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### Floods around School

[Image of flooded area]

### Cleanup Australia Day

Unfortunately, due to the weather, this did not happen and with so many other events coming up, we will have to forgo our participation this year.

### Year 6 Leaders Day at Tenambit-reminder

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 6 students will be participating in a Student Leadership Day being held at Tenambit P.S. This is our Maitland Learning Community (primary schools that feed into Maitland H.S.) initiative. The day will provide students from a wide range of school leadership experiences, opportunities to meet with leaders from other schools, share experiences, improve their knowledge, skills and confidence and build connections with students from partner schools as they prepare for high school. They are to identify a project that they can take back to school, and as a leadership team, monitor and see it to a conclusion. It is hoped that through this leadership initiative, the students will learn how to apply school knowledge in real life contexts or problems, and be able to share their work with audiences beyond the classroom and school. Year 9 students from Maitland H.S. will support the students throughout the day. Mrs Dianne Murphy will accompany our students and support them as well, ensuring their project is well supported upon their return to school.

### 5 aside Soccer at Gresford

We have decided to cancel our participation in this event due to our postponement of our School Cross Country Carnival.

### Bookclub

All orders and money due 19<sup>th</sup> March.
Small Schools Soccer Team
We have again entered the State Knockout Soccer (football) P.S.S.A. competition as a combined Paterson River Small Schools team. Next Friday, 15th March (just after our cross country) we will be having a selection trial afternoon from 3.30 – 4.30 in our school grounds. Children from Hinton and Mt Kanwary (boys and girls) will be coming along as well. Any children from Years 4-6 who wish to come to our trials, please let me know. Mrs Tracy Merchant will be our coach once again this year.

School Cross Country
We will have to postpone our School Cross Country event as our course is currently under water—we could change it to a triathlon! We are planning to hold it on Friday 15th March from 2.00 – 3.15. (that only gives us a week for the ground to dry out so we will keep you posted). A reminder that all students are to wear their sports uniform on the day.

Connected Classroom
Yesterday, Wednesday 6th March, our 4/5/6 class participated in a connected classroom lesson with Mrs Hamer. This Poetry lesson was presented by the NSW State Library (which was free) with Libby Hawthorn the main presenter. We were one of a half a dozen schools involved, which was a great experience, interacting with other schools from around the state. Libby Hawthorn is a well-known Australian Poet who was inspiring our student into writing better poetry. We have another lesson next week from 11.30 – 12.30—if you would like to join in and see how it all works, please contact me so it can be arranged.

Libby Hawthorn (on the right) connecting with our kids.

2014 and 2015 enrolments (reminder)
To that end, we would like to know of future enrolments from our “local, in zone families” so we can appropriately plan for the future. If you are planning to enrol your child in 2014 or 2015 at our school, please contact Alison in the office.

Easter Hats
Students in Mr Sheppard’s class will be making Easter hats on Wednesday 20th March. We will provide cardboard for hats and some decorations, however if students want particular decorations they will need to bring this in themselves. Students are also welcome to bring in their own hat ‘base’ if they wish.

Fridge
We are in desperate need for a new fridge to store the children’s lunches. The current one on the K/1 verandah is in a very poor state. If you have a fridge that you would like to donate, please see me or Alison to let us know.
Year 6 Transition
Next Wednesday 13th March our Year 6 students will be participating in the Maitland High School Transition program from 1.30 – 2.30. *They will enjoying gymnastics and doing the same the following Wednesday 20th March. Mr Tim Weston, the Principal of Maitland High School, will be visiting our school next Thursday, 21st March to talk to our seniors about high school.* Children as young as Year 4 need to be thinking about their high school choices. Our feeder high school, Maitland H.S. is doing a great job promoting themselves and involving all the feeder primary schools with their transition events. All the principals are currently working hard to ensure our “Maitland Learning Community” is a cohesive unit, ensuring our students have the best possible opportunities in our area. That is why we are having such events as the Young Leaders Day next week and a whole Staff Development Day next term focusing on the new curriculum. Please have a look at the Maitland H.S. website, especially the current newsletter, which outlines many events in which the children have been involved, including extension activities with two Year 11 students being successful with their enrolment with the University of Newcastle.

Years 6 Leaders Day

I give permission for my child ……………………………………………………………to attend the Leaders Day at Tenambit Public School. Private vehicle transport will be provided by Mrs Dianne Murphy.

Signed: …........................................................................................................... Date: ....................................................

Lovedale Long Lunch

Social fundraiser for Iona Public School
On Sunday 19th May
$100.00 per head
Includes a fabulous day of food, wine, entertainment, transport & $20 from each ticket sold going to the school
RSVP by 25th March
For more information contact Kim on 0417 047012
A Tadpole

There are some tadpoles which swim's in a bath tub in the playground. The colour of the tadpole is grey. They can be other colour's too. The tadpole has a oval and then there is a triangle at the end. To us they are really small-5cms. The movement They swim with their tails. The tail moves side to side and they swim with their legs too. I like the tadpoles at school. lachlan