Hi everyone,

Yesterday, Geoff and Lina visited the school to talk about all the amazing plants that we have on our property- natives, introduced species and weeds. A few of our students are quite knowledgeable about our plants and could discuss them quite well with Lina and Geoff. (Thanks Geoff and Lina)

We did manage to get sidetracked by the Brazilian cherry tree however, which had LOTS of fruit on it!

As a result, we will be purchasing some tags to write on and place with the trees and plants we found.

On Friday afternoon from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tunttable Creek Landcare will be having a working bee down at our creek. If you are able to attend, please ensure you have good shoes and gloves.

On the 14th of May both Tunttable Creek Landcare and the Hall are the charity of the day at The Channon Markets. If you can help by either providing cake or on the roster, please let Lina know.

Today students will be travelling to Lismore to watch the final in the ICC cricket match. The semi-finals were on yesterday, so it will be interesting to see who we will be watching today.

On Monday I sent home notes regarding the option of having the chaplaincy program at our school next year.

Could you please ensure that you return the note by Thursday of this week.

Miss Jodie and I are busy writing reports at the moment. These will be going home at the end of next week. If you would like to have a chat about your child’s report, please ring the school to make an appointment.

Alison Bath

Upcoming Events

November 26
10.30am ICC Cook Island Cricket Team game (Lismore)

December 8
School Swimming Scheme make-up day

December 9
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December 12
12.30pm Non-Denominational Christmas Scripture

December 16
End of Year Concert 5.30pm BBQ

December 17
Last Day of 2014
### Cool Lunchboxes

Glorious summer has arrived and cool fruits and light salads have arrived on our menus. These will be much appreciated by children who might be tired of sandwiches (though these, too, can be jazzed up with different lettuces, sliced sweet potato, grilled eggplant and zucchini etc).

Some ideas:
- If you're making salad for dinner make enough extra for the lunchbox the next day (keep dressing separate if it will make things soggy or leak), you can even pack it in a container and have it ready in the fridge.
- Use leftover pasta, rice, baked pumpkin or sweet potato, or canned bean mix as the basis of a yummy summer salad. Cold cooked cauliflower, peas, beans, broccoli are good additions to a cold salad.
- Bring your child shopping with you and ask them to pick the veges they'd like in their lunchbox or on their sandwiches.
- Keep it all cool with an ice brick or frozen water bottle.

### Different types of writing

You child may be asked to present an assignment in a particular text type. Text types mean writing according to a purpose or an audience. For example, factual texts inform and literary texts entertain. This fact sheet gives several examples and the purpose of different types of writing.


### Choosing a book for your child

What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.


### Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?

Lots of parents question the violence in many of today's cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence?


### Guide to technology tools

The holidays are traditionally the time for the big gifts that kids have been begging for all year. Here’s what to watch out for when choosing technology toys for your kids.


### New website gives easy access to vocational courses

Students can explore the range of subsidised courses available to them in 2015 by visiting [https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/](https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/)

The website features an Eligibility Checker and a Course Finder, which enable students to find approved training provider that meets their needs, as well as calculate their estimated fee. It also contains comprehensive information on apprenticeships and traineeships.

For enquiries, students can contact [enquiries@smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au)