Reminders for this week

- Return swimming permission by TOMORROW Thurs 4/2
- Return family details update form
- Return tuckshop roster note
- Pay School Contribution—$25 per child
- Return book club orders by Friday 12th February
- Have a hat at school EVERY day

News! News! News! Read all about it! New Year at Coffee Camp Public School

Please read this bulletin carefully and file it safely for future reference as it contains information about a lot of polices and practices at Coffee Camp. If you would like an email copy of the bulletin as well as the printed copy please contact the office. If you misplace your bulletin you can read it on the school website where it will be uploaded on Thursday each week. Visit www.coffecamp-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Permission notes will also be available on the website look for the Permission Note tab at the top of the page.

### Terania District PSSA Swimming Carnival THIS Friday 5th February

The venue is Lismore Memorial Pool. Children 8 years and older attend. The younger children will have classes at school as normal. All children in Years 3/4/5/6 are expected to attend the swimming carnival. 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.**

We would love to see a crowd of parents supporting our swimmers. **Thank you to Andrew for volunteering for timekeeping. We hope someone else will give him a break during the day.**

Children will need swimmers, towel, sunscreen, hat, and a water bottle. Children may pack their own lunch OR take money for the pool canteen.

**IMPORTANT** There are no finals for any event. There may be 3 heats for an event. All winning places are based on times. Please discuss with your child that although they might win their heat they may not get a place if there are faster swimmers in the other heats. All students who don’t get a place ribbon will get a participant ribbon.

**Travel**

Transport will be by private vehicle. **You will need to arrange your own transport to the Lismore Pool.** If you are unable to attend please arrange for your child to travel with another parent. Parents are welcome as a cheer squad.

**Arriving at the pool**

Please meet Mr Crane outside the pool at 9.15am to have rolls marked and pay entry fee of $3 per child and $2 for spectators.

**Leaving the pool**

The younger children may wish to leave the pool early if they are tired or cold.

**If you are leaving the pool early please make sure your child’s name is marked off the roll.**

**Wet weather:**

If it is only overcast or light rain the carnival will be on as there isn’t much time before the zone carnival. If there is any doubt about the carnival being on, there will be an announcement on ABC radio, 2LM and ZZZ at 7am.

**Back up Carnival date:** Tuesday 18th February.
School Contribution fees
The fees are $25 per child per year and are probably the lowest of any school in NSW. The school provides your child with all their textbooks, exercise books, pens, pencils and art supplies.
For accounting purposes it would be appreciated if monies could be paid by the end of Term 1.

Permission Notes
The Education Department requires schools to have a signed permission for each child for every excursion. Without a permission note your child cannot participate in excursions and extra-curricular activities. If you have difficulty with payment for an excursion please contact the office.
To help parents and children with returning notes we print them on blue paper. *** If it's blue sign it and send it back. ***
*If you lose your permission note you can download and print a new one from the website—see the Permission note tab at the top.*

Education Department Hat Policy
The Department has a “no hat no play” policy to protect children from the serious health risks of sun exposure.

Children often forget to bring their hat to school each day so some children choose to leave a hat at school permanently so they always have one when they need it.
Children can wear any hat they choose to at school. We encourage broad brimmed hats which give better protection.

We sell school hats - $10 for small/medium and $12 for large. We also have girls’ ponytail hats for $10.

School Uniform Policy
The uniform policy is designed to promote a sense of equality among the children and pride in their school community.
The school uniform consists of:
- sky blue t-shirt printed with the school logo and black shorts or gym skirt,
- black track suit pants and sky blue jumper for winter,
- shoes to provide protection to the feet and which are suitable for school activities including sport,
- hats for playing in the sun (children may wear any hat they choose)
The children need to wear this uniform whenever they are representing the school on excursions or at sporting activities.
On other days children may wear a plain blue shirt.

Uniform Sales at School
School logo t-shirts are available for $25 each.
The school has a small second hand clothing pool, with items at reasonable prices. Uniforms your children have outgrown may be donated to this clothing pool.

Lost property
We do our best to return items to their owners. This is MUCH easier if the items are named!!
Uniforms and other belongings should be named. It is easy for children to misplace items at school and when they are visiting friends. If the items are named they can be returned.
Please check the lost property box at school regularly. Any unclaimed items at the end of term will be donated to charity.

Crunch and Sip
All classes will be following the Crunch and Sip Program. Every child needs to bring a piece of fruit every day (for the kinders it is best if this is already cut up ready to eat) and a water bottle with their name on it.
Children will crunch the fruit in the morning session. The water bottle will stay on their desk in the classroom so that they can sip all day. Please note only water is allowed in the classrooms.

Lunches
This is a reminder that children must not share food at school. Please ensure that your child has enough to eat for the day. Please explain to them that if they have too much food they should take the extra food home and not give it away. In this way you can find out how much they are eating in a day.
Some children have allergies and it is important that they do not eat other children’s food. If your child has an allergy please ensure that the staff at school are aware of it.

No Waste Lunch Day on Wednesdays
We encourage the children to pack their lunch using products that can be reused or recycled or composted. We have compost bins at school to take care of food scraps and paper lunch wraps. Wednesday is our special no waste lunch day. Congratulations to all the children who bring no waste and healthy lunches every day.

Tips for packing school lunch boxes
Pack food that is easy to open, easy to eat and not messy.
Avoid using plastic wrap because children find it hard to pull apart, paper bags are better for the environment too.
Write their name on their lunch box, water bottle and any other containers.
**K/1/2/3 News**

**Literacy and Numeracy skills:** Kinder children will be assessed in the next couple of weeks using the new PLAN program. This program allows teachers to identify the learning needs of each student in their class.

Further information will be provided to parents after the assessments are made.

**Class timetable:** There will be a special newsletter next week. This will outline class routines, the weekly timetable and the program for the term.

**Clothing and Footwear:** each day the children will be involved in outside activities. They will need a hat, sensible footwear (no thongs or high heels) and shorts (girls can wear these under their skirts or put them on for outside play).

**Home tasks:** Kinder children will not have regular home tasks except for home reading which is very important. On occasions children may be asked to do an activity with a parent/carer such as draw up a family tree. Parents will be notified of these activities through the bulletin.

**Home readers:** Home readers have been sent home. Please listen to your child read and make a comment in their reading record book. Please make sure that readers are in the blue bags and send them to school EVERY day. **If you have misplaced your blue bag you can buy a new one from school for $8.00.**

**Show and Tell:** Each child will have a news day when they can talk about things that interest them. You will be notified of your child’s news day. Please help them to plan what they would like to say. **Please do not send toys and valuable items to school as loss or damage causes too much distress.**

**Weekly work:** The children will be keeping their daily work in tote trays at school. This will be stapled together and sent home on Fridays. Please take the time to talk with your child about what they are learning at school.

**Communication:** Blue bags are very important. These need to come to school EVERY day. The bags are used for transporting readers, library books, school bulletins, permission notes and messages to and from the teacher.

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**Home reading**

Reading at home with your child is the best way to help them with their schooling.

Home reading should be done as often as possible. Read in the evenings or the mornings or both! Ask older siblings, other relatives, friends and neighbours to get involved. The more the child reads the faster they learn.

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**Homework (Years 3-6)**

Students in years 3-6 will receive information about homework next week.

The children need a bag to take their homework and library books home in. Many children continue to use their blue bags for this. If you have misplaced your blue bag you can buy a new one from school for $8.00.

The most important homework is home reading which should be done every day.

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**Library**

Thank you to those children who have found missing books during the holidays and returned them to the library.

Children with overdue library books will not be able to borrow new books.

This year library days will be:

- **Wednesday** Year 5/6
- **Thursday** Years K/1/2/3 and 3/4

Children must have a library bag. This can be their blue home reader bag, a cloth bag or a plastic bag.

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**School “Good Deed” Scheme**

Our “Good Deed” Scheme acknowledges the “good” aspects of our children and rewards them for positive behaviour and consistent effort.

Children doing “Good Deeds” are given cards which acknowledge their behaviour. The children collect these cards plus merit certificates from assemblies. They can also include their birthday card and awards that they get for other school based activities. All awards are counted.

The children collect 10 cards to earn a bronze medal, then 15 more cards to get silver, and a further 20 to get their gold medal.

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**You are welcome at school**

Children love to see their parents and carers at their school, whether helping out in the classroom, canteen or being involved in other ways. Research shows that students perform better at school when their parents or carers take an active interest in their school work. Your contribution to the school is needed and valued.

**Ways you might get involved:**

- help in the classroom
- listen to children read
- help children on computers
- help with school excursions
- help prepare food and serve children at the tuckshop
- help with art and craft activities
- help with sport activities
Some Important Policies

Parents visiting at school
Please sign in at the office whenever you visit the school. *This is a WHS requirement.*

Parent helpers
If you are a parent helper please sign our visitor’s book. *This is a WHS requirement.*

Late arrivals and early leavers
If your child is arriving late or leaving early please sign your child in or out at the office. *This is a Departmental Policy.*

Appointments with teachers
Teachers welcome contact with parents to discuss your child’s education. To ensure they can give you the necessary time to discuss your concerns please contact the office to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Coming in before school, without an appointment, may not be suitable as the teachers are often busy preparing for the day’s lessons, participating in staff meetings or engaged with prior appointments.

School attendance
Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child’s teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

Forgot or damaged toys
If you’re having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child’s teacher or principal.


Children’s Toys, Games, Ipods etc
We encourage the children to use school resources for games at school. It is better if they leave their own toys/games/ipods at home. This avoids children getting upset if a special item is lost or damaged.

Mobile Phones
Children should not have mobile phones at school. If they need to bring a phone for use at an after school function they must hand their phone in at the morning assembly and it will be locked in a cupboard and returned to them at bus time.

Changes  Changes  Changes  Changes Changes
So that we can best care for your children it is important that the information we have is correct.

Changes to emergency contacts
If your home or emergency contact details change at any time please notify the office immediately.

Change to school travel arrangements
You will need to complete a new bus form if your address has changed since last year or your child is starting in year 3.

If your child will be travelling home on a different bus from their usual one or if they are being collected from school by someone different, you must send a signed note with the date and details on it. *We will only accept phone messages with a change of plans in case of emergencies eg car breaking down or wet weather cancellation of sport.*

For safety reasons we cannot allow children to make different travel arrangements unless we have had contact from their parents or carers. Your child will be sent home as per their usual way unless you tell us there is a change.

*Please note that there are no teachers on duty before 8.45 or after 3.30pm and no children should be at school at those times.*

Changes in family relationships
The Department of Education recognises that some families will be subject to family breakdown.

If the school is not otherwise notified it will be assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal responsibility for their children. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which may impact on the relationship between your family and the school, you are required to notify the school immediately. This includes providing copies of any court orders that may be obtained.

Change of Scripture Classes
Scripture classes will begin next week. Students will be attending the same class as last year unless they bring a note regarding a change in class.

Changes to permission for photographs
If at any time you wish to make changes to permission given for the taking of photos please contact the school.

Change to Medical Details
If your child’s medical condition changes at any time please notify the school immediately.

*** Please complete and return the Annual Family Details Update form ***
P & C Association Activities
All parents and carers with children at Coffee Camp Public School are members of the P&C Association. It’s your P&C so please get involved.

Attend meetings
Meetings are held in a relaxed fashion in the school library. These are a chance to meet with other parents and discuss plans for fundraising and social activities, and decide how to spend the money!
There are only 2 meetings each term. Days and times for meetings this year will be discussed at the first meeting.
For more information about the P&C Association please phone Andrew on 6689 1514.
The date for the first meeting of the year is Monday 8th February at 4pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome.

Come along to meet our new school principal and find out what is planned for 2016 at Coffee Camp Public School.

Get involved with tuckshop
Help with organising the tuckshop, help on the roster, provide fruit or help with cleaning.

Tuckshop
Would you and your children like to see tuckshop up and running soon? Think about how you can help this year. Tuckshop day is Friday and there are other jobs for those who can’t get to school on Fridays. Can you:
- Help on the roster for a full day
- Help on the roster for a morning only
- Supply fruit
- Cook lunch menu items eg pasta sauce/curry/soup
- Shop weekly for bread and milk
- Help clean at the end of term

Thank you to Susie (6689 9338 or goddens@gmail.com) who is the tuckshop coordinator and Linda (0416 110 438 or linnie.de@bigpond.com) who is coordinating the roster.

Questions about tuckshop planning or menus – contact Susie. Questions about the roster – contact Linda.

Tuckshop will commence ONLY after the roster is filled. Please return your roster form promptly.

Help for parents
We all know that parenting is challenging.
Every parent struggles from time to time with every day issues or more complex ones.
Parentline is a state government funded helpline provides free and confidential counselling with highly skilled professional counsellors.

IMPORTANT Safety Messages

Flood and fire policy
We are updating our school flood and fire policy and procedures. The new policy will include parents/carers who will act as flood/fire wardens for their locality to provide important emergency information.

In case of the school being evacuated due to flood or fire, the principal will contact the wardens with details which the wardens will relay to the parents/carers in their locality. This will enable us to contact all parents in a timely manner.

Road Safety Reminder
The best way to protect your children near traffic is to hold their hands. Young children do not make effective use of their hearing and vision, and lack the skills to make safe decisions when in the road traffic environment.

More tips at www.kidsandtraffic.mq.edu.au

IMPORTANT Bus Zone + Afternoon Parking
When parking at school in the afternoon please angle-park on the Lismore side of the main gate to allow parking for the school bus.

Teach your kids to be waterproof
As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

In today’s rapidly changing world parents need all the help they can get. For great ideas and support on all aspects of your child’s life at school (academic, social and emotional)
Visit the NSW Education Department’s website
www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au
Lismore & District Netball invites you to our NetSetGo and Junior COME & TRY DAY!

We extend an open invitation to parents and children to join us, and find out more about netball and all the fun that can be had playing one of the world’s most popular sports in an inclusive, safe and friendly environment.

Saturday 13th February 2016

Marie Mackney Netball Courts, Ballina Road, Lismore.

9am – 9.45am – Children aged 5 – 7 years in 2016 – NET is an introductory platform program designed to build the fundamental skills that young netballers need to succeed!

10am – 10.45am – Children aged 8 – 10 years in 2016 – SET is modified games with modified rules that commences the understanding of netball on the court and builds upon foundation skills developed in NET.

11am – 12.15pm – Children aged 10 – 12 in 2016 – GO & New players to our junior competitions will participate in drills and skills sessions incorporating foot work, ball work & basic positional play and rules.

For further information please contact Leslie Kirk, secretary.lismorenetball@bigpond.com

We look forward to welcoming you to Lismore Netball!