“We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Custodians and First Peoples of the Land on which our school stands.”

**Week 8 Term 1 Awards**

Malekin
Riley
Amity
Jerahkye
Lachlan
Kirra
Dion
Roxanne
Sai
Tom
Louis
Stella
Leanna
Amber

**Principal’s Report**

A big thankyou to all those wonderful parents giving up their time on a Friday to run our school canteen.

**Travel To and From School**

Bikes - We are starting to have a few more children riding bikes to school. This is great and fits beautifully with our Live Life Well program. Could you please ensure if your child is riding to school that he/she is wearing a helmet. This is a legal requirement and children will be asked not to ride again if they do not have a helmet. Children on bikes are required to walk their bikes through the school playground and to wait until the first bus has completely departed before leaving the grounds. Please reinforce this rule with your children as it helps ensure their safety.

Cars - As our numbers have increased, it is much busier down at the bus zone. If you are picking up children, please park your car and walk up to the basement area to collect your child/children. Children will not be allowed to walk down to the parked cars unaccompanied. Also PLEASE ensure when you are driving away or dropping children off, you do it carefully and slowly, aware of the children at all times. When dropping children off please ensure you let them out on the school side of the road.

**Whole School Swimming**

**School Jumpers**

Last week at the P&C we discussed introducing a new school jumper. The school jumper will be a bomber jacket style with our school crest on the left hand side. They will be available from the school to purchase and depending on the cost may even be subsidised by the school. The normal royal blue or navy jumpers will still be acceptable and can be purchased from the department stores.
Individual Learning Plan Meetings

This Thursday we will be holding our Individual Learning Plan Meetings. Class teachers will be contacting you to organise a suitable time to meet. The plans are for our students who receive funding as well as identified students needing support. If your child’s result fell in the bottom bands of the NAPLAN assessment, teachers would like to develop an individual plan for them to help identify and develop areas of need. Please take the time to talk to them, for your child’s benefit.

Basketball

We wish Rosey all the best at the North Coast Basketball trials tomorrow.

Swimming

Swimming is continuing this Friday. If you have not returned your note, it is not too late. All money must be paid by Friday.

4-6 Green Classroom

We would like to welcome Amber to our class.

Library

Year 4-6 have their library lesson on Wednesday each week. Several students have been borrowing on a regular basis. All independent readers should be borrowing a fiction book each week to read as part of the home reading program. If your child has any overdue books please help them find and return them as soon as possible.

Home Class

Students have begun creating a mixed media collage for visual arts. The theme relates to HSIE and involves social, global and environmental issues.

Junbung Numeracy & Literacy

We are beginning to plan and compose expositions this week. Students have looked at the purpose of expositions, different types and the structure.

Most students are showing steady progress with their reading. The reading program includes modelled and guided reading, comprehension activities, games and online texts.

Regards, Mrs Mack.

2/3 Blue Classroom

We would like to welcome Lachlan to our class, we are so happy to make new friends and hope you enjoy your time at AAPS.

Home Class

Throughout Term 1 we have been working on a unit about “Getting Along”. This has involved talking about our families and groups in the community that we belong to. As part of the art for this unit we are drawing family portraits. Children have been asked to bring in a photo of their family; this does not have to be a whole family photo but a photo of them with at least one other person would be great. We will be starting our drawings next week.

Buribi Literacy & Numeracy

Our literacy group has been working really hard on our reading with lots of students making great progress in their own reading. A fantastic effort from those students who are regularly doing home reading. It would be great if you could encourage your child to participate by reading with them at home.

In numeracy this week we are looking at addition. We have also been doing lots of skip counting and revising the friends of 10.

Regards, Ms Lane.

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Friday’s workshop run by Rous Water, ENVITE and Lismore City Council was a fun day with students contributing to the tree planting down on the riverbank. It was a great to see all of the students from APPS taking part in the different activities and developing their awareness of the importance of a healthy environment and how they can all make a difference.

I was pleasantly surprised to see that our beans had finally grown! Students were able to take them home (Monday) and plant them into the ground and grow some beans. We are also currently making a beanstalk to display outside our class.

This week students are looking at the benefits of exercise and how it makes us feel. We are also measuring our pulse rate before and after exercise and comparing the difference.

We will be discussing a Dreamtime story called ‘How The Birds Got Their Colours’ and the importance of storytelling in different cultures. For Science (this Wednesday) we are looking at how different toys move and all students are asked to bring in a toy that has moving parts (no guns or toy weapons please).

Library day is on Friday. Home readers can be exchanged every day. Please give your child a piece of fruit or a vegetable to crunch on each day. Friday is canteen day and some students have been disappointed when they haven’t brought fruit for crunch and sip.

Regards, Mr Mack.
CANTEEN ROSTER

March 21st - Donna, Kyreina, Jasmine & Robyn P

Please arrive by 10am. Canteen ends at 2pm.
Call Donna on 0449 105646 if unavailable.

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Community Notice Board

Remember to check out our notice board near the Canteen.

There is a new notice from Marist Brothers Junior Rugby League Club about a “Come and Try” day on Thursday 20th March at 4pm on St Mary’s Oval, Lismore with a free sausage sizzle.

There are still notices about Goonellabah FC sign on dates for soccer and a Sensory Movie Day on March 16th created for families with special needs.

And a reminder that the photograph of our Kindergarten class will appear in The Northern Star on Wednesday March 26th.