**Principal’s Address**

Thank you to all our parents who attended the Parent Information Evening last night. It was wonderful for our teachers to be able to touch base informally with you, discuss the upcoming year and meet many of our new parents.

**Home Reading**

Home reading began in all classes this week. Reading is the single most powerful way you can help your child. Please take a couple of minutes each night to listen to your child read and sign their home reading card. Reading develops your child’s brain, provides a window into the world around them and helps them do better in all subjects at school. It is one of the most important ingredients to your child becoming all that they can be.

*So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install, A lovely bookshelf on the wall.*” — Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

**Staff Development Day**

Albert Park teachers, will be attending a Staff Development Day this Saturday 13th February 2016. All staff will be trained in TEN (Teaching Early Numeracy) Modules 3-7. This training is departmentally approved. This training will be a variation to one of the Term 4 2016 School Development Days.

Jenni Smedley, Principal
BE A LEARNER

News From K-1 Yellow

Thank you to all parents who attended last night’s Parent Information evening.

Kinder students are learning about numbers; how to forward count, how to backward count, what number comes after, what number comes before, how to write numbers correctly and we also even made a counting book (see photo). I have been really impressed with the number of students starting school with counting skills!

This week all students (Kinder and Year 1) received their home reader folders for daily reading. Students are to change their home readers each morning so please spend time each day supporting your child to read their book. The focus for the Kinder students is to point to each word as they read it. You will need to stay positive and give lots of encouragement, reading each page first and pointing to each word as you read it is ideal (take turns). Making home reading a part of bedtime is a really good way of getting it into daily routine. Ten minutes a day really makes all the difference for beginning readers! If you have any questions please take the time to ask me as I am more than happy to meet with you at your convenience.

This week students K-3 received a note for next Tuesday’s small school’s swimming carnival at Alstonville Pool. Participation is optional. Students who choose to participate are eligible to win the Albert Park Swimming Shield for outstanding effort. This is awarded to a student who participates and is seen to ‘Give of their best’. Students who participate earn points towards our Sportsperson of the Year awards, so bring back your notes and money and HAVE A GO!!!

I turned around to see the bear right behind me. He pushed me in the river. I swum to the rocks and I was safe.  

By Jaylan, K-1

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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

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
Goonellabah FC
2016 REGISTRATION

Play with Goonellabah FC in 2016
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www.myfootballclub.com.au
(for registration directions visit www.goonellabahfc.com.au)

Registration Days at
Club Goonellabah
Reserve Street
Saturday 13 & 20 February 2016
10am – 1pm

Junior teams from grade 6-16/17
Senior Men & Women's Teams

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