As learners we will: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

From the Principal
Swimming and water safety lessons have started for our school. Yesterday our K, Year 1 and Year 2 went down to the pool. This Friday our Seniors are off to the pool. This group is only made up of those needing some extra opportunity for swimming lessons/stroke correction. The rest of the group will remain at school for normal Sports time.

Positive Behaviour Afternoon
Tomorrow afternoon we are giving time to recognise those children who always manage their behaviour in a positive way. As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning [PBL] across the school we feel that we don’t give enough time to recognize these children. Gubis and award levels happen for everyone of course. Yet there are groups of children who never need to be spoken to for their wrong choices of behaviour. Tomorrow these children are being invited to have a movie and popcorn afternoon. At the end of this term we will hold another afternoon to recognise great behaviour, hopefully there will be more children to add to the group by then!

Year 7 2015 – Evans River
This Friday our year 6 are going to ERCS for their first Orientation Day. Notes went home yesterday with details. They group is able to catch the morning bus to ERCS then return by bus also. They will be met by Graham Khan at the school. Uniform, closed shoes [for the TAS rooms] lunch, drink, hat and $2 must be taken. This is the first of 2 Orientation Days.

Year 7 2015 – Lismore High
Lismore HS is holding 2 orientation days also on the 26th November and 3rd December.

Speaking of Year 6, invitations have also gone home with details of the Year 6 Farewell which will be held this year at the Bowling Club. It is essential to have numbers and payments by November 29th. The year is certainly going to come to a quick finish.

2015 planning
As I have flagged already, 2015 will have a strong focus on Numeracy. This will be about getting the basic skills right and understanding the important early ideas of number addition, subtraction, number patterns and workings. There are lots of activities that parents can support also at home with these. Once Numeracy lessons and new classes for the year have been established we will run a workshop opportunity for parents and to explain what the new Numeracy Syllabus and Continuum is about. Maths is one of those subjects that many people have a “fear” of. We don’t want this in our kids and with a push for real solid understanding and going to the basics, we want everyone to see what Maths work is all about.
Community of Schools Meeting
This Term we are hosts to the meeting that happens between Broadwater, Woodburn, Evans River and us. With a lot more flexibility in how we can share and use resources and finances it is important to share and plan for best uses.
We are at the point of looking into 2015 and over the next few weeks I shall give an indication of class structures and some weekly plans through the school.
With no fully functioning P & C at the moment it is important to get messages and feedback into our community. Please keep feeling free to call up and have your ideas said, have a chat to teachers and be part of our learning community…..

On the meantime, enjoy the week ahead ..

Office News
Its that time of the year again when we have a lot of events happen at school.
For your convenience you can pay off any activity's we have going.
Still for sale in the front office are Bandanna’s $4.00 , Pens $3.00

Events:
K-2 Swimming 3 days per week $2.30 per day
K-2 Christmas Party $6.00 per child
3-6 Christmas Party $18.50 per child
Year 6 Farewell $20.00 per adult $15.00 per child

Chat time……
Please feel free to contact the office to arrange a suitable time to chat about any concerns or questions you may have, or if more convenient please email me at: jane.cottee@det.nsw.edu.au