



The Risk Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 3



BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE A LEARNER



It has been a very busy few weeks, we have definitely hit the ground running. But with an exciting calendar of excursions, and events in the school, it will be a very lively atmosphere with a lot of fun. We look forward to spending time together as a community, creating memories for our children and families. The children have settled into their classes and work very well, and we have some very interesting and beneficial curriculum this term and beyond, thanks to our wonderful and hardworking teachers and support staff.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our Primary students who participated in the COLOURSS swimming carnival last Friday. It was a mostly fine day and students were enthusiastic and excited to compete. The carnival was small, however The Risk PS had almost perfect attendance. Our relay team won the PP5 relay and will continue onto the Zone carnival on Tuesday 25 February in Alstonville. Fantastic results for Amber, Ellie, Lucas and Georgia. Ellie, Amber and Lucas have progressed to the Zone carnival for individual events. It was great to see 'The Risk PS' spirit shining, all competitors were outstanding in their efforts and attitudes. The Risk PS won the trophy for overall points scored. Congratulations to all our students who participated on the day.

Summerland Giant Pumpkin Painting Competition

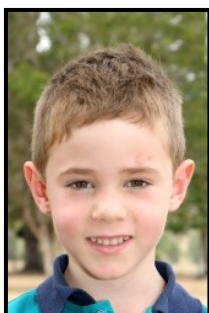
Congratulations to Jethro Gibbs, who received 2nd place in the Summerland Giant Pumpkin Painting Competition, with his colourful painting titled "Jethro and the Giant Jack-o-Lantern. Congratulations Jethro!



Lisa Blackburn
Principal

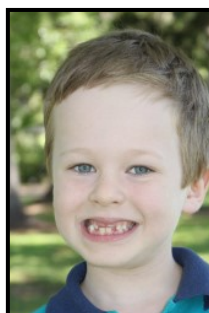


Early Stage 1



JACK RIXON
Excellent
Progress in
Magic Words

Stage 1



JETHRO GIBBS
Listening to
Instructions

Stage 2



JAKE RAMAKER
Displaying 'Risky'
determination at the
swimming carnival

Stage 3



CHARLIE BROSAN
Displaying leadership
skills in the playground

EVENTS, EXCURSIONS & MATTERS TO ATTEND TO

Lake Ainsworth - 2 March to 6 March

The Lake Ainsworth excursion is fast approaching, students are getting very excited. The final cost for the excursion for years 5 & 6 is \$250.00 per child. The P & C has generously donated \$60 per child and the school has subsidised each student \$50. Thank you to the P & C for supporting students to attend the excursion. Mrs Blackburn will attend Monday and Tuesday, and Ms Sawford will attend Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Teachers will be available to transport 4 students each way, however we will require assistance from parents to volunteer to transport both to and from Lake Ainsworth. All volunteer parent drivers will need to complete a form and provide evidence of drivers licence, rego and third party insurance. Please speak to Krishna, who will assist with this. Students will participate in activities throughout the week which will include a choice of water activities, rope, rock climbing, orienteering, cooking and beach activities.

Thank you to the families that have registered students Medical and Consent forms online with Lake Ainsworth. If you need assistance with the process, please speak to Krishna and she will help to complete the online form. She could also assist you over the phone, and complete the online form for you. Or go to :

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/facilities/medicalandconsentform>

For information on camp life and what to pack, go to :

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/facilities/schools/parent>

Our COLOURSS students will be supervised by all of our COLOURSS staff, and will also have a nightshift team to make certain all children settle and are looked after at all times. For us to ensure that all COLOURSS staff have access to emergency numbers and medical/health requirements, it is important that we the attached Consent form and Medical form completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. This information will only be shared with COLOURSS staff and is separate to Lake Ainsworth's online forms that you have already completed.



Storyfest - Wed 18 - Thur 19 March

This year Primary students have the opportunity to attend Somerset Storyfest at the Gold Coast from Wednesday 18 March to Thursday 19 March. The Risk PS has been kindly sponsored to attend this wonderful writer's festival at no cost to families. Thank you to the Lever Family from Grevillia who have generously offered to provide this opportunity to our students. Students will be attending workshops and chatting with famous and inspiring Australian authors and illustrators like Jackie French and Bruce Whatley. We will be travelling by bus to attend the festival, staying overnight, and returning to the festival Thursday morning. If you would like to find out more Information about the festival visit :

<https://www.storyfest.com.au/>

InterRelate

InterRelate is a program that is offered to our Senior Students in Years 5 & 6, which is presented at Wiangaree PS with our fellow COLOURSS students. Called 'Moving Into The Teen Years', this program provides factual information about sexuality and relationships. The program includes facts on sexuality, gender identity, bullying awareness and respectful relationships, along with understanding the physical development at puberty, awareness of personal safety and protective behaviours. Could all parents of Year 5 & 6 students please complete the attached Expression of Interest, indicating if this is something that you would be interested in your child attending. The cost is unknown at this stage, as numbers from all COLOURSS school will need to be collated and a price determined. We will let you know as soon as we have this information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Year 7 Expression of Interest forms

All year 6 students will be receiving an Expression of Interest form, to complete their details and submit their preferences for High School next year. This form needs to be returned by Wednesday 18 March.

COMMUNITY MEETING

**TUESDAY
10th
MARCH 7pm**



This term we are inviting the school community to a meeting to discuss the school culture at The Risk PS. The culture of a school can be described as the way that teachers, staff and community members work together to the set beliefs, values and assumptions they share. A positive school culture promotes and enhances student and staff learning, collaboration, continuous improvements and day to day enjoyment at our school. We encourage everyone to come along and chat about things you value in our school and ways we can improve.

This meeting will be on Tuesday 10 March at 7pm. Felicity and Annie, former students of The Risk have volunteered to watch a movie in the infants room with children that cannot stay at home on the night. Thank you Annie and Felicity.

Calling Parent Helpers to read with students in the classroom!

At The Risk PS we value parent involvement in student learning. If you are available to read with students, and have a current WWCC (Working with Children Check) please let us know by **filling out the attached survey**. Parents and community members will receive training on what works best when reading with students before they begin. If you are interested and do not have a current WWCC, visit :

[Hhttps://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisation/working-with-children-check](https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisation/working-with-children-check)

And follow the prompts. Volunteer WCC are free of charge.

J Watson & Son Pty Ltd

Our bus drivers, from J Watson & Son Pty Ltd are requesting all parents/carers, whose child/ren use their service to complete the attached Information Update form. It is very important that they have your up to date details, in case of any changes to services or they need to contact you in regards to your child. Please return to the bus driver or the school ASAP. Thank you.

THIS FRIDAY'S LUNCHES

Sausage Sandwich \$2.00

IN THE CLASSROOM

A message from Abby Sawford

Library

Infants were very excited to have their first Library lesson last week and to receive a new waterproof Library bag. Thank you to the Tweed Coast Raiders for supplying these bags to our students. Please encourage your child / ren to return their books on Tuesdays (Infants) and Wednesdays (Senior) each week, in their bags to help protect them from water and food spillages. Thank you.

Robotics

Science for both classes will be held in the library this term to allow access to the robotics StemT4 learning kit which are available to us until week 8. Primary students are enjoying the challenge of EV3 Lego Mindstorm building and coding. The infants class will be introduced to Hour of Code and the Ozobot during their Science lessons on Tuesdays. We will definitely be learning from our mistakes this term in Robotics.

LaST (Learning and Support Teacher)

Once again, I am the Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) at The Risk PS. Part of my role is to work collaboratively with parents, staff and other specialised DoE teachers to assist with students who may require individual programs or assistance in their learning or behaviour. If you have any other queries about your child's learning or behaviour check in with either the classroom teachers or myself so that we can organise a meeting. I look forward to working with you and your child/ren so that they may have the best possible learning outcomes.

Best Start

Next Week, Ms Sawford will work with Kindergarten children on literacy and numeracy tasks to gain a starting point for planning effective teaching and learning activities. Best Start is one component of a NSW Government initiative to increase literacy and numeracy learning support in the early years of schooling. Best Start is not a test. No preparation is required and children do not pass or fail.

Best Start :

- Provides important information that supports teachers in meeting children's individual learning needs
- Assists teachers to monitor children's learning
- Provides you with feedback on what your child can do and how you can best support your child's learning.

Choir with Catrina

Once again, Catrina has volunteered to help the teachers run a weekly choir. This term we will work on an end of term presentation. Thank you so very much Catrina!!

Staff Whereabouts

Date	Staff	Reason	Replacement
Friday 14 February	Ms Sawford	Effective Reading : Phonological Awareness	Mrs Tonya Lickiss
Wednesday 19 February	Mrs Blackburn	Principal Network Day	No Replacement

EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 1 2020 WEEK 3, 4 & 5

SCHOLASTIC ORDERS DUE	Friday 14 February
SWIMMING LESSONS	Monday 17 February
COUNTRY HALLS TOUR CONCERT @ THE RISK HALL	Friday 21 February
SWIMMING LESSONS	Monday 24 February

School uniforms

We will be making an order for The Risk PS winter jackets in the near future. Jackets cost \$25 each and must be paid for before ordering. Unfortunately we do not have any jackets in stock for size reference. If you are unsure speak to us and we will assist you in making this decision. If you would like to order a jacket, please complete the slip attached to this newsletter and return with your payment.

P&C Meeting

A P & C meeting was held on Monday 10th February. Many items were discussed, and many items were discussed and planning for our many events has started. Please see some items below, for your attention.

WELCOME BBQ



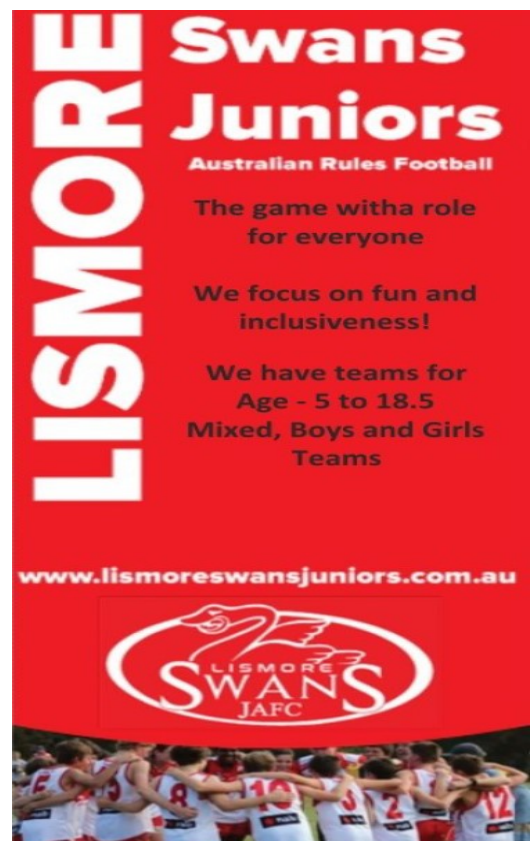
**FRIDAY
28th
FEBRUARY
5:30pm**

The P & C would like to invite the new families, and all families to a Welcome BBQ being held at the school on Friday 28th February at 5:30pm. The P & C will be serving sausage sandwiches and drinks. If you would like to bring a plate to share (fruit, nibbles etc) you are most welcome to. We hope to see you all there.

Fridge for Free The P & C are offering the replaced fridge for free. The fridge is still in working order but will require a new seal. If you are interested, please call Krishna to organise a pick up time, as you will need to drive in to pick up.

Next P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be held on **Monday 30th March at 4:15pm.**



Upcoming Concert at The Risk Hall

Apologies for the incorrect day, in our last newsletter. The Concert, Country Halls Tour, with Fanny Lumsden's at The Risk hall on the 21st February is in fact a **Friday night**