From the Principal

What a week the weather has treated us to! I hope everyone has managed to keep dry feet. I would like to clear up the events of last Friday. There was a lot of confusion about schools being open with lots of mixed messages around. As of Thursday afternoon when we let our children get on buses we did not have any message about any buses not operating for Friday. We only found this out from a parent and when I rang the bus company at 3:55. It was a shame Healthy Harold had to be cancelled because of his truck. We have rescheduled him for November. Any money and notes will be saved until then. Apologies for the mix ups. I hope everyone got their SMS late Sunday afternoon just to clear up whether or not we would be open or surrounded by water.

SMS messages
We are finding this method of getting messages around to be the most reliable. Some families have not given us mobile number updates. We do need these for emergencies please. If you would prefer not to have these used as a way of communicating, please let us know.

We are also starting to send some “good news” messages as well. These will be random short messages about a small but great thing that your child has done through the day. As I said, they will be random. It does not mean this is the only good work your child is doing at school. Children like to know their parents know what is going on at school. This is just a short, easy, quick way we can get good positive news home. We understand pieces of paper and letters get lost so we want to try spreading the positive news of what your amazing children are doing. These messages do not need to be text replied to.

A message from Rivers College Lismore [combined Richmond River, Kadina & Lismore High Schools]
There was to have been an information evening tonight in Lismore about year 7 2016. A note went out in our Newsletter last week. This has been postponed to a date to be set.

School Captains Assembly
Our School and House Captains Assembly is now on THIS MONDAY [March 2] starting at 2pm sharp. This is also the turn for Kinder/Yr 1 to be hosts to their parents. I believe they are sending an invitation out about this. We look forward to seeing you there.

Focus Value For the Week
Revisiting UNITY—team work and cooperation
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

Getting to school on time
It is really important to have children arrive to school on time and ready for school. The morning times are the times children get settled, see the plan for their day and start feeling part of the school group again. When children come in late to their group it is hard to get started on work knowing what is happening and having, in many rooms, explanations given. As working parents at some point in our lives our staff does understand how hectic mornings can be, but we can’t stress enough how important it is to have your child here in time. Then they don’t come in stressed out and feeling as if they are a step behind everyone else for the start of the day.
…and please, remember our staff here at school can be a great ear also for parents on those mornings that just don’t start right. We are good listeners!! We are part of your child’s network of people and we work with our families, not in a huge impersonal system.

Minding Me
Year 5 and 6 have their sessions tomorrow around Personal Development, changing friendship relationships and body changes ahead. Interrelate is running this Programme, which is run here every 2 years for our Stage 3 children. Thanks to those parents who have given permission and paid for this, I am sure your child/ren will get a lot from the day. Please bring notes and money TOMORROW otherwise -it would be a pity for some to miss out. The school has subsidized the price quite heavily so it can be as easy as it can be for families.

Rewards Afternoon
The first of these afternoons for the year is running this Friday. There will be water play involved [here at school not the pool] so if you know your child is part of the rewards group this time, they need clothes they can change into and a towel. Let’s hope the rain isn’t the source of the water!

General News

Clean Up Australia Day
We will be participating the Friday in Clean Up Australia (The official day is this Sunday, 1st Match). The school will concentrate on the school grounds and immediate area.

General Permission and Updated Medical forms.
There are still some outstanding notes - please return these A.S.A.P. as your child may miss some activities.

We have EFTPOS available to make your life easier.
Vegie Prices dropped 10% since last year, according to the CPI.
- There’s never been a better time to increase your family’s vegetable consumption.
- Send carrot sticks, cauliflower or sugar snaps for Crunch & Sip
- Add grated carrot and mixed lettuce to lunch sandwiches or wraps
- Aim for at least one yellow AND a green vegetable on your dinner plate
- Half the plate should be yellow and green vegetables, a quarter meat/ fish/ chicken/ lentils/ beans and a quarter starchy potato/ rice/ pasta.
- Add grated or chopped vegetables to pasta sauces, stews and casseroles

First Aid Training
North Coast NSW Medicare Local

Free First Aid Training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and caregivers over the age of 16 years old

Learn life saving skills to help your community
Training is delivered by qualified instructor
Certificates are available at a later date to those people who complete tasks

Event Details
Venue: YWCA
101A Rous Road
Goonellabah
Date: Tuesday 17th March 2015
Time: 8.30 am Registration
9.00 am – 4.00 pm
(must attend whole day)
RSVP: 10th March 2015
Fax: (02) 6622 3185
Email: nr@ncml.org.au
Contact: Ros 0418 279 862
Kim (02) 6622 4453

Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea will be provided

RSVP DETAILS
Name: 
Address: 
Phone: 
Dietary requirements:
Snapshots of some of our hard working students and staff at Coraki Public School.