



From the Committee:

What a very emotional couple of weeks it has been. How amazing that we still have our beautiful little school. So many thanks to so many people and groups for their hard work and generosity. I don't think we will forget what happened in the year 2019.



The boys sorting out the chicken's water and food at the evacuation centre at the showgrounds.



Painting to bring on some rain.

Last week the school was extremely fortunate to have the TAFE not only open its doors to us, but also supply the teachers and students with an amazing array of food. A highlight I am sure for all students was their intensive swim lessons and slide afternoons. It was a delight to see the children grow in their swimming abilities each day. Our teachers worked together to organise a wonderful week of activities and I know that getting back to a more normal school routine after such a fabulous week will be difficult for some.



Lots of fun swimming in the Goonellabah Sport Aquatic Centre pool and going down the slide!

Our yearly parent survey has been handed out this week. Please fill it in and have it back by Tuesday 3rd December. Our operations meeting is on Thursday 5th December and it would be great to use your feedback.

Nits are about so check your child's head and treat if needed. If you would like to help with the final details of our new playground, please come to the meeting on **Friday 29th after school at 3pm.**

School calendar

Excursion: 7 Deeds for 7 Dwarfs Performance- (Upper and middle classes at Nimbin Central School) Thursday 28th November- Leaving at 10:45am- Bring a packed lunch!

Circus Performance & Film Presentation
Wednesday 4th December 3pm

Year 1 Orientation:
Tuesday 10th December

Graduation Dinner :
Thursday 12th December at 5pm

Please contact a committee member if you wish to help.

Fete Market Stall:
Thursday 12th December approx. from 12-5pm , Raffles will be drawn approx. 3pm

Last Day of Term 4
Friday 13th December

Reminders:

Raffles will be drawn on Thursday 12th Dec. approx. 3pm : deposit tickets and funds in the labelled box outside the office.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday 28th November

Operations Meeting: Thursday 5th December

Student Reports: Will be made available for collection by parents at the office during the last week of Term (week ending Friday 13th December).

(Remaining reports will be posted)

Can you help?

- We would love another parent on Wednesday to help Nozomi with the lunches, please call the school or Jaz to let them know you can help.
- Ginger has been working hard to ensure our garden is as amazing as it is. Can you fit in some time to support her on a Tuesday or Thursday? Not only do you get to hang out in the garden, it is a joy to see our children in action.

The end of 2019 is approaching so please make sure you check all of the dates on the calendar as some of them may have **changed**.

Is there any parent out there who would like to write an article for the Nimbin Good Times. It would be fabulous to have an article from a parents perspective about the school. Please see Nicole.

Time to Celebrate!! Monty's mum Tamara, has been working hard all year at TAFE studying ceramics. **Friday the 29th November there will be an exhibition opening from 5.30-7.30pm at the TAFE with viewing continuing from the 2nd-6th December, 9.30am-3.30pm.** This would be an ideal time to get social and support one of our one. You may even buy a special something.

It is under extenuating circumstances that we need to cancel our fete this year. We are very sorry, however there is much stress on many families due to the fire and the work involved in putting a fete together is too much for all involved at the moment. A Market will be held on Thursday 12th December from 12-5pm and the raffles will be drawn so that our donations can be utilised. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Have a fabulous week
Nicole



Is this yours?

This silver dolphin earring has been found... Contact the Office if you think this is yours or if you know who it belongs to.



Artcycle – get crafty and help reduce landfill!

Need materials for your art? Love making things from recycled treasures?

The Lismore Revolve Shop is trialling a new initiative – Artcycle – where old or discarded art materials are re-sold to be created into new masterpieces.

The first Artcycle event will be held on **Saturday, 30 November**

from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Lismore Revolve Shop, located within the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Wyrallah Road.

Our wonderful Revolve Shop volunteers will be running our first Artcycle event – a big thank you to them for giving their time to help keep items out of landfill!

See you at our first Artcycle.

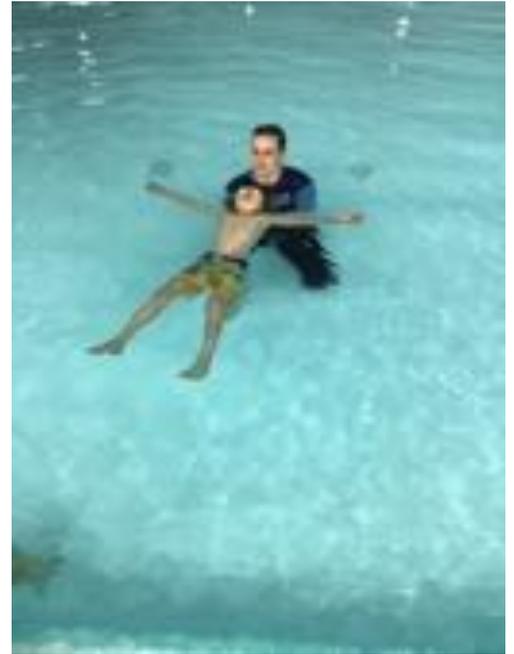
Health and Safety Reminders at School

During the whole school Assembly on Monday 25th November, Joe reminded us all about being careful now that we are back at our lovely school:

Welcome Back! Lets look after each other

Parents please be sure you are contactable during this time.

- Stay in the school grounds and keep out of the **Black Zones!**
- If you see smoke, tell the Teacher or a Parent.
- Use water sparingly.
- Be careful in the sandpit, let a teacher know if you see glass and don't touch it.
- Be mindful of your language, it can offend others.
- Use appropriate manners and language at all times.
- Be a friend and a supportive listener.
- Talk about your feelings if you feel the need.
(Further support can be provided through information at the Office).
- Be considerate of others when using the toilets, make sure you use the sawdust and shut the lid.
- Wash your hands.



Booribi Class (Kindy)



Last week in Lismore, the Buribi Class were very impressed that they got to sit at their own desk at TAFE. We worked very hard on our written instructions for:

"How To Catch An Eel"

On Tuesday we visited Friends Of The Koalas and Lola taught us a lot about koalas. We sung her our school song and she was amused that our class was the Koala Class. We didn't see Miela's Grandma working there but we were allowed to get very close to a mother and her joey. How Lucky we were to experience Lismore!





Gooarng Class (Middle)

Hi Families,

It's so wonderful to be back at school! I feel so grateful for all the fire fighters and community for coming together with unwavering energy to push back the fires from the schools and community's door. Last week that community support continued with the generosity of TAFE and The Lismore Regional Gallery providing spaces for the kids to learn in Lismore.

At the gallery we were able to express the gratitude we all feel through art. In the downstairs art room we created grateful hearts using metallic and glitter paints, textas, pencils and paper collage. It was wonderful to see all the kids expressing their feelings through art.

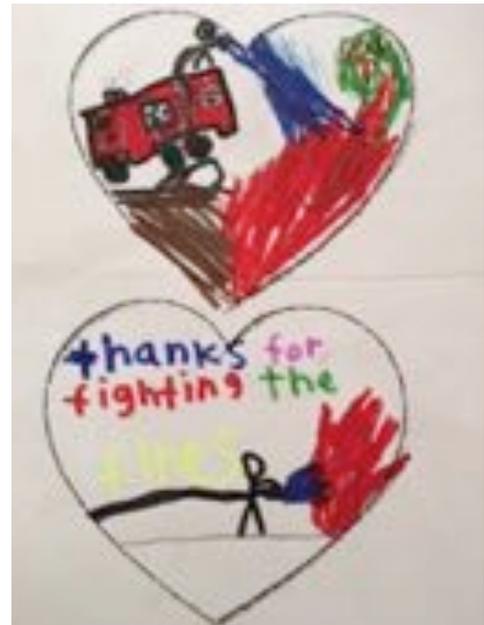
We were so lucky to have Geoff Hannah there, who opened up his jewellery box and one of his students' cabinets. He explained the incredible attention to detail in these cabinets, and the time and work that has gone into them. We learnt that the fine detailed "paintings" are wood inlay and that Geoff uses stones, such as agate, as well as wood in his work. His wooden Varnish is shellac, which is made from beetle poo!

Many thanks to Claudie Frock and the Gallery for providing this experience and to Lismore Pre-School for generously giving up their booked slot for us, and Geoff Hannah who showed us his incredible work.

Feeling Grateful,



Ishta



Guruman Class (Upper)



Last week was an excellent opportunity, with the Intensive Swimming at Goonellabah Sports Aquatic Centre, to improve the students' abilities in the water, and to have a strong distraction from the disrupted Tumble life. The organisers were extremely generous with their discounted pricing and flexibility with the late booking. It was impressive to see them in action as Instructors had the children sorted quickly and accurately into their swimming ability groupings, within the first fifteen minutes. The design of the sessions worked well, with a nice balance of some serious work-out time and fun on the slides. Watching the very obvious improvement in the children's abilities, it was clear that they were constantly engaged and were able to recognise their own improvements. The Instructors demonstrated amazing insight into exactly what techniques needed refinement and they knew the drills to train that skill. With the students having a strong awareness now of what to work on, it is great timing leading into Summer to keep working on their techniques over the weekends and holidays, in between further developing their surfing skills. The students were happy to keep pushing themselves (with some complaints) to meet the challenge of becoming a competent swimmer. Nala and Elke made it to thirty nine laps on one of the days which is approximately thirty nine more than I could do. It was inspiring to see the program in action and I would hope it could be incorporated into each year's Term 4 sport. GSAC was one of the very generous organisations that made the week in Lismore possible and fun.



Earlier... Guruman had been delving into life as a Chinese Australian through the wonderful novel, *The Garden of Empress Cassia* by Gabrielle Wang, as a literacy study. As well as experimenting with prediction, inference and figurative language techniques. We have been learning the skills of Geometrical Art, creating accurate Yin & Yangs and a variety of Mandalas. This has involved the mathematical skills of creating concentric circles, bisecting lines, arcs and angles, and identification of circle characteristics. They have created some impressive artworks with a variety of approaches. The novel raised issues of bullying in schools through it occurring within the story line. Guruman have had some very mature discussions on the skills of successful conflict resolution, self awareness and the importance of empathy. Our Maths focus, which has been shared with the Year 3's as part of the ongoing Transition to Guruman, has been on Data & Statistics and Chance, which has involved lots of dice games and coin tossing. In between all of this, we have been practicing Circus routines, music performances, and the ongoing film making, which has been amazing to see evolve. My favourite part of the week was the set up of the long term project of creating a ceramic water feature, thanks to Ishta's skills and many other contributors. It is a spectacular addition to the school grounds.



Thank you to a great team and committee for your ongoing dedication this year and it was fantastic camping with you all at Minjerrabah. Peace, love and water wise kids.

From The Garden

With the weather dramatically heating up and the water supply dangerously low I would like to remind all students, parents and guests to be water wise in our school- every drop counts!

With this in the forefront of my mind the Buribi class will be investigating where our water from our taps come from and how can we use it more efficiently at school and at home? They have been mindfully using the water in the garden to prepare for the school fete and our last planting for the year.

The Gooarnj class have been learning about their personal space how they are also a part of a local space (Nimbin/Lismore) and national (Australia) and discussing how we have connections to other places (global) they are invited to bring in stories, photographs & objects from a foreign country to share with the class and essentially teach their class about the similarities and differences we share and how we are all connected. They have also made beautiful little spirit houses and succulent gardens, herb pots and herb combination pots for our fete admiring the smell, taste, textures and physical characteristics of a wide range of herbs.

The Guraman class have well and truly delved into their research projects on their chosen neighbouring country/culture. They have investigated the agricultural industries that are functioning in the country and prepared their garden beds to replicate the climate and growing conditions. They are working towards growing their vegetable to create a taste insight into their studied country at the cultural day.



NORTHERN NSW FIRES | 15 November

Community Recovery Information #1

This newsletter contains recovery information for people recently impacted by bush fires in NSW.

Health and wellbeing

Looking after yourself and others

Bush fires can be distressing and you might feel things like sadness, frustration, anxiety or have trouble sleeping or remembering things. This is a normal reaction to an abnormal event and is not a sign of weakness.

Having someone to listen and support you at times like this is important.

Some tips on managing your recovery include:

- spend time with family and friends
- try to get back into a routine
- continue a healthy lifestyle (eating, sleeping, exercise)
- take time out but don't isolate yourself
- express your feelings in your own time and way
- accept help when it is offered
- limit the amount of media coverage you are exposed to
- don't expect to have all the answers
- understand you are not alone in your experience.

Keep checking in with your friends and neighbours and looking out for each other.

Free face-to-face support

Free face-to-face or telephone counselling services with a mental health practitioner, such as a psychologist or mental health social worker, to provide people with strategies and techniques to manage mental health.

- Hurst/New England – Healthwise
1800 931 540
- North Coast – Connect to Wellbeing
1300 180 339

Free telephone support

The following are free services available 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

Mental Health Line	1800 011 511
Lifeline	13 11 14
Mensline	1300 789 978
Kids Helpline	1800 55 1800
Beyond Blue	1300 22 4636

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger always call 000.

Are you insured?

If you are insured you should talk to your insurance company as soon as possible about how to make a claim. If you have clearance, you can start cleaning up immediately - but first take pictures or video of any damage to your property and possessions as evidence for your claim. The Insurance Council of Australia can be contacted with any questions, complaints or concerns about your insurance on

1800 734 621.

Support for Individuals

Disaster Relief Grants

If you are not insured and have limited income, you may be eligible for a disaster relief grant. Please call Disaster Welfare on 1800 018 444.

Grants are available for eligible individuals and families whose homes and essential household contents have been damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster.

To be eligible for this assistance you must:

- be a low-income earner and meet an income assets test
- demonstrate that the affected home is your principal place of residence
- not be covered by insurance
- demonstrate that the damage was caused by the disaster
- lodge the application within four months of the disaster occurring

Contact the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on **1800 018 444**.

Disaster Recovery Payment

The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment has been activated for people severely affected by the NSW Bush Fires.

This provides a one-off payment of \$1000 per adult and \$400 per child if your home has been destroyed or severely damaged – including smoke damage.

Call **180 2266** to apply.

Disaster Recovery Allowance

The Disaster Recovery Allowance has been activated by the Australian Government for people affected by the NSW Bush Fires.

This provides short term support payment to assist those whose income has been affected as a direct result of the bush fires.

Call **180 2266** or visit humanservices.gov.au

Fire Retardant Information

Retardants are dropped from the air to suppress and slow the fires and may have landed on some properties.

This type of retardant is basically a fertiliser (a mix of ammonium and diammonium sulphate and ammonium phosphate). This coloured foam will need to be flushed from roofs and water sources.

For assistance with removing fire retardant from your roof please call the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on **1800 018 444**

Domestic Water Assistance

If your potable water has been used by a fire fighting agency to fight the fire, you may be eligible to have it replaced. This assistance is for residential properties in rural areas.

Disaster Welfare is working with NSW RFS to identify impacted properties.

Call the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on **1800 018 444** (Mon–Fri 8.30am–4.30pm) for more information.

Animal Welfare

Local Land Services is assisting with emergency fodder, stock water and assessment of animals impacted by the fire. Landholders are encouraged to call the Agriculture and Animal Hotline to request assistance or report any stock losses.

Animal & Agriculture Hotline: 1800 814 647

Replacing personal documents

Service NSW can help replace many of your personal documents free of charge if they were damaged or destroyed. This includes birth certificates, marriage certificates, licences and number plates.

For assistance please visit your nearest NSW Service centre, or call **13 77 88**

Legal Assistance

Legal Aid NSW lawyers can provide free legal advice and minor assistance to people affected by disasters on a range of issues including insurance, tenancy and credit and debt problems.

Legal Aid NSW: **1800 801 529**
www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au