On last week’s assembly I spoke about the rescue of a man who had been washed away by floodwaters on the Ellangowan Road. The rescue was reported in the Northern Star (see below).

Holly and Sophie Saebar were with their mother trying to get to Nan’s house. Naturally they couldn’t cross the causeway, but when Mum was turning the car around, they heard someone calling for help. Mum thought it was a cow, but Sophie and Holly insisted it was a person and they went for a look. They couldn’t see the man, but could hear him. They let him know they were getting help; the girls knew exactly what to do. They went to higher ground so they had mobile phone service and called ‘000’. The Police and Casino Volunteer Rescue Association attended and performed a successful rescue.

Had Holly and Sophie not been present and had the presence of mind to call for help, the man would most likely have drowned. Well done girls – your bravery and common sense are to be commended!!

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**School Heroes**

Well done Holly and Sophie!

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In another rescue incident, a 68-year-old man drove his Mazda Bravo utility into floodwaters on Ellangowan Road, Ellangowan, early Saturday morning, despite signs warning of water over the causeway.

As the man drove into the causeway, water began rising to the bonnet of his car and then pushed the car off the road and began floating it downstream.

Luckily, the man managed to get out of the car before it was fully submerged, but was then washed about 100m downstream before he was able to grab hold of a tree.

He was stuck there for around an hour-and-a-half before a passer-by who had stopped at the causeway due to the water heard the man’s cries for help.

She called a nearby resident who waded through water towards the man but wasn’t able to reach him due to the strength of the current.

Police and Casino Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) officers attended a short time later and conducted a swift-water rescue of the stranded man.

He was treated by NSW Ambulance Paramedics for mild hypothermia before being taken to Casino Memorial Hospital.

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Lunch and Recess
Could parents please remind children to save their recess and lunch for the appropriate time. We have a number of children eating their recess and lunch before school and then having nothing for later in the day. The YWCA does offer a breakfast program for children who are hungry before school. There is healthy food available free of charge outside the canteen before school.

Also, during the recess and lunch breaks, children do not have access to classrooms. They are reminded by staff to take their hats and canteen money at the commencement of the break – please reinforce this.

Friday's Long Lunch
In recognition of the children’s behaviour throughout the first half of the term, the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Team has organised an extended lunch on Friday. When the bell rings to signal the end of lunch on Friday, children will get an extra 25 minutes of playtime. They will be able to choose from a range of activities organised by staff.

Bus and Car Safety
Please remind children to keep their hands inside vehicles at all times. I have received reports about children with hands outside bus windows which is most disturbing. Also, I have had residents contact the school about congestion during drop-off and pick-up times at school. Please be sure to pull right off the road when dropping students at school so other vehicles can pass safely.

Term 2 Professional Learning Days
In 2014 we have the new NSW Syllabus being implemented across the state. There will be an extra professional learning day for staff. This means that staff will commence Term 2 Monday 29th April, but children will not return until Wednesday 1st May.

Staffing
Ms Teakle returns from leave next Monday. Thank you to Mrs Duroux for the great work she has done on 1/2 T for the first half of the term.

Also, Mrs Hardy has been on leave and Mrs Hendricks has been covering KJ. Thanks to Mrs Hendricks.

Friday Assembly
Last week it was great to see so many parents in attendance at our Friday assembly. I would like to encourage families to join us. Please note that children will be dismissed at the conclusion of the assembly. They will walk to the primary covered area where their bags are and are to be collected from there. Last week we had a lot of congestion at the entrance to the hall. Could parents please wait until the children are dismissed and collect them from the covered area and not wait in the doorways. Parents are not to collect their children from the assembly hall as this makes supervision too difficult for staff.

Martin Gill,
Principal

Parent Teacher Interviews ( K/1 H and 1/2 T)
Parent teacher interviews for classes K/1H (Mrs Harrap) and 1/2 T (Mrs Teakle) will take place on Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March.

Please contact the school office on 6621 5366 to book an appointment.

We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused and thank you in advanced for your cooperation.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
We encourage interested students from Years 3 - 6 to participate in the following competitions. Our students have performed very well in the past and are recognised at school for their achievements.

Subjects:  Science, Maths, English and Computer Skills $8.00 per subject  
Writing $17.00  
Spelling $11.00

Sitting Dates:  Science: Wednesday 5 June  
Maths: Tuesday 13 August  
Computer Skills: Tuesday 21 May  
Writing: Monday 17 June  
English: Wednesday 31 July  
Spelling: Tuesday 18 June

Payments due no later than Tuesday 26 March 2013. Students may enter as many competitions as they wish. Please contact the front office if you require entry forms.
Student Representative Council (SRC)

Citizen of the week
Kael H 5/6 C for working hard in class.
Braydon D K/1 H for playing fair and sharing balls with others.

SRC: The theme for the school disco is..... “Rock n Roll”. Our very own master of the “Rock n Roll” scene, Mr Music, will be pumping out classic and modern tunes to get your feet dancing. So dust off your dancing shoes, find your twirly skirts and dresses, your cool jackets and jeans and start practicing some rock n roll moves.

Stewart House Day is this Friday 10th May, the SRC will be selling high bounce handballs ($3) in support of Stewart House. Stewart House is a holiday home in Sydney where students from NSW government schools can take a much need break. This is the major charity for DEC as well as the NSW teachers federation.

Ms Gibson - Co-Ordinator

Lismore Public School – A Thinking School in 2013

Questions???

3/4 C have been working in collaborative learning groups to develop open ended questions.
Firstly they discussed and voted on fantastic group skills that would help them to value everyone’s ideas.
An open ended question is one that cannot be answered with a Yes or No.
The question that they developed and then discussed was ‘How would a chicken make a better pet than yours?’ Their answers were very creative and generated lively discussion.

Kerry St George

Baseball Skills Day
Students from Year 1 to Year 4 had fun participating in a skills day, learning to field and bat. All children were invited to attend a “come and try day” at Albert Park Complex on Saturday 9 March.
RESPONSIBILITY - Be Accountable

School Assembly
Assemblies will be held every Friday at 2:30pm in the school hall. Family members are invited to attend this assembly. Principal awards and class items will be presented at this assembly. Watch your newsletter for details.

|^| | K J | K/1 C | K/1 H | 1/2 LG | 1/2 T | 4/5 St G |
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| Aishlen M | Lana S | Dominic M | Sophie G | Akasha G | Julian T |
| Brayden F | Cameron R | Harry T | Taj V | Truleea G | McKayla S |
| K M | Lahna S | 1/2 LG | Chloe B | Alannah McG | Liam C |
| Torin F | K/1 H | Jethro B | 1/2 T | Jarvis U |
| Brody W | Xanthe B | Keira McD | Chloe L | 4/5 St G |
| Chloe W | Indi B | Sharleeze R | Alexis N | Nicholas M |

WORKERS FC’s SOCCER SIGN ON

Thursdays through March and April from 6pm at the Club House in Brewster Street
Junior Boys and Girls from 5 to 17 years. To play in mixed or Girls competitions. Senior Men and Women in all Divisions. So mums and dads come and join in too! Inquiries please phone Sharon Lane on 0466388422

www.lismoreworkersfc.org.au

A warm invitation is extended to Parents/carers and students to attend our

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR
PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS YEAR 7 2014
Tuesday 12th MARCH 2013 6.30PM
LISMORE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Tours of the school Information on curriculum Future directions in education Technology, academic, sporting and creative arts opportunities
Enquiries: Mr Neil Solomon, Acting Principal
Ph: 02 66215185 Fax: 02 66222940
Email: lismore-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

This week we are reminding students to remember to take their hats and canteen money out with them at the start of recess and lunch times. We are encouraging students to wear hats even in the wet weather to maintain the habit. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus this week is being safe in all corridors.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

RESPECT
Be caring and polite

RIGHTS
Be safe and learn

RESPONSIBILITY
Be accountable

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