Dare to Lead Snapshot
Our school will be participating in a Dare to Lead snapshot during the first week back in Term 4. The purpose of the snapshot is to give the school some possible future directions in the area of Aboriginal education. The team who are coordinating the snapshot would love to talk with parents and community members (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal) to get their opinions on what the school does well, and what we could improve on, in regards to Aboriginal education. What participants say will remain confidential and anonymous. Please contact the school if you would be willing to be involved.

ONYA Awards
Students across the school will be celebrating earning their Gold and Silver ONYA rewards next week. The teachers have organised fun activities for our wonderful kids to be involved in. Our GOLD ONYA ASSEMBLY will take place on the first day back after the holidays, Tuesday 8th October at 2.30pm in the school hall (this is because Monday 7th is Labour Day).

Curtain Call
A reminder to all parents of students who are performing at the Curtain Call show at the Star Court Theatre, Lismore, on Tuesday evening. Students should arrive at 6.30pm where they will be met by myself, Mrs. LeSueur and Mrs. Jameson. Show starts at 7.00pm and is scheduled to end at 8.45pm. It promises to be a great show. Tickets cost $10 and can be purchased by telephoning: 0427660401 or can be purchased at the door on the night. Children who are performing DO NOT pay for entry.

School Holidays
We break up for a well-earned holiday at 3.10pm on Friday 20th September. School re-opens on Tuesday 8th October (Monday 7th is a Public Holiday – Labour Day). Have a great holiday everyone and don’t forget the Boomerang Festival takes place on the 4th – 6th October in Byron Bay.

Mark Scotton
Debating News

After successfully winning our zone of the NSW Premiers Debating Challenge we travelled to Alstonville Public school for the North Coast Regional Quarter Final. We debated the topic “That media should stop reporting on the private lives of celebrities”. We were the negative side. We fought hard and won the debate. A huge achievement as Alstonville is the only North Coast school to ever win this state event.

On Wednesday we debated Grafton by video conference in the north coast Regional semi final which was adjudicated from Sydney. The topic was “that teachers should wear school uniform” Again we were the negative, fought hard and were narrowly defeated in what the adjudicator described as a most outstanding primary school debate, the best he had seen in years. I would like to congratulate Angus, Alisha, Erin, Jessica and Lilly on their commitment, talent sportsmanship and the absolute amazing progress they have shown in such a short amount of time.

Maree Jameson

Spelling Bee

Students attended the regional final of the Premier Spelling Bee at Alstonville Public School on Thursday. The team was Paige A, Kayla D, Alisha H and Angus S. Well done students they spelt very well and continued through to the third level.

Newspapers In Education

The Lismore Heights Herald featured in the Northern Star on Tuesday this week. I hope everyone got to see our articles and pictures .

Kinder Orientation

Parents/carers are welcome to stay with their children for all/part of the orientation program

Day 1: Wednesday 30th October 1:50-3:10
On Day 1 parents/carers are invited to attend our information sharing session while your child visits the Kindergarten classroom.

Day 2: Wednesday 6th November 1:50-3:00
Day 3: Wednesday 13th November 1:50-3:00
Day 4: Wednesday 20th Nov (all day) 10:00-3:00

Yarn Up

On Thursday we had our first parents “Yarn Up” for our aboriginal families and students. Aunty Dorothy Gordon attended as our Elder representative and Cassie Ryan our Regional Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer. Ideas were shared in regards to our new community room. Our next meeting will be in term 4 Friday 11 October at 10am. All are welcome to attend

Thank you to everyone for your input.

Bronwyn King
Aboriginal Support Officer

Coffs Harbour Excursion

Those students attending the Year 5/6 camp on 6—8 November 2013. Final payments for this excursion are due before the end of term.
Rainy day activities

Keeping kids active and occupied during wet days can be challenging. Here are some active play ideas for children indoors:

- build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
- play hide and seek
- play basket softball and see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket - keep increasing the distance to make it more challenging
- have a dance competition or disco at home
- set a limit on the amount of time children spend in front of a screen (tv, computer etc).

Garden Seat

We have a new garden seat in the infants playground.
Thank you to Kadina High school Industrial Arts class who constructed the seating and donated it to our school. Please have a look next time you come to visit.

Sport News

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the recent North Coast Athletics Carnival. It was a very successful day for Lismore Heights with our school finishing 3rd in the schools points score.
Several children have also placed and therefore qualified to compete at the State PSSA Athletics in Sydney. They are:
Laquisha Khan: 3rd in 200m
Reshawn Brown: 2nd in 100m
Dylan Phillips: 2nd in 800m; 3rd in 200m; 2nd in 100m; 3rd in discus
Xanda Creighton: 2nd in 200m; 2nd in 100m;
Ethan Hooker: 3rd in 200m; 2nd 100m; 2nd in discus; 3rd in Long Jump; 2nd in Shot Put
Shy-Ann Barwick: 2nd in shot put; 2nd in Discus
Well-done also to Ben Hogan who finished 4th in high jump and Renae Shepherd 4th in long jump and are 1st reserves.

Where in the World is Bucket Head?

Bucket Head has been getting out and about recently.
Let's follow him on his escapades.
See if you can guess where he is.
Where in the World? I guess he picked the winner!
Last week Bucket Head was checking out the Great Wall of China!
Partner with us, let’s invite the world and share the laughter

There are many music festivals across the Australian Landscape but Boomerang Festival is not just another music festival; it’s so much more with an extraordinary point of difference. It’s about global cultures and their first peoples. From the stillness of the haunting calls of the morning rituals, or the energy of Fire Dancers on our Corroboree grounds... there is a little something for everyone.

We invite all to be inspired by a new direction in celebrating culture and having fun over three days, on the October Long-Weekend. From the spectacular Opening Ceremony and the drone of the World’s first instrument to the Pow Wow of the closing night; join us over the October long weekend as our ambassadors and together we will illustrate our first world music and the inspirational new works and old cultural practices that combined is Boomerang.

Nothing quite matches the encounters. Be it around the fire circle, from the main stage, the screening of a film, conversations or a weaving workshop, many of our visitors will experience the essence of country, healing and moving forward.

We have been inspired by the artistic collaboration across our shores and are thrilled that joining us at the inaugural festival on the Bundjalung lands is an eclectic mix of music dance, theatre, comedy and culture. From Elcho Island, the mesmerising sounds of the double bass and strings to the legendary Archie Roach and a distinct mix of long drums from PNG and East Timor – are sure to have you on your feet. Continuing this feast of rhythm and beats we are joined by some of our finest Australian Musicians – along with our World musicians as far as Canada with their native drumming and R&B straight off the reservation, our reggae from Chile and dancers from the Gaelic Celtic connections. Be amazed by the sounds of an albatross wing flute to the exhilaration of the Chooky Dancers and their new rendition of Singing in the Rain.

Something you have never seen or heard before.

The world hit from London’s Olympic Games Wantok Sing Sing, features David Bridie and Frank Yamma with some seventeen other guests; from the desert lands of Papunya to the rainforests of PNG. This is a musical voyage across the Pacific and the saltwater Torres Straits.

We invite all to join in conversations with Ernie Dingo, Michael Long and a host of others as they intimately shed a new light on their brilliant careers, from the bush to the bizarre to the downright ridiculous. Heralded as one of the great new calendar events Boomerang will inspire, share and acknowledge the importance of nurturing and protecting cultural traditions and practices vital for social cohesion.

I hope you can become a voice and spread the word as one of our festival partners. My passion is for our artists, their livelihood and the continuance of age old cultural practices. Hey... It’s a fantastic gathering and one we all need. Let’s invite the world, come share the laughter.

Our team will be in touch to discuss with you further or contact Remy or Rusty on 02 66858310.

Warm regards,
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Boomerang Festival highlights:
- Music - Song Circles - Ceremony - Cabaret - Comedy - Dancestry grounds - Visual Arts & Film - Theatre
- Arts, Crafts & workshops - Speakers- Healing - Fire circles - Food - Bundjalung clans community programme
- Ecology of the land and Knowledge walks - Emerging artists programme - Youth Participation and camp
- Idea’s and conversations panels and forums,- International exchange programme. PLUS more artists being added all the time!