Diary Dates
- **Monday 10th June**: Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- **Tuesday 11th June**: PPP
- **Wednesday 12th June**: North Coast Rugby League
- **Thursday 13th June**: North Coast Boys and Girls Touch Football
- **Friday 14th June**: AFL Gala Day

Research in our School
From time to time schools, including ours, are asked to participate in research conducted by Universities, the Department of Education and Communities or other research organisations. Every project must be approved by the Department of Education and Communities and the principal before our school participates. A permission note to participate in a research study is included with this newsletter. At this point in time it does not mean your child/ren will be invited to take part in a project. If they are invited further information will be sent home and you can choose not to participate in any project. We are aiming to have 100% of notes returned within 2 weeks! If you have any questions please contact Mr Jones.

PPP
Our Preschool Playgroup Plus was off to a flying start last week with almost 60 little visitors to our school. With so many in attendance they are split into 2 groups and are enjoying their early entry to school with painting, gluing and other fun activities. I went for a visit to both groups and was very impressed with how settled they all were.

More Sports!
Over the coming weeks there is a wide range of sport offered to our students in the competitive mode. Hockey, Touch Football and AFL are just a few. Students and teachers put a great deal of time and effort into the success of these teams. All students are encouraged to participate to the best of their ability and enjoy themselves. They are lucky to have such a wide range of opportunities.

Pre-school visits
As well as our PPP some of our local preschools are coming to visit. Mrs Ada is looking after preschoolers from the New School of Arts Preschool Wednesday 12th June as they prepare for school in 2014.

Soccer Gala Day
On Tuesday 4th June our boys and girls football (soccer) teams participated in the local Gala day. All students represented their school with PRIDE. While the boys won one game and lost the second the girls excelled and won both their games. More detailed reports next week.

Grandparents’ Day
Friday 7th June is Grandparents’ Day on the Cambridge Street campus. All the students and teachers are eagerly anticipating these visits. Grandparents are invited to arrive at 11:00am and have morning tea (recess) with the students and then visit the classrooms from 11:20am. A written note from parents/carers is required if grandparents need to take children home with them.

Kelly Street Parking
As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago parking on Kelly Street (at the rear of the Cambridge Street campus) is a slight problem. Whilst the measures we have in place to keep our K-2 students safe are working thanks to the cooperation of the parents picking up their children, some of the parking along the street is a little “creative”. There are quite a few primary students who walk through that area to pick up their younger siblings and we need to keep them safe and make sure parents don’t accidentally inconvenience other road users. It would be greatly appreciated if parents who park along Kelly Street could make sure they are parked both legally and safely.

Too Sick for School?
Sometimes it's hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Monday-itis. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. However, if they miraculously recover by 11:00am, ready to race around the backyard, keeping them in bed all day may send the message that staying home isn't nearly as much fun as going to school. Either way, a [Too Sick For School?](mailto:info@school.edu.au) chart from the DEC will help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. It covers illnesses such as; Hepatitis, Hay Fever, Nits, Glandular Fever, the flu, Impetigo, Slap Cheek, Conjunctivitis, Ringworm, Whooping Cough and many more. PLEASE NOTE: The information is being supplied by NSW Health and is not intended to replace a visit to your doctor if anyone in your family is unwell. Also keep in mind that attendance at school is compulsory and any absence must be followed by a note explaining the absence. Excessive absences are followed up by class teachers and myself.

Thanks
Kevin Jones
Deputy Principal