Gonski is making a difference

As you may be aware through the mainstream media and reports from School Council and P&C meetings, our school has received “Gonski” funding. The funding is being applied in ways which are making a real difference to the learning outcomes of our students. Students are receiving additional literacy support; through the Quicksmart program students are improving their numeracy outcomes; we have been able to further develop our unique Waratah Award which is focussed on developing personal qualities within each student; we have been able to purchase, for the first time since the opening of the school, new musical instruments and this has been married to the engagement of two musical tutors; resourcing has also been made available for the merit awards scheme, student assistance, the Community Liaison Officer’s position (filled by Ms Thomson), the Technology Support Officer’s position (filled by Mr Burston), the Technical Support position (filled by Mr Peachey), the Oral Presentations program, Harmony Day, transition arrangements for students moving from preschool to school and Year 6 to Year 7 (including our work with partner primary schools), training of staff in Aboriginal education through the Stronger Smarter program, a subsidy to reduce the cost to students of the school diary, the provision of a set of school blazers to be used on formal occasions and, enhancing resources available to students through the school library. Resourcing has also been applied to enhancing professional learning amongst staff. We are hopeful the Gonski program will be fully delivered as it is making a significant difference to the learning opportunities and outcomes for our students.

Italian Exchange

We believe we have exhausted hosting places from Year 8 and 9 groups. We are looking to a Year 10 family who would be willing to act as a host for an Italian student. Criteria for hosting students includes high academic standards, exemplary attendance record, exemplary behaviour record, history of good
### Diary

**This Week - Week 8 Term 2 - Week B**

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| Jun 12 | Year 2 - 6 Athletics Carnival - Field Events  
TVET Information Day  
Year 11 & 12 PDHPE SCU Excursion  
Car Wash for Italian Exchange 11:30-3:05pm |

**Next Week - Week 9 Term 2 - Week A**

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| Jun 15 | P&C Meetings 9:00am and 4:30pm  
K-6 Student Led Conferences 3:30pm-6pm |
| Jun 16-17 | Mobile Dental Visits |
| Jun 16 | CHS Volleyball Regional Final  
CHS Zone Athletics Lismore |
| Jun 18 | CHS Regional Open Softball Lismore |
| Jun 19 | Year 2 - 6 Athletics Carnival - Track Events |
| Jun 20 | RACI National Titration Comp Year 11-12 SCU Lismore |

**Coming Event**

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| Jun 22 | NAIDOC Assembly  
Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher Night |
| Jun 23 | Minyumai Aboriginal Students Excursion |
| Jun 24 | NAIDOC Activities Day |
| Jun 25 | Performance Assembly & Preliminary Awards 12:00pm |
| Jun 26 | Last Day of Term 2 |
| Jul 13 | School Development Day  
First day Term 3 Students K-12  
Staff Only |

relations with fellow students and staff, and the family home can meet the billeting requirements of the Department of Education. Siblings living in the same home will be taken into consideration when matching the age range of students visiting from Italy.

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### University Accommodation

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If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on 6682 6666.

**Chris Hayward - Careers Adviser**

### SCU Host Dinner for Science and Engineering Challenge

Regional Science staff attended a dinner at the Invercauld Restaurant on Monday night to promote the Science & Engineering Challenge and to thank sponsors, particularly Sunshine Sugar, the Alstonville Rotary Club and the Newcastle University for their significant roles in organising the annual event. Teachers attending the evening enjoyed the competitive spirit engendered while constructing a device to solve the engineering challenge presented to them on the night.

**Karen Warwick - Science Teacher**

### Science and Engineering Challenge Students

Our students enjoyed similarly exciting activities during their visit to SCU on Tuesday. They are shown here engaged in bridge building, electronics and moon buggy Eight. Perhaps in the future, our students may further these studies in the new course at SCU in Mechanical Engineering?? Keep watching this space!

**Karen Warwick - Science Teacher**

### Secondhand Uniforms

Our K-6 secondhand clothing pool is in urgent need of small size Evans River School Shirts. If you have any that are no longer required please send into Mrs Delman at the school.

**Elizabeth Delman - K-6 Teacher**

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### Premier's Reading Challenge

**Author Profile**

Mem Fox: Was born on March 5th, 1946. She was born in Australia and grew up in Africa. Mem was schooled in London. Mem Fox is a highly regarded picture book author. Her first book was ‘Possum Magic’. She has since written 28 more books. Some titles are ‘Where is the Green Sheep?’ and ‘Time for Bed’.

I have read lots of Mem Fox books but my favourite one is ‘Where is the Green Sheep?’. In this book there are all sorts of sheep doing activities. There is the blue sheep, the red sheep, the bath sheep and the bed sheep but the green sheep is missing. This story has a happy ending. To find out what happens grab a copy of ‘Where is the Green Sheep?’ by Mem Fox.

**Tori Alderson - Year 5**
Science Trivia!
This Week’s Question: Named after a Surrey town where a spring containing this was discovered, how is hydrated magnesium sulfate better known?

Last Week’s Question: Reed, Marsh, Sedge and Grasshopper are varieties of which bird?

Answer: Warbler

The DENTAL van will be back at school on the 16th & 17th June. If your child has been to the van before then all they need to do is fill in the first page of the consent form and the Medicare Bulk billing form. If this is their first visit to the van then they will also need to have the medical questionnaire filled out (page 2 of consent form) a copy of these forms is attached to the newsletter, or they are available at the school office.

Next Saturday 6th June the school will be hosting the Bunning BBQ at Ballina, to raise funds for our Italian exchange program. If you are in the area call in for a sausage sandwich and support the school.

Years 9 & 10 Ag classes had a visit from Hannah Rice-Hayes, Richmond Landcare’s Support Officer last Monday. Hannah talked to the students about how an Agricultural set up or farm project represents an Ecosystem. Mrs McGeary said that the students enjoyed the practical lesson and learning how everything is interconnected.

Last year Mrs Porter started a Reading Buddies program for students in Years 1 & 2; they were helped by their older high school buddies with their sight and sound words, the program proved to be very successful. This year Mrs Porter expanded the program, Year 1 students continue to work with a buddy on their sight and sound words, in addition Years 4, 5 & 6 take part, reading to a buddy. The aim for the older students is to improve their reading fluency and understanding of the text.

K-6 AWARDS Term 2 Week 7

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Canteen Roster - Week B

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Have you noticed the new school sign on the oval yet? A few of our other signs have also had a makeover. We also have a new sign directing people to our front office.
Attention!

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE is looking for voluntary host families for overseas high school students aged 15-18 arriving in Australia in July 2015. Host families can choose a student based on their interests, background and nationality, for a duration of 3, 5 or 10 months. We have carefully-selected students arriving from Italy, France, Germany, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Spain, looking for families who are willing to welcome them into their home and show them the Australian way of life! Prepare to be amazed at how this unique and rewarding experience can help bring your family together, understand yourselves better and see the world in a new light.

“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.” - Marcel Proust, 19th century novelist.

For more information on how your family can help these students find a place to call home, please contact Nicolle on 0418132137 or email personals_01@hotmail.com ASAP. The students need to have homes secured by the end of the month (Beef Week) but don’t actually arrive until 11 July, 2015. Even if you’re not able to host, please continue the conversation - for the sake of these students.

It’s an experience of a lifetime!

Please Note—The cut off time for information to be included in the newsletter is 2:00pm Tuesday. Newsletter will be printed on Wednesday afternoons.