

From the Relieving Principal

Dear Parents

Where has this year gone? We are nearing the end of the school year for 2015 and I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for supporting me in the Principal’s role during Terms 3 & 4. The position of Principal has been advertised and we will have a new Principal appointed for the start of 2016.

We will all have an opportunity to say farewell to Mr Boyd at the Christmas Tree and presentation night on Thursday 10th December at the school. Please see program details overleaf with times for the sausage sizzle and information about the Farewell Year 6 disco 7-9pm (7-8pm for K/1/2) at the Coffee Camp Hall following the presentations.

The Year 6 class have been a wonderful group of students and we wanted to thank them for the great contributions they have made to our school. The Year 6 Farewell Disco is our way of saying thank you. All current students of Coffee Camp PS are invited to attend.

To minimise the interactions between children and cars, the students wanting to attend the disco will be walking over to the hall in their class groups with their teachers after the presentations. Parents are asked to make sure they let their child’s teacher know when they are taking them home from the hall so that their name can be marked off on the roll.

Student reports will be sent home on Friday 11th December. I wish you all a safe, relaxing and happy holidays.

Desley Banks

Swimming Carnival Advance Notice

Terania District PSSA Swimming Carnival 2016

Our 2016 PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday the 5th of February at Lismore Memorial Pool. Only children 8 years and older attend. The younger children will have classes at school as normal.

Children born in 2008 who will be turning 8 in 2016 and who can swim at least 30 metres of a recognised stroke are encouraged to attend.

The events children enter are based on the year they were born and the age they are turning in 2016.

Transport will be by private vehicle. Please think about your child’s travel arrangements before school returns as the carnival is on only 9 days after school starts.

We would love to see a crowd of parents supporting our swimmers. We are also looking for a volunteer to be a timekeeper.

Mark the date in your 2016 diary and look out for more details in the new year.

Bushfire Emergency Plan

In line with Department of Education Policy, Coffee Camp Public School has developed a Bushfire Emergency Plan.

The details of the plan will be uploaded to the school website by the end of the week.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property box before the end of term. Any clothing remaining on the 16th December will be donated to charity. Clothing which has been named can be returned to students.

Outgrown School Uniforms

If your children have outgrown their school uniforms you may like to donate them to the second hand clothing pool at school.

School Information

If at the beginning of next year you are wondering what day the students return to school or when the swimming carnival is then please remember to visit the school website and look at back copies of the bulletin. Visit www.coffeecamp-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.
Christmas Tree Night - Thursday 10th December at the school.
Our Christmas Tree Night is our end of year celebration and acknowledgement of the year’s achievements. This year we will also be saying farewell to Steve Boyd who is retiring after teaching in the Northern Territory and the Riverina and finishing with 25 years as Principal at Coffee Camp School.
The evening starts with a BBQ - sausage sizzle and salad provided by the P&C Association.
The children in years 3-6 are presented with book awards. The P & C Association makes a donation towards the purchase of these books. We farewell Year 6 students with a graduation certificate.
Santa gives presents to all the children in years K-2. He also gives presents to all the younger children who have come. These presents are provided by the children’s parents. Please do not spend more than $10 on a gift. We would like the children to see that Santa treats them all equally.
Please wrap the present and label it clearly with the child’s first and last name. You can deliver the gifts to school before the 10th Dec or bring them on the night and place them in the box in Ros’ office. Please note they need to be in the box in the office by 5.45pm as Santa will be arriving earlier this year at 6pm.
The presentations will be followed by a Year 6 Farewell Disco at the Coffee Camp Hall from 7-9pm.

P&C Sausage Sizzle (BYO drinks)
The P&C will be providing a sausage sandwich and salad for families who come early. Families may also choose to bring their own picnic tea. Please BYO picnic blankets, chairs and drinks.
If you want a sausage or to enjoy a picnic please come at 5.00pm. There will be no food served after 5.45pm as Santa will be arriving.
Andrew will be cooking sausages from 4.30pm and he will need help with setting up and serving and cleaning up. Please phone Andrew on 6689 1514 if you can help.

Year 6 Farewell Disco 7-9pm at Coffee Camp Hall - 7-8pm for K/1/2 and 7-9pm for 3/4/5/6
There will be a disco at the CC Hall from 7-9pm. The disco is for current Coffee Camp students only. The disco will be supervised by Coffee Camp teachers but parents are welcome to stay and socialise in the outdoor area at the back of the hall. The P&C are asking families to bring plates of finger food (savoury and sweet) to be served for supper.
Please note as this is a school function it will be drug (including cigarettes) and alcohol free. Tea and coffee will be provided for the adults and water for the children.

Program for the Evening -
Important Note: Santa will be arriving earlier this year. He’s coming at 6pm so you’ll need to be at school before then.
5.00pm Sausage sizzle or BYO picnic at school
5.30pm School Choir and Band
6.00pm Santa arrives
   Book presentations
   Year 6 Graduation
   Farewell Mr Boyd
7.00pm Year 6 Farewell Disco at Coffee Camp Hall
The students will be escorted to the Hall by the teachers. If your children aren’t attending the disco, please take them home safely.

WET Weather Back Up Plan We are hoping for fine weather for the 10th December. If it rains we will need to change venues and use the Coffee Camp Hall.

10 Evidence Based Principles of Effective Teaching
Principle 10: Continue learning ways that you can be of even more help to more students
Effective teachers love learning and are always seeking to improve their own practice. They seek out evidence-based insights, and they are happy to challenge their existing beliefs about teaching. However, they are also critical of mindless innovation, innovation for the sake of it, and innovation that adopts practices that are not supported by research.
DON'T LET CHRISTMAS GO TO WASTE!

Okay, so we don't want to be the fun police, but the reality is that Christmas can be a very wasteful time. Too much food is cooked, there is excess packaging, and we see a huge spike in waste during December and January.

We don't want people to stop having fun with family and friends of course, but there are ways you can limit your waste at Christmas. Here are a few tips to help you remain a good recycler during the silly season.

• Steer clear of goods that are over-packaged and make gift choices that will outlast the holiday period.

• Toy packaging: Cardboard and hard plastic packaging can be placed into the recycling bin loose, while small wire ties should go into your waste bin. Please do not put string, wire or anything else that can get tangled up into your recycling bin – this causes major headaches for our Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) staff and is certainly not on their Christmas wish list!

• Soft plastic packaging and plastic bags should be placed into a plastic bag. When full, tie it up and place it in your recycling bin.

• Preserve wrapping paper if you can, or use newspaper instead. Otherwise place it in your recycling bin.

• Place your beer bottles, wine and champagne bottles into your recycling bin loose – not in empty beer cartons or bags as our MRF cannot separate the bottles from the cardboard.

• Use your leftovers! Freeze what you can't eat or check out www.loveyourleftovers.nsw.gov.au for recipe ideas. Any unusable food, used napkins or paper plates should go in your organics bin.

• Set up an easy-to-use waste system for your visitors – if you have a lot of people coming and you will be outside, set up three containers side by side so your guests can easily dispose of their waste correctly. This will save you a lot of hassle and ensure you have sufficient space in your bins.

• With new computers, tablets and game consoles often on the gift list, you can take your old, unused computers to SORT – a not-for-profit organisation that data wipes, restores and recycles computers and then re-gifts them to underprivileged families. SORT is located at the corner of County and Eggins Lanes in the Lismore CBD (within the Back Alley Gallery).

• Dispose of any excess recyclables at one of our Drop-off Centres at either Brewster Street or the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre. This is also a great way to dispose of bulky recyclables such as large cardboard boxes and polystyrene.

And please remember, kerbside collection days will remain as normal over the holiday period. Please put your bins out the night before collection as collection times may vary during this period.
School Holiday activities at the Lismore Area Libraries

Goonellabah Library:
- **Tuesday 5 January**: Sand Art - 3.00pm - 3.30pm
- **Thursday 7 January**: Family Colouring Afternoon - 2.00pm - 3.00pm
- **Thursdays 14 January**: Meccano Machines Workshop (6yrs & up) - 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- **Friday 15 January**: Liquid Nitrogen Show (5yrs & up) - 3.00pm - 3.45pm
- **Tuesday 19 January**: Scratch Board Animals & Flowers - 2.00pm - 2.30pm

Lismore Library:
- **Tuesday 5 January**: Make Masks - 10.30am - 11.30am
- **Wednesday 6 January**: Smart Device Holograms (6yrs & up) - 3.00pm - 3.30pm
- **Friday 8 January**: LEGO® Afternoon - 3.15pm - 4.45pm
- **Monday 11 January**: Last Worlds Activity Afternoon - 3.00pm - 4.00pm
- **Tuesday 12 January**: Make a Vegetable Patch - 10.30am - 11.30am
- **Thursday 14 January**: Teen Night - Sharpley Dyeing (12-18yrs) - 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- **Friday 15 January**: Lego Robotics Workshop (5yrs & up) - 10.30am - 11.30am
- **Tuesday 19 January**: Lego Robotics Workshop (7yrs & up) - 9.00am - 10.30am
- **Slime, Sherbet & Bubbles (5yrs & up) - 11.30am - 12.30pm

Mobile Library (Nimbin)
- **Thursday 21 January**: Whinstone CD sun-catchers: 11.00am
  (no bookings needed for this activity only)

Bookings are essential for all activities as spaces are limited.
All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.
Lismore Library: 02 6621 2464
Goonellabah Library: 02 6625 1235

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Nimbin Holiday Club Summer Program

Dear friends,

We are operating from the Nimbin Community School, in the Community Centre and on excursion days please meet us in the Nimbin Central School car park at 9am.

Day runs between 9am and 3pm. The program runs for children aged 5 – 12. Please read the dates and venues below carefully and book to avoid disappointment. To book phone NNIC on 66891692 (between 10am and 4pm) or you can text or call Kylie on 0487756281. Please note that the basic fee is $12 per day and more on excursion days. Parents must sign consent forms for any excursions.

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing, covered shoes, a hat, swimmers and a towel. Please bring adequate food and drinks.

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Special Events at Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries

**Meccano Machines Workshop**
- **Thursday 14 January**: 2.00pm - 4.00pm at Goonellabah Library
  (Children aged 8yrs & over only)

**Lego Robotics Workshop**
- **Friday 15 January**: 9.00am - 10.30am at Lismore Library
  (Children aged 7yrs & over only)

**Slime, Sherbet & Bubbles Workshop**
- **Friday 15 January**: 11.30am - 12.30pm at Lismore Library
  (Children aged 5yrs & over only)

**Liquid Nitrogen Show**
- **Friday 15 January**: 3.00pm - 3.45pm at Goonellabah Library
  (Children aged 5yrs & over only)

**Friday 22 January**
- **LEGO® Sessions @ Lismore Library**: 10.00am to 1.00pm
  3 x 45 minute sessions available
  10.00am, 11.00am & 12 noon
  Booking essential!
School CAMP

The Museum

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