Bonjour,

We have all settled in for the school year and very glad we have air-conditioning! Hopefully some rain tomorrow.

Homework will be sent out next week. Some students have already asked for homework and I did mention that a good learner doesn’t always need to wait for the homework book. Reading, learning multiplication tables, adding up the shopping list, finding out how to play a new game, finding information about an Australian animal, famous person or even finding out how to say “I’m really tired” in French.

Yesterday we started our Science unit on Matter. I’m sure you all heard about the first experiment – seeing what changes temperature has on objects.

We will be starting coding this Term. Here’s a list of why coding is important in learning.

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Upcoming Events

**February 9**
Dunoon PSSA Swimming Carnival – Alstonville Pool

**February 21**
Free tip day – Lismore City Council

**February 26**
School Photos

**March 23**
My First Year Photos (The Northern Star)

**March 25**
GOOD FRIDAY

**March 28**
EASTER MONDAY
In English, we will be exploring different texts on an Australian topic.

Stage One will start with *Why I love Australia* by Bronwyn Bancroft, exploring the themes of Aboriginal Culture, Art, Country, the natural world and poetry.

Stage Two will be studying *Storm boy* by Colin Thiele. They will learn how to make connections between the ways different authors may represent similar storylines, ideas and relationships and use interaction skills such as acknowledging another’s point of view and linking students’ response to the topic. Students will also discuss how authors and illustrators make stories exciting, moving and absorbing and hold readers’ interest by using various techniques, for example character development and plot tension.

Stage Three students will be studying the text *One Small Island* by Alison Lester and Colin Tulloch. This unit of work explores the impact of human factors on the environment of Macquarie Island. Through an analysis of both literary and informational excerpts within this book, students will have the opportunity to craft texts that use persuasive writing techniques to address different social purposes for writing.

Thank you to those parents who came to the P and C meeting yesterday. Quite a few ideas on fundraising were mentioned, security and what events are on this year. The next P and C meeting is the AGM on the 7th of March. At this one, we will need to discuss funding for the Sydney/Canberra excursion and other events.

Next Tuesday is the swimming carnival at Alstonville Pool. An attendance note is attached. Please note that pool entry money needs to be paid by MONDAY so that we can organize a cheque for the pool.

Hope you are surviving the weather,

Au revoir,

Alison Bath

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**Lismore & District Netball invites you to our**

**NetSetGo and Junior COME & TRY DAY!**

We extend an open invitation to parents and children to join us, and find out more about netball and all the fun that can be had playing one of the worlds most popular sports in an inclusive, safe and friendly environment.

**Saturday 13th February 2016**

Marie Mackney Netball Courts, Ballina Road, Lismore.

**9am – 9.45am – Children aged 5 – 7 years in 2016**

– NET is an introductory platform program designed to build the fundamental skills that young netballers need to succeed!

**10am – 10.45am – Children aged 8 – 10 years in 2016**

– SET is modified games with modified rules that commences the understanding of netball on the court and builds upon foundation skills developed in NET.

**11am – 12.15pm – Children aged 10 – 12 in 2016**

– GO & New players to our junior competitions will participate in drills and skills sessions incorporating foot work, ball work & basic positional play and rules.

For further information please contact Leslie Kirk, secretary.lismorennetball@bigpond.com

We look forward to welcoming you to Lismore Netball!
Dunkin says JUMP INTO IT!

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