It is with some sadness that I announce that Mrs Hill is shortly to retire. She has touched the lives of many students and their families and has worked tirelessly to provide quality educational experiences for all students. With her high expectations students have found themselves working above and beyond their expectations of themselves. Mrs Hill’s last day will be next Thursday 28th March.

Parents and friends of the school are warmly invited to attend a special ‘Farewell Assembly’ at 2.30pm next Thursday to formally farewell Mrs Hill.

Mrs Harris will be filling in for Mrs Hill until the end of Term 1. After much planning and consideration I have appointed Mr Shaun Butler (currently at Kyogle PS) to teach Y5/6, for the rest of 2013. I will be undertaking Mrs Hill’s workload, including my normal Principal responsibilities for the next three terms. I will communicate any other staff movements if, and when they occur.

THANK YOU - Thank you to Mr and Mrs Gauthier for their fantastic presentation to 4/5 and 5/6 students where we all learned a number of new and fascinating facts about Canada. As parents of 4/5 and 5/6 would be aware this presentation linked neatly into the project about Canada which students are currently working on.

MATHLETICS/SPELLODROME - Information sheet attached. Please encourage your child to keep their sign-in cards in a safe place.

SPORTS REPORT
AFL – Harrison A will be attending the AFL PSSA selection trials at Yamba this Friday. Good luck Harrison.
GIRLS HOCKEY – Denni-lee, Charlotte, Jade and Georgia P will be attending the PSSA hockey selection trials in Goonellabah next Tuesday. Good luck girls.

ELTHAM RAFFLE
A big thank you to Kellie Ross, Louise Newberry and Alan Glasby for last Sunday, which raised $200.00 for the school.
The Degier family has kindly volunteered to do the raffle for the 24th March. Fiona Knight and one other volunteer is needed for 31st March, Easter Sunday, to sell tickets at the Eltham Hotel from approx. 12 – 3pm Please call the school office if you can assist. Thank you.
WEEKLY CHALLENGE
School leaders have decided that an interesting and fun quiz would be a great addition to our school newsletter. Children may ask for parent assistance. Post your answer in the 'Quiz Box' provided in the front foyer. The first correct answer drawn will receive a canteen voucher; to be drawn each Monday at morning assembly……as yet no-one has taken the challenge!

3 Challenges this week
I spy with my little eye something which looks most intriguing?
1. I have four wheels, I rev my engine loudly, I need a number plate to drive on the road and I am not a car or a truck. WHAT AM I?
   By Denni-lee Y5
2. I can survive a fall off a cliff but I die in the water. I can fly with the wind. I can fold into lots of different shapes and sizes. WHAT AM I?                        By Sophie Y5
3. MYSTERY – It starts with M and finishes with X and can have up to 300 letters in it. Most people have them. Usually a man comes along and adds even more letters. They can come in many shapes, even animals. Farmers might have an old tractor or something farm like. Cities might have a lot together. WHAT AM I?             By Jack Y6

Answer: Post your answer in the special box in the foyer

SRC EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to all families who have contributed to the prizes...the prize pool is looking fabulous! Make sure you return your raffle tickets before the draw next Wednesday 27th March.

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY K-6 EXCURSION – tomorrow!
Students are to wear full sport’s uniform including hat. Please include a packed reces/ lunch and water bottle. We will be leaving school at 10.30 and returning around 2.30pm, in time for buses.

P&C NEWS
The new boys blue shirts have arrived and are now for sale!
NB. We do not expect parents to purchase new shirts straight away. The current gold and blue polo’s will be phased out up until the end of 2014. If you still prefer the stiff broad-brimmed hat they can be purchased from Best & Less, Big W & K-Mart (dark navy please).

LAMINGTON DRIVE - Orders forms have been sent home. Please return orders, with payment to school by Tuesday April 2nd. The lamingtons will be delivered to school for collection on Wednesday April 10th.

** The next P & C meeting will be on Monday April 8th at 7pm.

Polo Shirts - $18 each
Hat - $8 each

LISMORE PCYC - Do you need childcare for the April School holidays including the student free days of April 29th and 30th. Care for ages 5 – 13. Call Sharon or Nicole on 6621 6276 or email - lismore@pcycnsw.org.au

LIMITED EDITION – RSL COMMEMORATIVE COIN - Australia’s first commemorative $2 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. A unique Australian legal tender, this ground breaking $2 coin is simply an outstanding keepsake for every Australian. The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict. All funds raised go to support our vital RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans’ and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia. Available from the RSL National Office at Level 3, 65 Constitution Avenue CAMPBELL ACT. Phone orders can also be made through the National Office at 02 6248 7199. Please note there will be a minimum postal charge of $5 per coin. www.rsl.org.au

NORTHERN RIVERS CONSERVATORIUM - ‘Music Marathon’!
Students of the Northern Rivers Conservatorium will perform back to back in a twelve hour Music Marathon on Saturday March 23 from 9am to 9pm at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium, Cnr Keen and Magellan St, Lismore. In between lessons and practise sessions, our students have been collecting sponsors for every minute that they will be on stage. All funds raised will go towards maintenance of our historic building.