**Principal’s Report**

**Our TOM Team are Regional Champions**

Well done to our Tournament of Minds team who are off to Sydney as the North Coast Champions in the Applied Technology section. Our team had been training hard developing their critical thinking, problem solving and team working skills. Congratulations also to Mrs Kate Battiston who trained the team for this competition.

**Fun Week of Learning**

This week is Literacy and Numeracy Week so we are celebrating and sharing our learning in this area in a number of ways. Most staff and students got all dressed up and out of uniform for our Book Character Parade yesterday. While there are lots of opportunities to read from on-line sources it’s still great to share a book with friends and family. Mrs Makinson has shared a few more tips later in the newsletter. The parade was certainly a fun time at school.

**Will You Have Crazy Hair Tomorrow?**

Our SRC have also organised Crazy Hair Day for tomorrow. A Gold Coin Donation to our SRC for crazy hair will be appreciated.

**Only 10 Sleeps Till Wwe Go**

Final arrangements are now in place for our Stage 3 Canberra excursion and our Stage 2 excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp both in Week 9 of this term. If you are still finalising payment for these excursions please call in to the office, pay on line or send payment with your child in a clearly marked envelope.

**Calendar of Events**

**AUGUST**
- 28 Crazy Hair Day
- 29 NC Athletics (Postponed)

**SEPTEMBER**
- 2 Performance “Ghana Beat My Drum”
- 7-12 Canberra Excursion
- 8-10 GABC Excursion

**Next Tuesday**
2nd September
$4
Payment due Friday
More tips for reading success

In keeping with Book Week here are a few tips for reading success.

Until your child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words that is too hard serves no purpose. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can easily become reluctant readers. Keep it easy and enjoy the success!

Visit the Library
Encourage your child to use the school and public libraries regularly.

Variety is important
Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials e.g. picture books, hardbacks, comics, magazines, poems and information books.

Regular practice
Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best.

Communicate
On the Home Reading diary we appreciate parents communicating regularly with positive comments and any concerns. Your child will then know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading.

Talk about the books
There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Just as important is being able to understand what has been read. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.

Mrs Makinson
Writing tips for success – make writing fun

- Create fun stories about the alphabet. Give a letter of the alphabet a personality and take it on an adventure. Maybe the whole alphabet can work on a problem together. Which do you think is the smartest letter? Which one do you think could get themselves into a pickle?
- Create a silly prehistoric story. Invent a name for your prehistoric animal and tell what they eat, where they live, how they move, what problems they encounter and how they are going to overcome them.
- Once Upon A Time stories are always fun stories to write and read. Let your imagination go wild and have some fun writing a story. Create some characters, think of a complication for your characters and work out a clever way they are going to solve it.
- What about making your own fun list of school rules. Maybe they could be rules for characters in your favourite book. What about some fun rules for Mum and Dad to follow?
- And when you have written your story share it with someone, from your family, a friend or your teacher.
- I’d love to see your stories. Happy writing!

Mrs Makinson

URGENTLY WANTED

Second hand uniforms to fit Stage 1 students.

We are in urgent need of uniforms for those unexpected little accidents.

Also if your child has borrowed some of our spare clothing we would appreciate it washed and returned ASAP.

Thanking You

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Wesley Chapman
Students of the Week Friday 22nd August 2014


Students of the Week

School Award
Ben Battiston, Heidi Edwards, Charlotte Battiston, Jaxx Eadie, Amy Gooch, Marli Bateman

Assistant Principal’s Award
Charlotte Battiston, Amy Gooch, Aaliyah Hodnett-Daly, Heidi Edwards, Azzie Snowden, Erin Eadie, Mia Morrison, Taj Bateman, Hannah Donnelly, Domynique Byrt, Lachlan Hoffman

Principal’s Award
Kyron Auld

Where’s Seemore Competition
Answer: 14
…..and the Winners are:
Yrs K-2
Connor Green
Yrs 3-6
Jaxx Eadie

Competition will run each week so get your entry in!

$2 Canteen Voucher will be given out at Friday’s Assembly following result in Newsletter.

Have you got your School Hat?
$10

Canteen Roster
Thursday 28th
Mel Jarrett
Friday 29th
Katherine Noonan
Wednesday 3rd
Helen
Thursday 4th
Vicky Marriott
Friday 5th
Lydia Monaghan

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North Coast Athletics Carnival

STOP PRESS!

Due to the current weather conditions and the council closure of Riverview Park, Lismore, the North Coast PSSA Athletics Championships calendared for Friday 29 August 2014 has been POSTPONED.
These Championships will now be held on TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2014 at Riverview Park, Lismore. The program of events remains the same as per Friday 29 August 2014

The following children have qualified for this carnival. Good luck everyone!
Cheyenne Baker - 9yrs 100m
Indy Naylor - 12yrs Long Jump
Bella Ronan - 11yrs 800m
Liam Jones - Junior Shot
Marli Bateman - Junior 800m