From the Principal
Welcome midway to our week at school…. Yesterday evening staff stayed back at school in an extended Staff Meeting. We explored the new Science and Technology Syllabus which starts implementation in 2015. We designed a scope and sequence of topics to cover from Kindergarten to Year 6. We are approaching this on a whole school level.

But among this discussion we also confirmed direction for the end of year arrangements. Part of this talk also was around our Behaviour Management strategies and ways to support all our students. Getting community and family involvement was also seen as a priority. On this point it would be great to have another P & C meeting before the end of year. In the meantime, if there is anyone who would like to be on a steering or planning group please give us a call or come and see us. We need parent input. I will throw out a more formal invitation next week for a Reference Group.

The Rivers K-12 College
This Friday I am at a meeting to further set in progress The Rivers K-12 College. This is a college idea that started over 2 years ago and includes 3 Secondary schools, 1 Central school, 1 School for specific purposes (SSP) and 27 K-6 (includes 1 P-6). Because we are a feeder school into Lismore High we are included as one of those 27 K-6 schools. This in effect gives access for our children to the combined strengths of all of these schools—both through resources, professional strengths and subject /faculty options in High School. This is particularly so for later subject options for our kids in the senior High School level. There is not of course a physical building that is the “college” but an understanding and agreement on paper as to management. Individual Principals are still holding Principalship over their local patch of turf.

Already the Rivers College is setting some standard learning expectations. For example, last Friday Maree Denning [our Library teacher on Fridays] was at a meeting with these schools to set scope and sequence for Technology expectations across all schools. The idea of a [combined schools] college will have many benefits over the years ahead as the Department of Education releases many of the controls and ties with school budgets. Schools are able to channel funds to real and local needs rather than State driven programmes.

I like the name given to the College also as it is the mighty river that combines all of these schools feeding into Lismore. The river has an historical connection and gives an image of flow, connection and life to these schools.

“Get Hooked” Fishing
We have had very few returns for the fishing programme to be held in Ballina next week. We need to make the numbers for this activity so year 4 children have been invited along for this year. Mrs Maleckar has spoken to the children in Year 4 and has given out information. With 9 places left it will be the first 9 that are returned that will come along. Parent transport is still needed please.
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

Year 5 Advantage Day
On Thursday of next week all our Year 5 children will be going to a day at Lismore High School – the Year 5 Advantage Day. Notes went home yesterday. This day is run every year to give Year 5’s an insight into High School. Many High Schools do this type of programme as certainly, by this time of year, High School is on the minds of our Year 5 families. 
...so indeed there is lots happening.

School Attendance
Today our Home School Liaison Officer [HSLO]came to do a legal check on school attendance rolls. We realise that there are days that children need to be away from school for real reasons. It is important to let the school know these reasons why your child is away each time. Our HSLO has found some families that have come under the department’s watch. Please understand the importance of sending your child to school regularly. It not only helps their learning but also makes them feel like they belong and feel part of what is going on at school, which helps their learning. It makes sense really.

A reminder about the Chicken Little Auction = words from the Year 5/6 business group
Chicken Little Products
Are you aware of all the old toys, books and other things in your household that don’t interest you or you don’t want?
Well now is the time when you can get rid all those unused items! We are holding an Auction at Coraki Public School on the 28th of November 2014.
After the Auction there will be a cake and lemonade stall. We are running this project in order to learn about how to run a successful business which we hope will succeed.
To succeed we will need all the help we can get, so please help support us, by bringing in all your unwanted or unused stuff. Please bring them in before the 28th of November.
THANKYOU!!

Office News
It’s that time of the year again when we have a lot of events happen at school. For your convenience you may pay off any activities we have going.

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
School Swimming Carnival $7.50 per student attending

Gubi Awards

| Jackson Clark | 50 |
| Gillian Stewart | 40 |
| Solomon Kapeen | 40 |
| Ruth Lewer | 230 |
| Tahlia Lindsay | 340 |
| Tigerlily Corkill | 220 |
| Gaige Little-Federici | 260 |

Weekly Awards

KCT
Raymond Anderson—Coming to school more often
Jalarna Buchan—an Great effort in painting

3-4MM
Ruth Lewer—a cooperative student
Brydie Eller—Working well in class

5-6 JC
Myah Campton—Working consistently all week
Sam Wilson—Helping others and getting along

Mrs Hayes Group
Adrian Spek—a keen and enthusiastic student
Ashley Collins—Making really good decisions