Dates to Remember:

Week 6
Tuesday 3rd March  P&C Meeting
Wednesday 4th March  North Coast Swimming Carnival, Lismore

Week 7
Friday 13th March  Lamington Orders Due to School

Week 8
Monday 16th March  School Photos
Friday 20th March  Lamington Orders Picked Up

Week 9
Tuesday 24th March  Water Watch

Week 10
Thursday 2nd April  Last day of the Term.

Week of Interruptions
Last week presented a variety of interruptions to our normal school routine. Painting began on our toilet walls, we had a few brown snake sightings, we lost our phone service from Tuesday to Friday, and there was a proposed water stoppage on Thursday. I would like to thank all of the staff, students and parents for their support and understanding through these times and look forward to a much quieter week.

Just a reminder, if you do need to contact the school for any reason phone contact is the preferred method. If you are not able to contact the school via phone you can leave us a message at the email address at the bottom of this newsletter, but please be aware that the school email account is only checked twice a day.

Northern Rivers Swimming Carnival
Congratulations Andrew, Rohan, Tobias and Will on competing at the Northern Rivers Zone Swimming Carnival in Lismore last Thursday. The boys swam well and returned with a 4th Place in the PP6 Relay.
Private Transport
Private transport is essential in our small school to keep travel and excursion costs at a minimum. Next time you pop into school please present your drivers licence, car registration and mandatory Working With Children Clerance papers for us to sight so we can confirm these in our records.

P&C Meeting
Tomorrow we will be having a Meet and Greet Sausage Sizzle afternoon to coincide with our P&C AGM. We will be discussing After School Care, Fundraising and Extra School Programs, as well as a host of other important school issues. All are welcome. We will start the afternoon with a BBQ at about 4pm, with the meeting to follow.

School Photos  Monday 16th March
School photo envelopes will be sent home this week. If you would like to order photos please place all details and payment on the envelope and return to the school on the day of the photos. Please note if you do not wish to purchase photos please place this on the envelope and return to school. Family photo envelopes are available at the office to collect if you would like family photos.

SRC Lamington Drive
Please send in any completed Lamington orders to the school. The Year 5/6 SRC students appreciate your support.

Canteen
Please contact the school if you are able to help with Canteen. The children are charged $4 for their food and a drink. Money raised from the canteen goes towards subsidising the end of year excursions. Thankyou for your support.

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Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that this term our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Paediatricians recommend children and adolescents’ limit screen based media use (SBMU) to less than two hours per day for their health. A recent study (January, 2015) of 2,620 8 to 16 year olds from 25 Australian government and non-government primary and secondary schools found that 45% of 8 year olds to 80% of 16 year olds exceeded the recommended < 2 hours per day for SBMU (TV viewing, Gaming, Social Networking, and Web Use)

Suggestions to help children limit their screen time include:

- No screens before school
- No screens in the bedroom
- Negotiate their use with your child
- Ask if all help around the house and homework is done first
- Use the great outdoors and the local library.