Hello Linville,

Welcome back to school! It was fantastic to see everyone back safe and sound from the school holidays. We especially enjoyed welcoming our new students to our school. A big thank you to everyone who helped out and attended the Back to School BBQ last Friday night, it was a relaxed evening and a great time to catch up and meet with new members of our school community.

Swimming

Starts next week and will follow the same format as the past few years. We will be getting changed at school and then departing by bus for Kilcoy at 12.30 pm, returning to school before 3 pm. Students will get changed into their uniforms when we arrive back at school.

For next week only students will have their normal lunch break at 11.00 am and then return to class at 11.15 am. At 12.15 pm we will begin getting ready for swimming. Please remember that students will need swimmers and a rashie or swim shirt to attend swimming. They can bring a pair of thongs to wear on the bus to swimming. Students will also need a named towel, their school hat and a bag. We apply sunscreen to all children before leaving school and encourage the use of water bottles. At the Kilcoy Pool we will place students into groups for lessons. Lesson run from 1 pm – 2 pm each day. If you are able to assist us with swimming in anyway this term please let Mr Mac know by Friday.

Our School Values and Behaviour Expectations

Each week of this term, we will have a focus that will be explicitly taught and reviewed with students throughout the week to reinforce our school values Be a Safe Learner, Be a Respectful Learner and Be a Responsible Learner. We have started discussing our values every day with our students, this is part of the implementation of SWPBS in our school. Surprise! At the end of the year the name of SWPBS changed (yes, they could not leave it alone - just as we all got to know it!) it is now called PBL or Positive Behaviour for Learning. More information about our behaviour focus at school will be sent home with the next newsletter.

Being Equipped for School

It is great to see so many students equipped and ready to start their school year. Thank you to families for making sure your children have all of the required equipment from the booklist, full school uniform and sun safe school hat to start the year off. The weather is still very hot and we encourage each student to bring a water bottle to school each day. It is also good to see so many students with nutritious, healthy lunches. We are continuing to have our brain snack in the morning, though this year we are eating upstairs. A small container with fruit or vegetables in it makes this much easier the students to manage.

Staffing

As announced at the end of last year our staffing is largely unchanged from the end of last year. Mrs McLachlan is replacing Mrs Crosato for Term One. Mrs Crosato is on leave. This has necessitated a couple of changes. I am
teaching HPE to both classes on Mondays for this term. Mrs McLachlan is teaching Drama from The Arts curriculum to both classes as well as teaching the Prep- Year 2's Science on a Monday.

Great to have everyone back at school. I am looking forward to the adventures and experiences that 2015 will lead us on as we make our way through the year.

Mr Mac.

A big welcome to our new students in Prep and Year 1.

Community News

Hi! This short note is to invite all parents and interested community members of Linville/Moore to attend a Discussion Meeting for the YOUNG PEOPLE within this COMMUNITY, on Monday 23rd February.

This meeting is to discuss activities that Parents and Young People would like to have available in Linville/Moore and possible ways to implement them.

I have invited Kate Toohey, the Somerset Regional Council Youth Development Officer and Michelle Francis, the Sport and Recreation Officer, and both are keen to attend. There will be a morning tea at 9.30am with the meeting to start at 10.00am. (It would be really appreciated if everyone bring along a small plate of food to share. Thank you!)

I thought I would initially allow a few mums to share their ideas, allow for some general discussion, invite Kate and Michelle to share ideas that work etc. and then hopefully draw up a general timetable of events for the year. For example, I was thinking that we have a Fun Day each term in the Linville Hall, have special Sporting Days or Clinics, and perhaps even a Special Day at Duckadang. If you know of anyone in the community with talents to share e.g. would like to teach a little group to knit, sew, paint, does jewellery making, can teach a little music, would love to teach some board games, chess, cards etc etc., please ask them to come along too or list their suggestions and availability. If you are unable to attend but would like to share your ideas, please write them down and pass on to myself or any parent attending.

Our children are our greatest assets ... they are the future and it is with our effort that they will become valuable members of society. Please come along, being positive and excited about the future for the Linville/Moore Community.

Looking forward to a great morning and seeing you there! Catharina Kusay

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