Hi everyone,

I would like to welcome Reuben and his family to our school. It is lovely to have another student join us and I know the boys in particular, are happy to have another boy at our school. Well done to all students who have warmly welcomed Reuben and helped him settle in so well.

Last Friday, we held our ANZAC service. I was impressed with the students respect during our service. We made wreaths from rosemary and lavender and a bouquet from our garden.

Students have been learning quite a bit about the era of the Great War and were interested in the similarities and differences between schools then and now. Many of us would remember the school magazine we had when we went to school. We looked at one from 1915 and discussed the title of British Empire.

We also made ANZAC biscuits during our Kitchen Garden Program.

Cross Country is this Thursday, 30th April at Corndale. If the weather is unsuitable on the day, we will notify you on the morning of the carnival. The alternate day for the Cross Country will be Monday 4th May. Students will need to be prepared for any weather on Thursday as it may turn cool, rainy and windy. Good running shoes are a must and all students are to be in school uniform. Hope to see you all there.

WANTED: Empty and clean soft drink bottles for our Garden Project.

If you have any could you send them in as soon as possible. Thank you

Alison Bath
Barbecues are a great Australian way of social cooking and keeping the kitchen clean. They don't need to always mean sausages: consider how you could turn it into something simple, nourishing and a whole lot more exciting.

Lean hamburgers or Vege Burgers (homemade patties containing vegetables &/or lentils/beans) on bread rolls, served with:
- coleslaw
- onions and tomato
- pepper & parsley
- BBQ capsicum and onion slices

Use wholemeal and multigrain varieties, no need to butter rolls. For small children offer mini burgers.

Offer BBQed veges e.g. BBQ Corn Cobs, thread any of eggplant, zucchini, mushrooms, onion, capsicum, celery and pineapple pieces onto skewers for a delicious side dish.

Managing depression
One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don't be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

Financial literacy
Does your child need help with business and economics? Here’s info on credit cards, how to be responsible spenders and savers, and make consumer choices.

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016
If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015. The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Help with ratios
Homework is full of tricky maths questions. Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. This glossary gives straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.
Are you an Aboriginal Artist?
Centrelink & Medicare Lismore are celebrating National Reconciliation Week....
with an Exhibition of local Aboriginal art...
If you have an art work you would like to exhibit...
Please contact Gabrielle at Centrelink Lismore before 25th May on 66265480

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Front Entry Works

Work on the construction of a new hospital front entrance forecourt area and patient drop-off zone commenced Monday 20th April 2015. These works will be phased to completion.

Phase one will see the construction of a temporary ambulance driveway as the existing ambulance exit will be closed to allow the front entry works to proceed.

Once the temporary ambulance driveway is completed phase two of these works will commence and include the main front entry forecourt and drop-off zone construction. During this time however, access to the emergency department will be via the construction site and pedestrian access to the hospital main entrance and Emergency will be maintained. I have included some initial impressions of what the new forecourt area will look like.

Interesting Facts

In construction as far:

- 4300 cubic metres of concrete has been poured which equates to approximately 43km of footpath.
- To date, 5000 cubic metres of steel reinforcement have been laid.
- 480 tonnes of steel reinforcement have been laid.
- 7 tonnes of structural steel installed to date.
- 753mm of concrete is planned for the project.
- 1576m of scaffolding has been erected.
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Any feedback or queries should be directed to Scott Hulsey (scott.hulsey@nqhealth.nsw.gov.au) and will be addressed by the project team.

Want to know more about the project?

Project Update - Main Works

Construction continues to progress well. So far we are approximately 50% through the construction programme with a cumulative total man hours to the end of March 2015 of 17,729hrs - Maasione works to date:

- Level 5 links bridge slab has been completed
- Level 7 suspended slab has been completed
- Level 7 to 8 column formwork and reinforcement progressing
- Level 4 external structural steel fabrication has commenced
- Level 3 internal block work nearing completion and high level services installation progressing (plumbing, electrical, air conditioning etc)