What’s Coming Up!
Term 1

Week 7
14 Mar  Australian Schools Competition due

Week 8
18 Mar  Ballina HS Yr6 into Yr7 2015
        Info evening 5:30-6:30pm
19 Mar  Interrelate Year 5 - 6
20 Mar  Grandparents Day – Sausage sizzle

Week 9
24 Mar  Street Sense K – 2 only
26 Mar  Interrelate Year 5 – 6
27 Mar  Coloured Hair Day

Weekly Achievement Awards

Hayden Burt  KL  Elwyn Piccaluga  K/1N
Ruby Falzon  KH  Drae Brain  1CT
Isabella Sinanovski  1/2M  Tom Sinanovski  2W
Rose Wright  2/3C  Jayden Weeks  3A
Jackson Priest  3/4K  Jules Lacy  4J
Trevor Noble  5/6M  Annabelle Miller  5/6S
Alani Adamson  Library  Lucas Frears  5/6L

Producing Excellent Students

Student of the Week
Our student of the week is a keen footballer and cricketer who has represented our school in both of these sports. He has also been selected in the District cricket team.

Shane is a house leader who has represented Ross House with Gusto at the recent swimming carnival.

Shane sets a positive example in the classroom and is a great role model for our school’s three key values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity and is a Honour Student.

He has completed the Premiers Sporting Challenge and the Premiers Reading Challenge.

Congratulations Shane Lennon.

Merit Student
Gabby Bolger

Honour Student
Jake Kynoch
From the Principal’s Desk
A kindly reminder to parents and caregivers in relation to students travelling to and from school;

Did you know?
• Children aged five to nine have the highest hospitalisation rate for falls, and as they get older the falls are more likely to be from bikes, skateboards and rollerblades.
• Older children are still developing skills, and they take greater risks – climbing higher, balancing more precariously and riding faster

BICYCLES
Parents need to be confident that children know the rules of the road before allowing them to ride their bicycles to school. K – 2 students should not ride bikes to school without parent supervision. Approved helmets must be worn at all times.

ROAD AND BUS SAFETY
A set of rules has been compiled to assist parents, bus drivers, and teachers with the education of bus travellers. Parents can play an important part in having these rules observed:

• Safe children stand well back from the roadside while waiting for the bus. Smaller children enter last.
• Safe children do not bounce a ball or play chasings near the bus stop.
• Safe children sit down whilst the bus is moving and keep their bags under the seat.
• Safe children keep their heads and arms inside the bus.
• Safe children stay in their seats until the driver calls them forward. Hold onto seats as you move up. Small children disembark last.
• Care for your clean bus by looking after the seats and keeping litter off the floors DO THE RIGHT THING.
• Safe children leave the bus and wait well back until the bus departs and all approaching cars can be seen.
• Safe children look to THE RIGHT (cars come closer from the right) THE LEFT and THE RIGHT before walking across the road.

Ron Ritchie
School Leader

Thought for the week
It is what we make of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another.
Nelson Mandela

Recognising Student Achievements

Gold Cards
Sophie Ranyard
Reuben Hardy
Stella Paff
Jackson Priest
Jack Atkins
Charlotte Cole
Jayden Backshall
Sofia Rezai-Smyth
Jesse Allen
Hayden Adamson

Three Respects in Action – Dolphin Slips
Dolphin slips are given to children for demonstrating the three Key Values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity in the playground. Draws are made each week from the Dolphin Slip box. Each child receives a canteen voucher.

Lauren Miller
Brody Olley
Tyler Adamson
Mataya Chinnery

Congratulations on being great role models.

Teaching Respect and Responsibility
The Bear Award is given to the class that demonstrates the best listening and participation skills during the weekly assembly.

Week: 6 Class: K/1N Well done

Musical Notes
Just a reminder that all fees are due Friday March 21st. If you are having difficulty making payments please let us know. Thank you,
Fiona Clarke and Mark Whitney.
Sports Bits

Well done to all our swimmers who competed yesterday at Lismore in the North Coast Regional PSSA swimming.

Congratulations to the following boys who will now travel to Sydney later in the term. Max Clarke, Flynn Whitney and Nathan Mackenzie. Fantastic effort boys.

Caring for our school community

My First Year 2014
A Pictorial memento which will appear in The Northern Star, on Wednesday 26 March with each Kindergarten in our region.

If anyone would like to pre order copies please contact myself, on 6620 0506 or email: vicki.alexander@northernstar.com.au, the cost is $1.20 per copy.

Street Sense Performance
Next week on Monday 24 March all of Kinder, Year & 2 will be watching a visiting performance “street Sense”. If you have already paid for visiting shows your child will automatically attend (unless you advise is otherwise).

If you have not paid for the shows your child will need to return the permission note with money in order for them to attend. This permission note will be sent home this week.

Deb Langfield

Library Events

Donations
Thank you to Roberto Pennington and Jayden Backshall for donating looks to the library.

Overdue Notes
Please check with your child as overdue notes were handed out on Tuesday.

Scholastic Reading Photo Competition
Ten students and their teachers will each Win $100 worth vouchers to spend on books from Book Clubs or Book Fairs.

To enter you need to take a photo or draw a picture of your cat or dog reading a book. Or if you don’t have a family pet you can use one of your stuffed furry friends to model for you or just use your imagination.

Email entries to competitions@scholastic.com.au or post to - Paws for Reading Photo Contest
   Reply Paid 570, GOSFORD NSW 2250

You need to include your name, age, school, teacher’s name, the name of your pet (if applicable) and maybe a little piece about the pet in your photo or drawing – it might be their favourite type of book to read! Only one photo or drawing per pet, per student will be accepted. For eg. If a student has five pets, a photo or drawing of each pet will be accepted.

Year 6 Girls – Lennox Life Savers

Tilly Silvers, Mya Sheavils, Abbi Tippett, Rani Keller and Ellie Duncan (absent) are attempting to raise as much money as possible for cancer research.

The girls have independently decided to register themselves as the Lennox Life Savers in order to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

The S.R.C have voted to support their fundraising by having a coloured hair day on Thursday 27 March.

Please support the girls and their wonderful cause by colouring your hair and donating a gold coin. School uniform will be worn on the day.

Thank you the S.R.C

Five great games to play with the entire family (just to get you started!):

1. Rugby or Soccer – classic games already, everyone knows the basics, but football can be a ton of fun as a family. If there are those playing that shy away from contact, make it a game of two hand tag. Dust off the old ball and forget watching it on the TV, so much more fun live!

2. Badminton – If football is a bit too much for your family, badminton provides a similar experience in a less strenuous arena. Kids, adults and even grandparents can enjoy a fun game of badminton.

3. Horseshoes – This is yet another classic game that can be enjoyed by nearly everyone. The best part about horseshoes is that it provides for conversation and fun all at the same time. When you are waiting your turn you can be spending time with the kids or catching up with your family about their day.

4. Hide and Seek – Although this game is originally a kid’s game, adults can have a fun playing it as well. Set up a specific area to stay within and go back to your childhood. You will be shocked at how much fun this can be.
5. Elastics: – Surely this old game causes memories to surface? You need about 6 – 8 metres of elastic tied at the end to form a circle. Two people stand at each end with the elastic at their ankles, and the others take turns going “In, on, in, out, crisscross, in, over” (catching one side of the elastic and taking it across the other), out”. You then progress to the knees, hips, waist, underarms…. Two chairs will do if there are too few people or you want to get some sneaky practice in!

Outdoor games are wonderful because they bring the family together in teamwork, fun and excitement. The exercise you get from running around with the kids is a huge bonus. Although we are in the habit of sitting around after dinner, these games could foster a brand new habit in the years to come. Start a healthy tradition and get outside this year.

### Community Announcements

**Stratheden Public School**
Celebrating 100 years 1914 - 2014
Saturday 12th April 2014 - Starting at 10am
All welcome to attend
RSVP: Stratheden Public School
710 Stratheden Road, Stratheden
Ph: (02) 6667 3266, Fax: (02) 6667 3241
Email: stratheden-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Northern NSW Netball Clinic**
Get ready for the 2014 Netball season with the Liz Ellis Twilight Sessions in the Northern Rivers!

These 3-hour clinics are designed for players from 7 to 13 years of age. Focus will be on basic skills and drills, as well as specialist position training. Clinics will run from 4.30pm to 7.30pm and cost $35 per player.

Friday 28 March - Ballina Netball Courts – Kingsford Smith Oval, Owen Street.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE LIMITED!
Bookings open Tuesday 11th March at…

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### Our healthy canteen

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Thank you, Sue Tatum Ph: 66877141

There will be extra sausages available for any last minute orders from Grandparents /sausage sizzle.