Reminders for this week

- Return family details update form
- Return Canberra EOI for Year 6 by THIS Friday 11/3
- Return Year 7 EOIs for high school form by Friday 18/3
- Return Book club orders by Friday 11/3
- Pay School Contribution—$25 per child
- Have a hat at school EVERY day

Diary Dates

Wed 16/3  Terania District Soccer trials at Blakebrook
Fri 18/3  Anti-Bullying Day
Mon 21/3  4pm P&C AGM and General Meeting
Wed 23/3  Easter Activity Day
Fri 25/3  Good Friday
Wed 6/4  Terania District Softball trials at Blakebrook
Fri 8/4  Last day of Term 1

Awards

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

Assemblies now start at 9.15am on Friday mornings.

K – Isabel – for great work in the classroom
2 – Manoah – for quick recall of maths facts
3 – Rory – for great thinking skills
4 – B Zora – for beautiful writing
5 – Violet – for fantastic participation in Life Education
5 – Jackson – for a great effort in mathematics
6 – Dashi – for a great effort in mathematics
6 – Edie – for outstanding work in BTN (Behind the News)

Congratulations to all these students!

Good Deed Medals No medals last week

From the Principal - Excursion News

I have investigated including Canberra on a school excursion schedule at Coffee Camp Public School. Our aim is to have one major excursion for 5/6 students to Canberra and one major excursion for 3/4 students camping in one year and limit the expenses of excursions in the alternate year. For the Canberra excursion, the students would travel with other local schools in our Big Scrub Community of Schools to help with cost and numbers. This would also give children the opportunity to socialise with a wider range of students before attending High School.

This year (2016) would be a little different in the fact that the excursion which has already been organised only has room for our sixteen Year 6 students. I would travel to Canberra with these students. In 2017 we would take the 5/6 Class and then we would participate every second year taking the students in Years 5 and 6.

We will visit the Snowy Mountains, Parliament House and many venues in Canberra. The excursion has been booked for Week 10 Term 2. Leaving Sunday night 26th June 2016 and returning Saturday morning, 2nd July 2016.

Year 6 students have been given an Expression of Interest form which MUST be returned by this Friday 11th March.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or email me directly (jane.varcoe@det.nsw.edu.au) if you have any concerns.  Jane Varcoe

High School Enrolment - Year 7 2017 - Information Sessions

The Rivers Secondary College high school campuses are holding information nights where parents and students can find out more about the school. These information nights are:

- Lismore High - Tuesday 8th March - 5.30 - 7.30pm
- Kadina High - Wednesday 9th March - 5.30 - 7.30pm
- Richmond River High - Thursday 10th March 5.30pm BBQ followed by tours/meet the staff/curriculum information from 6-7.30pm
- Nimbin Central School is holding an Information Afternoon at 3.30pm on Tuesday 15th March.
**Tuckshop**
If you would like to be involved with cooking a lunch menu for tuckshop please contact Susie on 6689 9338. All food costs will be reimbursed.

**Paper Bag Orders for Lunch this Friday (11/3)**
Pasta and pesto - $3

**Money for tuckshop**
Please send your children with their money in a purse or wallet. Money can get lost if loose in pockets and school bags. Only put money for the lunch main menu item in the paper bag. One purpose of tuckshop is to give the children experience with spending money. They can do this when they buy items at recess and after their main meal at lunch time.

**Recess** - bring money in a purse for these items:
- Toast plain - 20c
- Cheese slices - 20c
- Toast raisin - 20c
- ½ cup milk - 20c
- Fruit smoothies - 50c
- Fruit salad - 50c
- Yoghurt (fruit or plain) in a mug - $1

**Lunch** - bring money in a purse for these items:
- Fruit juice in a cup – 50c
- Smooze ice block – 80c

**Helpers** – full day: Tara H, Andrew H,
**Helpers** – 9.30 – 11.30am: Danielle M

**Fruit**:
- Betty W, Kylie C, Danielle M

If you are unable to make your rostered day please try to arrange a swap or phone Linda on 0416 110 438 as soon as possible.

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**K/1/2/3 News**
**New letters for kinder students:** Each week the kinders will learn a new letter.

**This week it is the letter ‘c’ and next week it will be the letter ‘f’**.
You can help your children by writing the letter, practicing the sound it makes and talking about words which start with the letter.

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**Parent / Teacher Interviews**
We will be holding parent/teacher interviews during Week 10 and 11 of this term. More details and interview booking forms soon.

**K/1/2/3 Class**: Ms Banks will be holding interviews during her release time on Thursday mornings and after school on 31/3 and 7/4.

**3/4 Class**: Mr Crane will be holding interview during his release time on Thursday afternoons and after school on 31/3 and 7/4.

**5/6 Class**: Mrs Varcoe will be holding interviews at various times and will be sending home a booking sheet with times and dates.

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**Outgrown School Uniforms**
It’s great to see our students proudly dressed in their school uniforms.

When children outgrow their school uniforms you may like to donate them to the second hand clothing pool at school so that they can continue to be worn by Coffee Camp students.

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**Year 7 in 2017 - Expression of Interest Forms**
Our Year 6 students are happily settled in their leadership role here. However, the high schools are already planning for next year. It is time to think about Year 7 for 2017.

Your Year 6 student has been given an Expression of Interest for high school form.

All the local public high schools are holding information sessions this week and next week. Please see details on the front page of this bulletin.

Whatever your choice of high school all families must return this form. Depending on your choice of high school different sections will need to be completed.

Your designated local school is based on your home address and has been written in Section B.

**Section A:** All families need to complete section A.

**Section B:** Complete this section if you would like your child to attend their designated high school as shown in the box.

**Section C:** Complete this section if you would like your child to attend a public high school which is out of zone for your home address.

You need to nominate your preferred school and reasons for choosing it. You must sign section C and so will the our principal.

If you have questions about Section C please contact the school.

**Section D:** There are no selective high school in our region.

**Section E:** Complete this section if your child will not be attending a public high school.

If you have any questions please contact the office.

ALL forms MUST be returned by Friday 18th March.

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**The Brave Program**

**BRAVE Self-Help** is an online program for the prevention, early intervention, and treatment of youth anxiety. It was developed at The University of Queensland by experts in youth anxiety and has now been running for over 14 years throughout Australia. The program is fun, interactive, based on cognitive-behavioural principles and has been found to be effective in reducing anxiety in children and adolescents. It has helped hundreds of children experiencing social anxiety, shyness, separation anxiety, phobias and general worries. **BRAVE Self-Help is now available to use at home for free** due to the support of beyondblue. Any Australian young people who would like help with anxiety can access the self-help program via [https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/](https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/). The program can be accessed through any computer or tablet device, at any time and includes up to 10 sessions for youth. Parents can also take part in a separate parent program to learn ways of helping their child or teenagers manage anxiety. Teachers, young people and parents can also find out more about the program or take a trial or any of the programs through the BRAVE website.

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Have you visited our school website this year? You can read back issues of the Bulletin, print off permission notes and look at photos.