IMPORTANT DATES

ASSEMBLIES
- Week 5- 7th November. Item -5/6 R Leaders- Lucas, Issy and Lennox

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OCTOBER
- Thursday 30th – Kinder 2015 Transition Day
- Friday 31st- Our Voice sustainability conference SCU – Years 3-6

NOVEMBER
- Monday 3rd – P&C Meeting at 7pm
- 3rd—7th - Swimming Scheme
- Wednesday 5th – Parent Forum #2
- Sunday 9th - Friday 14th Yrs 5/ 6 Excursion
- Monday 17th- Yrs 5/6 excursion to the Water Laboratory at Dorroughby
- Tuesday 18th- Bexhill Cup
- Wednesday 26th- Public High Schools’ orientation day

DECEMBER
- Tuesday 2nd – Lucinda Awards day
- Wednesday 3rd- Public high Schools’ orientation day
- Wednesday 10th- School Concert/Christmas Tree/ back up date Tuesday 16th
- Friday 12th – Year 6 farewell Assembly and Lunch

SCU ‘STUDENT VOICE’ SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE – this Friday 31st October
This conference provides our Years 3-6 students with a wonderful opportunity to showcase their collective knowledge and skills to a range of students P-12, from a number of North Coast schools, as well as learning new skills and ideas themselves.
School leaders, Charlotte, Kurt, Sophie and Will are part of the team opening and closing the conference. Other students involved in the organisation of the day include Lochie, Taj, Lily N, Bodhi, Makayla, Jayden D, Lachy D, Korban, Wilson, Kye, Jayden Mc, Poppy, Dylan S, Ziggy, Charlie, James, Zekiah, Lucas, Max, Benni-Lee, Billy, Georgia and Seb . Our school is also playing an active role in presenting items and workshops with 5/6 performing ‘Mother Earth’, 4/5 students presenting K/1/2’s working models and Lili, Gabby, Dylan F and Bodhi presenting workshops relating to the Dorroughby Energy trailer.
A note of appreciation to Mr Clarke and Ms Rainbird who have been instrumental in coaching students for their roles. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Marianne Logan (SCU), Simone Lewis (SCU) and Christine Freeman (Principal, Dorroughby Field Studies Centre) for their commitment and skills which they have readily shared with Bexhill students and staff. We really appreciate and value the partnership we have, with both SCU and Dorroughby.

NOTE: Parents are also most welcome to attend for all, or part of the day. If you require a map or program please ask your child to bring one home tomorrow. All permission notes are due no later than tomorrow.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM
The School Swimming Scheme commences this coming Monday 3rd November. Some information/tips that are important for you to be aware of:
- Ensure all swimming equipment is packed each school day starting Monday.
- No phone calls will be made if equipment is forgotten.
- Students will change at school. Students will need to have a “wet” bag for their belongings.
- ALL CLOTHING/EQUIPMENT must be labelled.
- Students MUST have footwear to wear to the pool. Students may also like to wear a shirt/shorts to the pool over the top of their swimmers.
It’s not too late to volunteer your time to assist on any of the days; no previous experience necessary. Give Mrs Aafjes a call if you are able to assist. We are currently compiling the roster and will send out a copy before Friday.

EDUCATION FORUMS
Be part of the school’s decision making process by attending one of our planned Education Forums where we will be discussing directions and initiatives for our new 3 Year School Plan.
The next forum will be held in the school library on Wednesday 5th November- 5.30- 7.00pm. If you are able to attend could you please give the school a call.
For those families unable to participate in person I will shortly be sending out an internet survey link and paper survey so you may still contribute to this valuable process. Your input will be much appreciated.

Kinder News Topic – Week 5
“The best ever celebration I have ever had!”
Please bring in photos too, which we can show.
This accompanies the HSIE unit we are doing.

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CONGRATULATIONS LILI
What a fantastic achievement! We are incredibly proud of Lili’s achievement of being awarded the Stage 2 first prize at the Lismore Primary Schools’ Public speaking finals in Lismore recently. Over twenty schools were represented on the day.

RAFFLE TICKETS
A generous community member has kindly donated a vealer in the form of four meat trays to be raffled for our school. We would like to acknowledge Bexhill Quality Meats ‘Scotty’ for donating his time and expertise in dressing the vealer. A book of raffle tickets has been sent home to each family. The raffle will be drawn at our concert night on December 10th. Should you require more tickets please notify Mrs Aafjes at the front office. Tickets are $1 each. There will be a bonus prize for the most tickets sold by a school family.

FOR SALE!!!
Our chooks have started laying eggs. Eggs are now on sale for $4 a dozen or , $2 for 6. Proceeds go to caring for the chooks and the gardening fund.

The Rivers Secondary College and Rivers P-12 Learning Community Newsletter

Working parties in the areas of Student Wellbeing, Transition, Curriculum and Professional Learning have been formed and are currently meeting to work through their plans for implementing The Rivers Strategic Plan. Each working party has teacher membership from the secondary schools and local feeder primary schools.

The Rivers Council, a significant advisory group, is scheduled to have its first meeting on Wednesday 5th November. This advisory group will provide two way communication with the wider community in and around Lismore. The Rivers Council has representatives from the P&C Association, Lismore City Council, TAFE, Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), The Lismore Chamber of Commerce, staff from schools, NSW Teachers Federation and students.

Plans are continuing to develop the concept of a high quality Rivers Musical for 2015. I will write further as this concept develops, but I can report that there is significant support for this idea as a K-12 initiative. The Rivers Public Speaking Grand Final was on last week at the Lismore City Hall and I was very excited to witness the high quality of the students’ speeches. I congratulate each student who participated in this wonderful opportunity. Thank you to all the organising teachers for providing such a pathway for our future public speakers to further develop their skills and confidence.

Travel arrangements for the more than 65 Year 11 students, during 2015, to access across campus courses, are now finalised. Buses and taxis will ensure that these students will be moved safely, and on time, to their chosen subject venues.

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

CLUNES CHRISTMAS MARKET
Are you crafty? Do you bake? Do you have old wares, books, clothing, jewellery, handbags, toys or anything else hand made, fair trade or in good second hand order that you would like to sell?
If so, you may be interested in being a stall holder at the first ever CLUNES CHRISTMAS MARKET, to be held on Saturday 29th November 2014 at the CLUNES OLD SCHOOL, Walker Street, Clunes.
Don’t miss this opportunity to get in at grass roots level to what may be a monthly market held in the beautiful village of Clunes. For more information please contact Lisa 66291767 or Shannon 0423730273

HELP!!! – We are a community based local food project. We are asking for your help to get the back-yard fruit that falls onto the ground to the food charities in Lismore that help vulnerable people obtain nutritious food.
IT’S SO EASY TO HELP
Bring any excess fruit or vegies from back yard gardens to the Lismore Community Garden each Wednesday morning from 8.30am to 12 noon and we deliver it to local food charities. Please help us “Stop the Rot” and redistribute this valuable resource of fallen fruit that often goes to waste.
If you would like more information about our project, please call me on 0420 640 411 or 6625 2806. Thank you for any support you can provide. Warm regards, Kerry Gibson (on behalf of the Lismore Food Tree Group).