A big WELCOME to all the new kindergarten students! I would like to thank all parents for your support with kindergarten orientation last year as it made the start to the year relatively easy for us all. I really enjoy seeing them in their school uniforms ready and eager to learn. Over the next few weeks I will be assessing students and starting the Home Reading Program. I will send home important information so you will be able to support you child to make sure they have the best possible start to their formal education. Please feel free to meet with me at your convenience if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards, Mr Mack
Principal’s Address
Welcome to all our new starters. As your children have probably already told you we now have three classes: K-1 Yellow taught by Mr Mack, 2-3-4 Blue taught by Miss Tardrew and 4-5-6 Green taught by Mrs Mack. Our literacy and numeracy groups started this week. The children have been placed into ability groupings for literacy and into stage groupings for maths. We have used our funding to employ both an additional teacher and SLSOs to ensure our students individual needs are catered for, allowing us to extend our gifted students and give extra support when and where needed.

We are looking forward to a very busy and productive year yet again. We have a big job in front of us to improve upon the progress made by so many of the children last year. We saw a significant rise in reading levels, comprehension and writing right across the school and this year we are aiming to continue this improvement as well as focus on numeracy. Miss Coyle continues as our Instructional Leader and Mrs Davies will continue with Gurraman literacy group.

Our newsletter will now go home every Wednesday instead of Tuesday. Our newsletter has all our up and coming events as well as extracts of the exceptional work our students are doing. Be sure to ask your child for your newsletter every Wednesday, or check your emails for a link to it.

Welcome Kinder!
Our Kindergarten students have made a very successful start to the year. They attended their first assembly yesterday and received a “Welcome to our School Award.”

Long Term Permission Note
Each year we ask parents/carers to sign a long term permission note. This note is attached. It gives permission for use of sun screen, child protection, walking excursions out of school, scripture, internet and publishing. Please complete this form and return to the office ASAP.

Meet the Teacher
Our “Meet the Teacher” night will be held next Tuesday 9th February. This is a time to chat informally with your child’s teacher and have a look at the areas they will be covering in school this year. It will begin in classrooms at 5.00 and at 5.30 there will be a sausage sizzle and mingle until 6pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Canteen
Our canteen is available again this year every Friday (thank you to our canteen manager Tamara and parent helpers for volunteering their time and efforts). We are always looking for more people to assist in the canteen on Fridays. If you have a little time to spare on a Friday, your help would be greatly appreciated. Just a reminder, our canteen does not do a booking system or give credit. All money is banked immediately after canteen finishes. Please ensure you have money at the time of ordering and correct money is always helpful.

Jenni Smedley, Principal
Hello everyone and welcome back! This year I’ll be teaching Buribi Literacy & Numeracy and 2/3/4 Blue

Buribi literacy is off to a roaring start with all students beginning the year by getting straight back into their reading groups and learning how to create mind maps to assist them in their story writing. They have begun the year with dedication and enthusiasm.

Buribi Numeracy has begun the year by learning about place value as well as the 12 months and 4 seasons. We have also been researching calendars and how they assist us in everyday life. They are working beautifully as a group and are all very eager to learn new concepts.

2/3/4 Blue are a wonderful group of children who have begun the year getting to know each other by brainstorming and writing our class rules for us all to follow. We have begun creating our first art work which is called 'Scream and Blow'. All of the students have been engrossed in creating a wonderful piece of art and we all can't wait to see the end result!

I am looking forward to teaching all of your children and excited to see what they produce over the year!

Tasha Tardrew

Albert Park Playgroup Information Sheet

Albert Park Primary School would like to invite you and your child to come along to the school’s playgroup. It caters for children between 1 and 4yrs of age.

The children will have an opportunity to experience activities that may be new and exciting to them. There will be storytelling, toys, puzzles, painting, pasting, sand play, climbing and challenging themselves on the obstacle course – etc.

You and your child may also like to come a little earlier, to mix freely with the other children of the school in the morning play session or you can end your visit by playing and eating at recess with your family or friends.

Come along and experience **fun and games** for yourself and your child every **Friday morning between 9.30am and 11.15am**.

Thankyou – Aunty Arlene and Mrs P
**Gurraman News**

Hi and welcome to a new year at school. We have now settled back into school life and are establishing our classroom routines. Gurraman have already shown that they are a wonderful class and are keen to kick start Term 1.

**Library**

Most students should already have an Albert Park library bag. If your bag has been lost, you may use a plastic bag to borrow a book from our library. You need to remember to bring this bag each week on your library borrowing day, as students will not be allowed to borrow without a Library bag. Borrowing Days are as follows:

K-1 – Wednesday 2-3-4 – Thursday 4-5-6 - Friday

**Gurraman Writing**

This term our class will be focusing on extending our writing skills. Already this week students have looked at why authors write and how they start the writing process. So far we have found that good writers begin their writing in interesting ways to draw their audience in. We are practising new and fun ways to begin our writing, moving away from “sleepy starts” such as “On the weekend, Once upon a time and last week.” Gurraman are very excited to share a few of their “sizzling starts” with the you and we are hanging on the edge of our seats to hear the rest of the story.

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**Water, sky, water, sky.**
That was all I could see as I flipped through the air.

**Harmarli**

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**L2 – Block, L1 – force push, Triangle spin rip around and attack.**

**Louis**

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**Growwwwwwlllll!**
The beast is so close I can hear it breathe.

**Bruce**

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**The silky slithering eel slid under our canoe,**
I screamed so loud that it felt like my head might pop off.

**Elsa**

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**Info Night**

I am looking forward to meeting parents at our upcoming information night. If you are unable to attend and you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me, I look forward to sharing more of your child’s progress throughout the term.

**Thank you,**

**Mrs Davies**
Live Life Well - Vege Garden

The garden survived the heat of the holidays and we have just tidied it up for future planting. Each class will be responsible for a garden bed each and when they decide the type of plants they will plant I will let you know.

Teeth

The Northern NSW Local health district would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers FREE dental care to ALL children under 18. Call – 1300 651624.

Cyberbullying

STICKS AND STONES MAY BREAK MY BONES BUT WORDS CAN HURT ME TO.

How to report cyberbullying –
1 – Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service.
2 – Try to collect evidence
4 – Block the person and talk to someone you trust.

Thankyou, Mrs P

Welcome to our new students in 4-5-6 Green. We spent the first week getting to know each other, establishing class rules and revising the school rules. Over the next few weeks we will be developing class routines and independent learning behaviours. Senior students are expected to take on a range of roles and responsibilities within the classroom and school.

Homework will be given out weekly on Fridays and due the following Friday. Students reading below level 30 will also be given home readers and need to read for around 15 minutes each night. Independent readers are encouraged to borrow from the library.

I am looking forward to meeting with parents at our information night next week. If you have any issues or concerns please come and see me before or after school. Thank you for supporting your child and their learning.

Regards,
Laura McLauchlan (Mrs Mack)
LISMORE THISTLES SOCCER CLUB 2016 JUNIOR SIGN ON

Lismore Thistles Soccer Club’s Junior Sign-on and Information Days will be held at Thistles Park, Military Road, East Lismore, from 9.30am to 1.00pm on each Saturday February 2016.

All current and new players are welcome and we have junior teams from Grade 6 to Grade 16 (5 to 16 years).

- Non-competitive teams (small sided games) from Grade 6 to Grade 11.

Competitive team competition from Grade 12 through to Grade 16 (boys and girls).

Full fees are required to be paid at Sign On or by agreement on the day – however a minimum of 50% of the fees are to be paid at Sign On and the remainder no later than Thursday 29th April 2016.

For further information, contact Wayne on 0401 069242.

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Summerlanders Netball Club Incorporated will be holding their annual Sign-on day on Saturday (13th February) at the Marie Mackney Netball Courts - Upstairs Clubhouse, Ballina Street Lismore from 9am -12noon. Come down and sign on to be a part of Summerlanders 41st year as a club in the Lismore District! If you have any questions, please email:

summerlandersnetball@gmail.com

MARIST BROTHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Come and join our wonderful Rugby League community, make some lifelong friendships and best of all Play Rugby League!

We welcome new and existing players to our registration days. New players, please bring along an original birth certificate and provide an email address. Existing players can re-register online.

PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE

Fee $115 includes shorts, socks and a polo shirt

SIGN ON:  At Crozier Oval Lismore (next to Oakes Oval)
Saturday 6 Feb  10.00am – 1.00pm
Saturday 13 Feb  10.00am – 1.00pm
Thursday 18 Feb  4.00pm – 6.00pm

Contact Jason Drew 0401 321 289