

FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2015

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## From the Principal

Well, it may be Autumn, but it's hard to believe. We are melting! It's hard to imagine that it won't be too long before we're lighting the fires and snuggling into our coats. I rather enjoy that...it takes some of the pain out of what to wear. Pull on the boots, wack on a coat and off you go!

I know the community is waiting to hear about who our new principal is. We do have a new principal who will be starting in Term 2. Many of you may have heard a lot more on the grapevine. I can't at this point say who the person is because there has to be an appeals period of ten days between the person being offered the job, and the announcement to the community. The appeals period is for any applicant who feels there might have been something in the whole 'applying/interview' process that may have been irregular and they can appeal against the decision. The new principal is sending me some information to be published in next week's newsletter, so watch this space!



Diana Cantrell  
Relieving Principal

### TERM 1 2015

#### Week 7

#### Wednesday 11th March

P&C Meeting AGM 3.30pm Coronation Park

#### Friday 13th March

Stage 3 Science Day Tuntab Creek School

#### Week 8

#### Wednesday 18th March

Lismore Recycling and Recovery Centre Day Years 4/5/6

#### Week 9

#### Saturday 28th March

P&C Cake Stall The Channon Hall

## STUDENT AWARDS

K/1

Hunter-

For working well in Reading Groups!

Jeremy-

For working well in Reading Groups!

2/3

Milly-

Amazing Authorship!

Robert-

Awesome Computer Mentoring!

Milaya-

Super Homework Slayer!

4/5/6

Talia-

Overall hard worker!

Raphael-

Consistent leadership qualities and effort in class!

Djuan-

For great attitude towards mathematics!

For representing the school at Zone for swimming.

Ayla-

For Zone swimming!

Zara--

For Zone swimming!

Izaiah-

For Zone swimming!

## Stage 3 Science Enrichment Day

Ayla-Mae, Rain and Tahlo have been selected to attend the Stage 3 Science Enrichment Day next Friday 13th March. This should be a wonderful day where they come together with their peers from our other small schools to participate in propagation of plants and learning the difference between frogs and cane toads. These activities will be conducted by staff from the Dorroughby Field Centre and the local Landcare Group.

Parents please note that you will need to transport your child to and from this event. Students need to be there by 9.30am and picked up at 2.30pm. Student's need to bring recess, lunch and a water bottle. They will need to be in full school uniform, wear covered footwear, (bring gum boots for walk to creek), and school hat.

# Happy Birthday!

## Lillyana Smith

### 7/3/15



## Leaders Report

This has been a great week! In the 4/5/6 class we have been painting silhouettes with Mrs Shipard and we did science with Ms Eleftheriou. We have also been preparing for our show case to teach the teachers at the Sustainability Forum.

On Tuesday we started making sundials with Mrs Lord. On Thursday the Year 6 students went to the Richmond River High School Open Night.

## **Talia & Mitchell**

### Posted from China

This picture was forwarded to us from China from our visiting students earlier this year. This was a wonderful day and we look forward to receiving photos to share with you in the coming weeks!



### From The P&C

Hello everyone. Please take a moment to put your name down on the accompanying cake stall roster and return it to school early next week. Shifts are only short, and guaranteed to be sweet! Thanks in advance for your time and energy.

### P&C AGM

Next Wednesday 11th March we will be holding our AGM for the P&C at Coronation Park at The Channon commencing at 3.30pm. We warmly welcome all of our families to attend. This will be more a relaxed environment where the children can play on the playground whilst we have our meeting.

### The Channon P&C Cake Stall

Last week rosters went home for the cake stall to be held at The Channon Hall on Saturday 28th March. We appreciate that everyone is busy but need everyone to help in some way whether baking goods or working on the roster. An updated list is attached to this newsletter. Thank you!







## A Note From Mrs Shipard:

On Wednesday, the Seniors came to my room for Art. We have been working on personalised silhouettes for several weeks, and had a conversation about people possibly needing to use their own time (before school, recess or lunch) to finish them off.

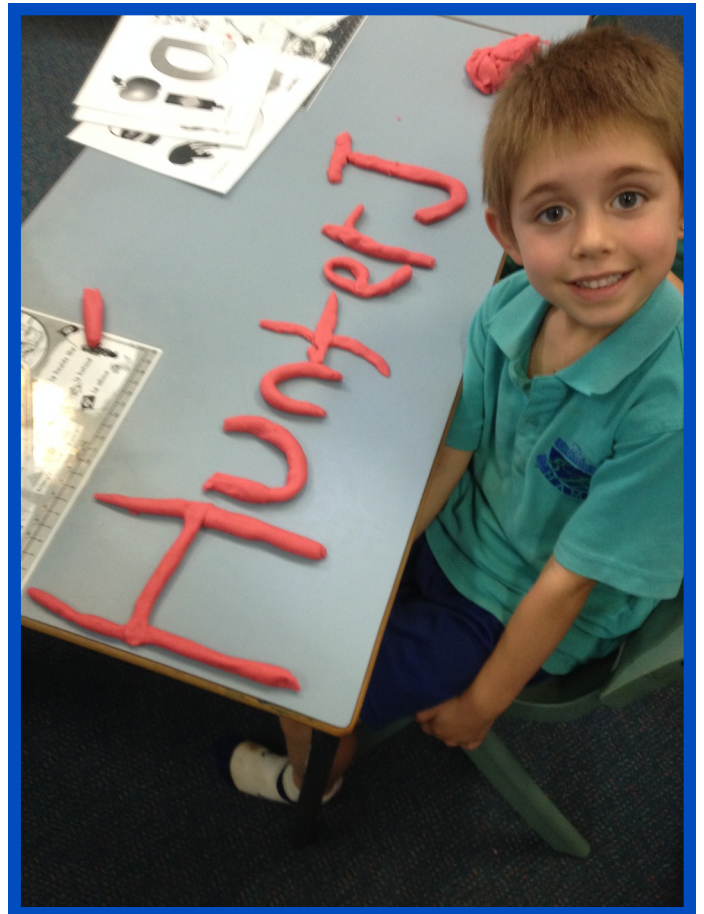
Imagine my surprise when I walked in during lunch play time, and spotted this!

There was almost every child from Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 painting away, talking quietly amongst themselves. Totally engaged, and creating amazingly detailed portraits with a difference, which will soon be displayed in our foyer. I was greatly impressed by their dedication, and am really enjoying having the opportunity to interact with children from across the school during art time.





Look Mum and Dad we are learning to write our names with playdough!





# Community Announcements

## MULTICULTURAL CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING THE HARMONY DAY THEME -  
EVERYONE BELONGS!!!

**WHERE: HERITAGE PARK**  
(Wet weather venue City Hall)  
**WHEN: MON 16 MARCH 2015, 11am-2pm**

FREE FAMILY EVENT  
MULTICULTURAL PERFORMANCES  
LIVE MUSIC and DANCING  
FREE TRAIN RIDES!!!  
FACE PAINTING and CLOWN  
CHILDREN'S CRAFT ACTIVITIES  
LUCKY DOOR PRIZES  
LUNCH PROVIDED!!!

For more information contact Zoe Dodd at  
YWCA NSW Goonellabah:  
6625 5809 or 0425 366 979

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supporting families to raise children

YWCA NSW  
supporting women and children

St Vincent de Paul Society  
and more

interrelate  
intercultural religious dialogue

ismore  
Inclusive Social Movement



## SURVIVING ADOLESCENCE TOGETHER

Are you a parent or carer of a teenager?  
Are you looking for some information or support in parenting your teenager?  
Are you concerned about how your relationship with your teenager is changing?

### WHAT'S THIS COURSE ABOUT?

Surviving Adolescence Together is a parenting course that aims to support parents/ carers through one of the greatest transitions a family must face. This course is designed to help you understand and respond proactively to the challenges of adolescence, and to help strengthen your relationship with your teenager.

We all want teenagers to make it through adolescence safely and to develop into great adults. Yet, there are many factors that influence our teens for good and bad. Extensive research has shown that the most protective factor in helping teens develop into resilient adults is a close, supportive relationship with a parent or carer.

Even though you may not feel it now, we believe the parent - teen relationship is key in helping families survive adolescence together.

### TOPICS COVERED

Through information sharing, exercises and group discussions we will explore:

- Adolescent development and changes in the brain
- How are relationships protective?
- The risks teens face and how it can all go wrong
- The struggles parents face in coping with all this
- Reflecting on parenting styles
- How parents and teens push each others buttons
- How to positively influence your teen and the roadblocks to this
- Practical strategies to reduce conflict, increase relationship connection and build your 'relationship bank account' to influence your teen and help them make wise choices.



### COURSE INFORMATION

COST: Free  
DATES: Monday 30th March, Tuesday 7th April and Monday 13th April  
TIME: 10.30am to 1pm  
ADDRESS: Kentwell Community Center, 20 Bangalow Road, Ballina NSW 2478

### CONTACT

Please call or email Steve or Monica, 9am-5pm Monday to Fridays.  
Bookings are essential

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### ABOUT US

Steve and Monica work with youth and families through the 'Reconnect' and 'Getting it Together' programs of the Northern Rivers Social Development Council.



## 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight  
16 June 2015



**\$150\***  
TOWARDS  
ENERGY  
BILLS

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM  
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>  
\* eligibility criteria apply

**APPLY  
ONLINE  
NOW!**

### WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

### AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

### HOW TO APPLY

- **ONLINE** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL [fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au)

WEB [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate)

Trinity Aquatic Centre would like to invite you to their Go Swim Afternoon to celebrate everything great about swimming. This will be an opportunity to have some fun racing against your friends and the clock. Get involved in Australia's most popular Olympic and Paralympic sport!

Date: Friday 13th March, 2015

Time: 5.00 pm

Location: Trinity Aquatic Centre 1 Dawson Street Lismore.

What to bring: Swimmers and a towel