From the Principals Desk,

It is great to be back in Linville after my short trip to New Zealand. Thank you to everyone who welcomed me back, and I was delighted to see the great work everyone had been doing while I was away. My thanks to our wonderful staff and Mrs Corcoran for taking over while I was away. For those who are interested my family all had a great time and the wedding was lovely, though the temperatures were cooler than here!

It has been a very busy start to the school year after a very interrupted start, and yes I will say it feels busier than normal. Last week saw the P & C Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday morning. Thank you to everyone who attended and put themselves forward for nomination. I do not want to steal anyone’s thunder so if you would like to see who our P & C executive is for 2016, please read the P & C news towards the end of the newsletter. On behalf of the school community can I pass on our congratulations and thanks to our office holders for 2016!

On Thursday afternoon the panel interviewed the three shortlisted applicants and after the interview process decided on who would be offered the vacant position. It is my pleasure to welcome Mr Richard Harper into our school staff as our new school cleaner.
Praise Parade

Kangaroo’s Class: Week 6, Friday 4th March 2016
Student of the Week: Bonnie

Emu’s Class: Week 6, Friday 4th March 2016
Student of the Week: Kaitlyn
Classroom Awards: Bonnie, Bethany, Juelz, Isaak, Mali, River, Quineeta, Tytus, Taylah, Kaitlyn, Josh, Jack

Kangaroo’s Class: Week 7, Friday 11th March 2016
Student of the Week: Nate

Emu’s Class: Week 7, Friday 11th March 2016
Classroom Awards: Bethany, Juelz, Mali, Michelle, Angus
**This Year**

Attendance Target is 93% For All Students!

**Attendance is Important**—Research has shown that there are strong links between attendance and academic achievement.

We also have a goal to keep our unexplained absences down this year.

Please call, email, send a note or talk to a staff member if your child is going to be absent from school.

Thank you for your help!

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**Headlice**

We all need to work together to eradicate this ongoing issue. Treatment of headlice relies on the school being notified if your student has been treated for them. We cannot send children home from school if they have headlice, but we can send home a note requesting treatment. This one is a team effort and requires everyone to look, treat and notify the school.

**Prevention:**

While there is no need to vacuum, wash or treat with insecticide any furniture, clothing, bedding (except pillowcases), toys, carpets or hats, the following actions can be taken to help prevent infestation/re-infestation:

- Avoid head to head contact with other persons.
- Keep long hair tied back or in plaits, especially at school.
- Do not share brushes, combs, or pillows.
- Wash combs and hair brushes after each use (60°C for 30 seconds).
- Pillow cases of persons known to be infested should be washed daily on hot cycle or put in the clothes dryer for 15 minutes.
- Treat all household members whose head lice have been detected.
- Keep hair short, particularly during an outbreak. It is easier to detect and treat head lice in short hair.

Notify your school so that others can be alerted to the problem and can check for head lice and arrange treatment if necessary.

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**Sporting Schools—Term 1**

A big thanks to our Super Coach—Mr Cooper! Mr Cooper stepped out of his comfort zone and took on this new challenge for us after Cricket Australia could not find a coach in our area. Well done Mr Cooper for some great skills development for our students. Thank you also to Mrs. Corcoran for organising the timetable while I was away.

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**Swimming Carnival Friday 18th March**

We will be competing against Harlin State School on this day. As in the past the competitive races are for students aged 7—12 Years. Younger students will take part in novelty races and fun activities in the smaller pool. This year it is our school’s turn to organize and cater at the Carnival. We look forward to a great day and a fourth year in a row of holding the trophy.

We do require parents, where possible to assist us by taking your own children to the pool on Friday as there are limited seats on the bus. The bus will be leaving at 8.15 am. Our P & C is also running a sausage sizzle as a fundraiser. Don’t forget to invite friends and family to come and watch our students as we go for the trophy for the fourth year in a row!
**Young Leaders Day**

I had a good day with our Year 6 students at this event yesterday. We heard from some interesting speakers on the theme ‘Master the Little’. The message being that good leaders start by doing the small things well, the little things that are expected of them. This builds up to the big things. We were joined by 3000 other Year 6 students for this event which is held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. If you are interested ask the boys who Josh Russell was and what he is hoping to do in 2026 or what effect someone not doing a small job well can have on a rocket to Mars?

**Cross Country**

The Cross Country will be held at Tanduringie State School on Thursday 14th April 2016. Please return permission forms, medical forms and tuckshop orders to school by Monday 21st March.

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**P & C News**

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P&C Calendar:
Next P & C meeting: 20th April 2016 at 9:00am

19th March - Yabby Races BBQ
25th April - Anzac Day

Congratulations to the 2016 P&C executive members
President : Karen Parker
Secretary: Carolyn Carseldine
Treasurer: Judith lord
Vice President: Tanya Davis
Book club convenor: Melissa Carseldine
Book club assistant: Lynda Jacobson
Tuck shop: Faith
Tuck shop assistant: Melissa
Uniform convenor: Lynda Jacobson

Thank you to all those who took their time to nominate and attend. Thank you to those who accepted these positions.
Regards Karen Parker
WEEK 8 —

- I keep my hands and feet to myself
- I report any safety concerns
- I model sensible behaviour

WEEK 9 —

- I walk on concrete
- I wait quietly on the seats
- I use equipment safely

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**Improvement Agenda 2016**

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Community News

Chaplaincy News

Supa Club will be held on Wednesday 20th April, 4th and 18th May, 1st and 15th June, 2016.

Save the Children Mobile Playgroup

The Mobile Playgroup run by Save the Children is at Moore on Tuesday afternoons, from 12—2 pm. It is a free service for anyone with children in the pre-school (0-5 years age range). The facilitator will bring a fully equipped van with activities and morning tea for everyone who comes along. The van will park in the school grounds, on the driveway near the stairs to the senior classroom. If you know of anyone in the community who has pre-school children please pass on this information about the playgroup to them.

For more information, please contact 0411 668 852.

Toogoolawah PICTURES

Sat., 19th March - m
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8  Family: $25
Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954

Please note, there will be no pictures Easter Week-end.