WELCOME BACK: For the first time this term, welcome back to one and all. From talking with all of the children, it seems that everyone had at least some special time sometime during their holidays. Well, this is a particularly busy term. Next week we have the Lismore show. This year we are again supporting the show in a number of ways. We have entered several sections in the school section, including the scarecrow, photography and art sections, plus we are attending the show as a whole school. Along with the P&C, we are also erecting a special booth which will showcase our wonderful little school. More about this in another section of the newsletter, because we need some help with this. We have set dates for our concert, the presentation night and a couple of other special functions that are happening this term. So, here’s to a busy term.

THANKS A big thankyou to Ajita who returned the chooks to school after a big holiday at her place. I had a chat with them and they said that they were very well looked after and returned the favour with quite a few eggs. Another thankyou must go to Ajita for her organising of the play last Saturday, which was one part of the festivities which celebrated 100 years of our local post office. From all reports many people enjoyed the many happenings throughout the day.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS This term’s Active After Schools will start in week 3. The sports we are doing are gymnastics with Genevieve and golf with Megan. Brock and Holly learned something yesterday about their mother! She is apparently a golfing protégé! If there are any changes to your personal arrangements with Active Afternoons from last term, please let us know.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN We have two sessions left for the Bazas to enjoy this term. Today they cooked a vegetable lasagne and in two weeks time they have a cooking challenge for the stage 3 students. I will wait for Amanda to fill them in on this challenge.

BUNNINGS BBQ Just a heads up on the bbq that we have for the 21st December. I know that it is in the holidays but we need everyone’s support as it should be a BIG day being the last Sunday before Christmas. We have a meeting on Tuesday week 2 next week. Keep it free.

LISMORE SHOW We are travelling into the Lismore show on Friday of next week. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school early next week. For the first time we are all going together. All the information is on the permission note. If you have any queries, please ask and we will endeavour to answer those queries for you.

P & C NEWS Next Tuesday, is our next date for the P&C meeting. This

We love playing out in the sun, please remember your hat so you can join in too.
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is an important one as there are quite a few things to discuss. Some of the items up for discussion include final preparations for the booth at the show, the major raffle organisational matters and initial discussion about the end of year activities. Your attendance would be most appreciated. One event which needs your thought and response straight away is the manning of the school/P&C booth during the show. It would be much better if there was a representative from the school in attendance to answer any questions. We are looking for help for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If you can help out in any way, even if it is for an hour, please contact either Ajita 0403 988 682 or Erin 0466 807 630 and leave your name and the times that you can help out with this free opportunity to promote our school. Sam, the students and the staff have all done some amazing things to go into our little booth.

The P & C will also need help to set up on Wednesday. If you can help with this contact Ajita and Erin. A big thank you also to the families that have ordered seeds. We raised $55 for the school. We look forward to more families joining in next year with our autumn/winter seed fundraiser.

**SCHOOL PLANNING FOR 2015** As part of the school planning process, I would like everyone to complete the survey and return to school by the end of next week. It is a simple one that only relies on your honesty. You either put your name on it or you can just ask your child to hand it into the letterbox in the office. In a nutshell, I need to know what we are doing well, what we could do better and things you would like to see done, completed, started or incorporated into our school.

**“PETER PAN”** We are looking forward to the play “Peter Pan”. The children have received revised lines. Please encourage them to run through them at home.

**CLASS NEWS**

**LORIKEETS NEWS** Groups and homework will re commence next week. Any parents willing to assist are welcome to come in on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

**KOOKABURRA NEWS** We have quite a few things to work on for our assessments to complete what has been a very busy year. Many of these will go into our portfolio, which are already starting to bulk up! The students have received homework in the form of a maths booklet, which they are to complete at their own pace. This is to be handed in either each Friday or when completed and it will be marked. It will be handed back and all errors corrected and then handed back in for a remark. To date, I haven’t had many brought in. Thanks to those who have brought it in. They have been rewarded and recognised.

**WORKING BEE** Our working bee scheduled for this Sunday has been postponed to a later date.

**THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE AND RIVERS P-12 LEARNING COMMUNITY** The Rivers Secondary College is progressing with a variety of activities to date.

The Rivers Secondary College is made up of the three secondary campuses in Lismore- Kadina High, Lismore High and Richmond River High, which is an integral member of the larger Rivers P-12 Learning Community across the Lismore and surrounding area. Our focus across the whole Rivers P-12 Learning Community, is to develop increased collaboration with improved student outcomes as our driving agenda. The Rivers P-12 is composed of the three Secondary College campuses, Nimbin Central School, Wilson Park School for Specific Purposes, and twenty six primary schools in and around Lismore.

The Rivers Secondary College Year 11 Curriculum patterns are now published and available in each of the secondary campuses. This collaboration means that the vast majority of students gain access to their first choices of subjects being studied for the HSC.
Initial planning is soon to commence to develop a Rivers P-12 Learning Community School Musical production for 2015. There is a lot of enthusiasm for this activity across both the primary and secondary schools which will showcase our students and staff talents and further develop inter-school cohesion.

Working parties in the areas of Student Wellbeing, Transition, Curriculum and Professional Learning are being formed currently as is the final membership of The Rivers Council, a broad based community advisory group.

I am more than happy to attend and speak to interested parents and citizens (P&C) groups, interested organisations and to listen to any ideas that are in line with our endeavours to improve our impact on our students learning achievements. I can be contacted via Kadina High Campus on 0266 243133 or via john.william.baker@det.nsw.edu.au

John Baker- Executive Principal, The Rivers Secondary College

**FITNESS** Any parents dropping children off in the mornings are welcome to join in with our whole school walk/run. Staff and Students are all taking part. The more the merrier.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BOOTS FOR KIDS** What is the #bootsforkids campaign? A campaign, being run by Fairfax media in partnership with Coles and Linfox, aiming to raise 10,000 pairs of footy boots for Aboriginal children living in rural and remote communities across Australia. All boots will be washed and paired with some socks before being trucked to the communities and given to the kids. How you can get involved with #bootsforkids. If you are hanging up your footy boots or even likely to buy a new pair before you play again think about donating them. You can donate any new or used footy boots by getting in contact with me to arrange a pick up. Want more information? Watch the video (here) or have a look at the info online http://www.smh.com.au/national/bootsforkids Contact: You can get in contact with me via email jesica.bloomfield@industry.gov.au or 0416 315 240.

**KYOGLE SWIMMING CLUB** The first night of pointscores for the coming season will be held on Friday 10th October at the pool. Pointscores is open to any age person who can swim 12.5m or more of any stroke. There is also carnivals that you can compete in if you wish and training is available at the pool weekdays from 4pm. New members most welcome. Marshalling at 5.45pm for 6pm start. Committee members will be there from 5.30pm for any enquiries and to sign on new members. This week there will be no BBQ. For more information phone Peter 66331335 or Sharon 66322438

Do YOU look after someone who has…long term illness? disability? mental illness? Do YOU do things like…shopping, cooking, cleaning, paying bills, help with showering & dressing, give medication & offer support then…..YOU are a young carer We may be able to help YOU with….. Respite — need a break, Help at home, Getting to sport or other activities, Tutoring or time to study Freecall 1800 052 222 *(calls from mobiles charged at applicable rates) The Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre will talk to you and your family about how we may be able to support YOU!.