Dear Families and Friends,

This week has seen quite a few sick children with headaches, sore throats and runny noses. Please remember to notify the school by phone, email or a note if your child is sick, otherwise after seven days it will be recorded as an unexplained absence.

Rochelle is now working on a Monday morning for 3 hours as a School Learning Support Officer (SLSO). This is in addition to her usual days in the office on Thursday and Friday. In her role she will be working with Kindergarten/Year 1 students. Also due to commitments at Rosebank it has been necessary to swap Jenni’s Learning Support day from Tuesday to Thursday.

Last Monday I attended a Network Meeting with other Principals with a strong emphasis on the School Planning process.

For your information I have attached an overview for the term covering all key learning areas and a weekly Timetable.

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**Zone Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to our relay team who have progressed to zone held in Lismore on Thursday 26th February. Our team consists of Isabella, Aeryn, Ruby and Emileyne. Good luck girls. Permission notes were sent home today.

**GRIP Student Leadership Conference**

I have registered our year 6 students for this exciting one day conference to be held in Brisbane on 8th May. It is a practical hands on event giving students leadership skills and ideas to make a significant difference in our school. We will join with other schools in our area for transport. I will keep you informed when we find out more details.

**Student Information**

In Maths this week we have been looking at Patterns and Algebra. Years 5/6 were completing tasks associated with making and recording geometric patterns. They also performed simple algebraic equations finding the value of x or y eg: \( y + 34 = 121 \).

Years 3/4 students described number patterns by naming the rule and recorded their own number patterns applying their own rule.

Students in years 1 / 2 were building number relationships by relating addition and subtraction facts to at least 20 eg: \( 7 + 3 = 10 \) so \( 17 + 3 = 20 \) so \( 27 + 3 = 30 \) etc.

Kindergarten students described and created simple repeating patterns using concrete materials and body movements.

We also began work on DATA gathering and organising information which we will continue with next week.

Students in years 3 – 6 have been discussing and planning a narrative using a planning sheet as a first draft.

**Chinese New Year**

Sue is organising a Chinese New Year Celebration on Friday 27th February, parents are welcome to come along for a shared multicultural lunch. More details to follow next week.

Have a good weekend

Sharon Turner

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**Dates To Remember**

- Library every Thursday
- Thurs 26th Feb— Zone Swimming Carnival
- Fri 27th Feb—Chinese New Year Celebration

**Student of the Week**

Miel

For writing her first sentence

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MEMBER OF THE FIRST NORTH LEARNING COMMUNITY
INVITATION TO STAGE 3
PARENTS & STUDENTS

You are invited to join us at

The Rivers Secondary College
Year 7 2016
Transition Information Evening

When: Wednesday 25th February from 6:00 to 7:00pm

Where: Lismore Workers Club Auditorium

Why: To find out more about The Rivers Secondary College, how it works and the benefits for your children as they move into high school.

You’ll hear from John Baker, Executive Principal of The Rivers Secondary College and have the opportunity to meet, hear from and speak to students and other key personnel from each high school.

This evening is designed to give an overview of The Rivers Secondary College prior to each high school holding its individual session in coming weeks.

Hear some highlights from current students at each high school

Be entertained by talented students from our high schools
Have an opportunity to informally chat with high school community members