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## 2019 Academic Awards

Congratulations to all our students who received awards for excellence or commendable achievement and effort. We are extremely proud of the students who received medallions for overall academic excellence and all round achievement. Thank you to our special guests, Mrs Z Bennett (Rotary), Warrant Officer Class 2 Jason Honeyman for assisting with the prize giving. Well done to Joshua and Elijah for leading the Assembly. Our Guest Speaker, Mrs Sally Ford, spoke passionately about her teaching career and her journey to becoming the 2019 Australian VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year. Sally's speech was one of inspiration indeed and we thank her for sharing her experiences. Once again we had two awesome musical items as well as a fantastic dance performance. Thank you to the families who came to support to our students. We look forward to the 2020 academic year.



# 2019 Major Awards Winners

## Year 11 – Major Awards

**Daisy Hannah** - Year Adviser's Award for Diligence & Application to Studies

**Oskar Goldsmith-Jones** - Rotary Best All-Rounder

**Emily Speak** - Winner John Duncan Memorial Award for Most Improved in Year 11

**Joshua Bryant** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Jazmin Eakin** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Grace Spencer** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Ruby Barker** - Overall Academic Excellence Award for Semester 2

## Year 10 – Major Awards

**Tameka Devine-Davey** - Lions Club of Lismore Community Services Award

**Billy Graham** - ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork

**Audrey Jones** - Rotary Best All Rounder Award

**Phoebe Sipple** - Year Adviser's Award for Diligence & Application to Studies

**Nashanda Leoni** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Breanna Constable** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Jasper Terry** - Overall Academic Excellence Award for Semester 2

## Year 9 – Major Awards

**Felicity Schulzeck** - Rotary Literacy Award

**Carmen Flower** - Rotary Best All-Rounder

**John-Joseph Coleman** - Year Adviser's Award for Diligence & Application to Studies

**Niamh Montgomery** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Elka Luthi** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Lily Shepherd** - Overall Academic Excellence Award for Semester 2

**Erin Hatfield** - Overall Academic Excellence Award for Semester 2

## Year 8 – Major Awards

**Jayda Allan** - Rotary Literacy Award

**Brooke Powers** - Rotary Best All-Rounder

**Hayley Keys** - Year Adviser's Award for Diligence, Application to Studies and Community

**Emma Parker** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Rosalea Vassella** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Charlotte Watterson** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Ruby Keszler** - Overall Academic Excellence Award for Semester 2

## Year 7 – Major Awards

**Alexia Nixon** - Rotary Literacy Award for Commitment and Effort

**Jesse Graham** - Rotary Literacy Award for Commitment and Effort

**Yuma Tilgner** - Rotary Best All-Rounder

**Katie Johnson** - Year Adviser's Award for Diligence & Application to Studies

**Ivy Bertram** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Rosie Brehaut** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Lily Dzendolet** - Overall Academic Achievement Award for Semester 2

**Amber Keszler** - Overall Academic Excellence Award for Semester 2

## Principal's Message

Oh my, what a year the 2019 academic year has been. It is very nearly at an end and we have had a huge array of highs and lows, exactly what we could expect from a large regional school. It is difficult at this time not to focus on the fires and the drought and the difficulties they are currently bringing to us all. On that note, the student concert held last night as a fundraiser for BLAZE Aid is a fine example of all that is right with RRHC, our students, our teachers, our community and our desire to contribute to the community in an extremely positive way. Students have held several separate fundraisers for BLAZE Aid in school lunch times as well, and while we don't have a total figure at this time I am sure the funds resulting from their efforts will be worthwhile, significant and greatly appreciated. We will add the details of the funds raised and where they went to on our Facebook page as they become available.

I hope you all enjoy the festive season and it is as free from worry as it can be. I hope that you and your young people have the chance to rest and recuperate, and get out into our spectacular Northern Rivers for some fun, some exercise and a big dose of our beautiful natural world. I also hope the young people use the break to pursue any of the current social activism activities they are so passionate about. NOW IS THE TIME! You are free from the obligations of study and school for the next five weeks or so and have the time to devote to having a voice and making it heard. Our young people need to activate, they need to be heard and they need the guidance and support of their families to do so.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe Christmas break, whatever your beliefs are I hope you are able to immerse yourself in them and reap the reward of the festive season.

**Mary-Jane Pell**  
**Principal**

Happy  
Holidays!

## From the Community Liaison Officer (CLO)

### **Celebrate the Successes of your Child**

The school year is fast coming to a close and your child will have had many successes over the course of the year. You may know about them or you may not. Sometimes they tell you and sometimes they do not. Yet in the year they have added a year's worth of growing up. They have gone through challenges that they have handled well or learnt some life lessons.

Sometimes it seems that they are just not getting it, and yet they may well be learning differently. Over time you will see the results of your efforts and your anxieties. They do learn and they do come good.

In this year gone they have grown socially, emotionally and academically.

The year's end is a time to celebrate that progress and look forward to their future.

Enjoy this very special time with your children and give them a thumbs up for doing their best through this year.

Happy Holiday to all.

**Anne Bowden**  
**Community Liaison Officer (CLO)**





# Merry Christmas 2019

## Deputy Principals' News

Hello RRHC Community,

As the year draws to a close, we are so proud of our excellent students here, most of whom have taken every opportunity presented to them to learn, both in classroom and outside the classroom setting.

Congratulations to all our award recipients yesterday and thank you to the parents and carers who attended. Thank you to the students for their attentiveness during a very hot day. Thank you to all staff who attended and supported this celebration with special mention to Mrs Moverley, Ms Sinclair, Mr Tooley, Mr Redden, Mrs Ford, the Music students and teachers, Miss Dessmann and the Dance Ensemble, Year Advisers and our Special Guests.

The BlazeAid Concert on Thursday night was a great success. Attendance was high and the music was exceptional. It was great to see the students from RRHC and Lismore High Campus performing to such a high level. The performance of River and his father was amazing, as well as Room 19. Thank you to all students, staff and parents for making this event such a success.

This year has been a very busy with new excursions, new staff and new processes to support teaching and learning. RRHC has also implemented new strategies to improve the classroom experience. Students have had the opportunity to go on numerous excursions including the Snow Trip and Stradbroke Island which are unique opportunities.

The Christmas holidays are a time for celebration, relaxation and time with important people in our lives. To students and staff have a great time and we look forward to an exciting year next year full of new faces, some new staff and new opportunities.

2020 will provide opportunities for students to further develop their knowledge, skills and understanding in a supportive and diverse school and we are looking forward to a year filled with inspired learning for life long success.

*"I don't like looking back. I'm always constantly looking forward. I'm not the one to sort of sit and cry over spilt milk. I'm too busy looking for the next cow."* Gordon Ramsay

Have a happy and safe holiday see you in 2020

**Luke Woodward and Belinda Marr**  
**Deputy Principals**



### CALENDAR

#### 17 December

- ♦ River Idol

#### 18 December

- ♦ Last day of school for students

#### 19 December

- ♦ Staff Development Day - no students

### Christmas School Holidays

#### 2020 School Resumption Dates

**28 January** - Staff Development Day

- no students at school

#### 29 January

Year 7 + Year 10 Peer Support students attend

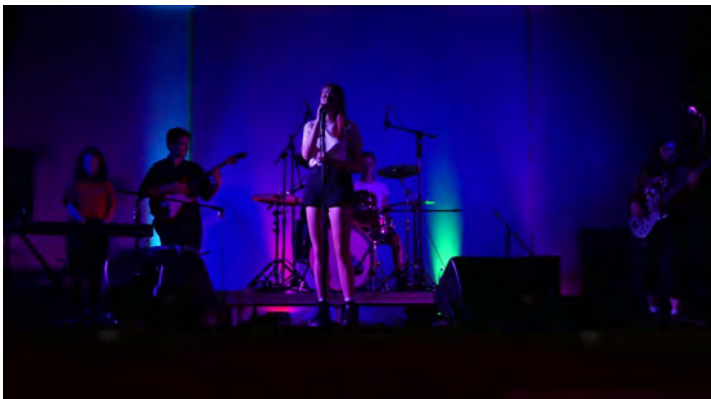
Year 11 and 12 with Wednesday classes attend

#### 30 January

All students attend

## BlazeAid Concert

Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful cause by treating themselves to a night of fantastic entertainment by RRHC and Lismore High Campus students. \$589 was raised on the night and this is being matched by our SRC.

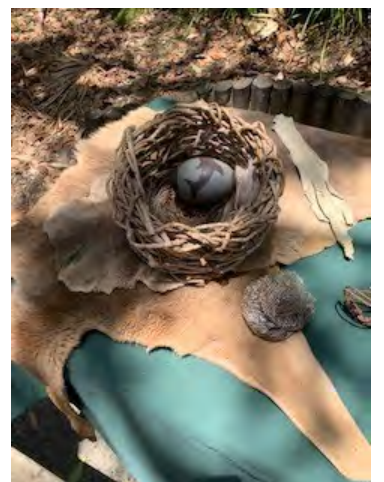


## Dolphin Dreaming

Last week six of our Deadly Indigenous students caught a bus to Byron Bay for the Dolphin Dreaming Excursion for the Broncos Term 4 Rewards Day. The students listened to Aunty Delta speak about Aboriginal Culture and she shared stories with us. The girls had some lunch, did some weaving and dancing. It was a great day and all students engaged well and enjoyed listening to Aunty Delta share her knowledge of Aboriginal culture around Byron Bay.

**Anna Toole**

***Broncos Student Support Officer – The Rivers Secondary College***



# RIVER IDOL IS COMING

SIGN UP - CAPA STAFFROOM

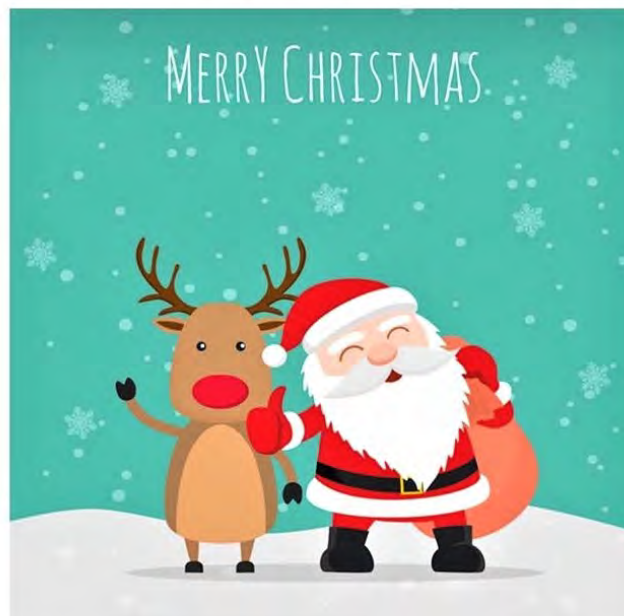
Here we go! River Idol is back! Tuesday Week 10. If you can juggle, tell an awesome joke, sing, play an instrument, recite a wicked poem, act, dance, or crack an egg on your head, come and sign up for River Idol. Sign up sheet is posted out the front of the CAPA staffroom or let any of the CAPA teachers know, you are all welcome. The winner will receive an awesome trophy, their name on a perpetual trophy, and the bragging rights of RIVER IDOL WINNER 2019.

## Casual Day to support Year 12

Come in your favourite Christmas outfit or wear green and red. Gold coin donation, cake stall and Zooper Doopers will be available at lunchtime.

## Christmas Casual Day!

*Tuesday 17th gold coin donation*



**Cake stall and Zooper Doopers on sale at lunch time!**

**Bring your spare change and support Year 12!**

## Carr Scholarship

The Carr Scholarship is a legacy from Peter and Margaret Carr where each year five RRHC Year 12 students can be awarded \$10,000 scholarships to help with their tertiary education costs. The award is given for the purpose of supporting the student's progression to university through the payment of course fees, accommodation costs and the purchase of related texts and equipment. Funds are released to the recipient when the student has enrolled and commenced at university.

Carr Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Highest ATAR scores. Proof of ATAR Score from Universities Admission Centre must be attached to application.
2. Positive citizenship based on nil student suspensions during Years 11 and 12.

Applications to be emailed to [eden.weir@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:eden.weir@det.nsw.edu.au) by 3.30pm Wednesday 18 December.

**Eden Weir**

**Career Adviser**



## WorldSkills Competition - Primary Industries

RRHC held one of the three regional school finals for the WorldSkills Competition in Primary Industries. WorldSkills is a National Championship that operates on a two-yearly cycle. This is Australia's biggest vocational education and excellence competition. Over three days the successful students selected from the regional competitions are flown to showcase and benchmark their skills on the national stage competing against their industry peers. The 2020 Australian Championships are being held in Perth. Students had to demonstrate skills to a national standard in a range of activities including fencing, cattle handling, tractor work, chemical application, communication, and teamwork. Three Independent examiners assessed the skills of students at all three regional competitions to ensure consistency while completing the designated activities. Congratulations to Jack Conroy who placed second in our competition and Lauren Whitney who placed fourth. Congratulations to everyone who participated and supported this event.

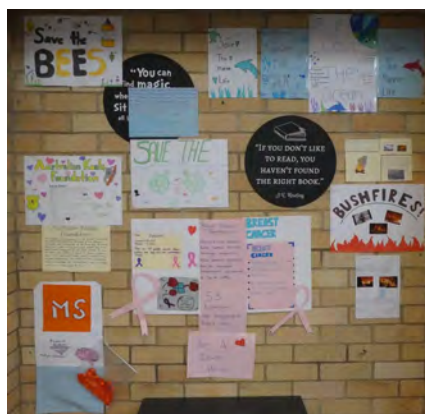
**Sally Ford**  
**Head Teacher TAS**



## Year 8 Study Skills

This term Year 8 Study Skills classes have been working on a project called Step Up, Reach Out and Make a Difference for a Better Australia. Each group selected an issue and charity/foundation that they felt was important to them. They had to research statistics concerning their issue and design a poster and product to promote their foundation. Some examples include; Childhood cancer, Save the turtles, Breast Cancer, RSPCA pet adoption and welfare, Save the Bees, MS Australia and The Australian Marine Conservation Society. Posters are on display in the library.

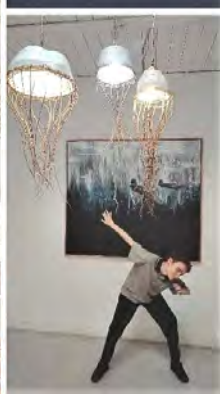
**Tracy Kelso & Dimity McKinlay**  
**Year 8 Teachers**



## LINKS TO LEARNING TERM 4 WEEK 9



CHECKIN  
VIDEO DISCUSSION  
XMAS DECORATIONS  
TAKE ART SHOW TALK



## Links to Learning

This week at Links the RRHC group enjoyed tech play with educational VR, Cosmo (a little programmable robot) battles and Sphero (remote controlled 'smart' balls) tag. We also got into the Christmas spirit with some decorations made with pipe cleaners and paper. The cooking group followed a recipe to make Pad Thai which was self-directed and builds on team work, delegating and responsibility. After lunch we headed to the Art Gallery and enjoyed a wonderful talk from one of the artists. There was something for everyone in the show and it was encouraging to see the level of attention that was paid to the art work and to the artist's talk.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Green Team

It has been an exciting Term 4 for the RRHC Green Team. Students have been able to develop leadership, communication and positive decision making skills outside the classroom. Whilst continuing to focus on their literacy and numeracy skills.

Students have:

- Changed car tyres
- School beautification
- Restored bikes and furniture
- Designed and made Christmas Trees

It has been wonderful to see the students in this program mature throughout the year and the fantastic work they have completed around the school grounds. Well done Green Team.

**Melinda Lynch**

**Learning Support Team**



## ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

**February 2020**

**Year 12**

Ceramics 'Assess Task 1' - **due Wednesday 5 February 2020**

Japanese Beginners 'Listening & Writing' task - **Thursday 6 February 2020**

Visual Arts 'Assess Task 1' - **due Friday 7 February 2020**



## Headspace - How to cope with the stress of natural disasters

This link maybe helpful at this time.  
<https://bit.ly/33XDa1C>



## Community News



**FREE FEED | MUSIC | ART | SPORT ACTIVITIES**

*Come and join us*

**STRICTLY DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO FREE**

Proudly brought to you by the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre

Please contact the MRNC Youth Team for further info

Youthie Jess: 0475 099 744 | (02) 6682 4334



Mobile Youth Van is for ages 12 - 26 years.

## Community News

Join the  
**SUMMER READING CLUB**  
for your chance to win an iPad Mini!

This year's theme is  
**A Roomful of Stories**

- Sign up at Lismore or Goonellabah Libraries from 1 December. It's free! (For up to 18 yrs.)
- Tell us what you have been reading, or what is being read to you and win stickers, tattoos and bookmarks!
- Get your entries in for the major prize - an iPad mini! Come along to the SRC party in February to see if you are the winner!

**Fill your home with stories and win, this summer!**

Richmond Tweed Regional Library  
Connect. Discover. Share.

## Christmas Craft Activities

Christmas Cards	Christmas Gift bags	Decorate a Christmas Sack	Reindeer Craft	Christmas Sand Art
Thursday, 19 December 11am Mobile Library (in the courtyard of Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre)	Friday, 20 December 10am - 11am Goonellabah Library	Friday, 20 December 2.30 pm - 3.30pm Lismore Library	Monday, 23 December 10am - 11am Goonellabah Library	Tuesday, 24 December 10am - 11am Lismore Library

Come along and join in our Christmas Craft Activities, we have lots to make and decorate!

Bookings essential for activities being held at Lismore Library.

No Bookings necessary for the activities being held at the Mobile Library and Goonellabah Library.

Richmond Tweed Regional Library Connect. Discover. Share.	Goonellabah Library 80 6625 1255 27 Oliver Avenue Goonellabah NSW 2480	Lismore Library 80 6625 1564 135 Magellan Street Lismore NSW 2480
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## School Holidays in the Lismore Area Libraries

<b>Monday 30 December</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	<b>Tuesday 31 December</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	<b>Wednesday 1 January</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	<b>Thursday 2 January</b> Mobile Library (Nimbin) Scratch Board Art 11.00am	<b>Friday 3 January</b> Goonellabah Library Decorate a Calendar 10.30am - 11am
<b>Monday 6 January</b> Lismore Library Code Club (7 yrs+) 3.45pm - 4.45pm Ink Marbling (7yrs+) 10.30am - 11.30am	<b>Tuesday 7 January</b> Lismore Library Tiny Gardens 10.30am - 11.30am Goonellabah Library Marble Run (5yrs+) 2pm - 3pm	<b>Wednesday 8 January</b> Lismore Library Children's Dance Party 10am - 11am	<b>Thursday 9 January</b> Lismore Library Wii & Robotics (11 yrs+) 10am - 11am & 11.30am - 12.30pm Quilling workshop 2.30pm - 3.30pm	<b>Friday 10 January</b> Lismore Library Spiragraph (8yrs+) 2pm - 3pm Goonellabah Library Twinkl (8 yrs+) 10.30am - 11am
<b>Monday 13 January</b> Lismore Library Toddler Time (2-4 yrs) 10.00am - 10.30am Baby Rhyme (0-4 yrs) 11.30am - 11.50am Code Club (11yrs+) 3.45pm - 4.45pm	<b>Tuesday 14 January</b> Lismore Library Big Games Morning 10.30am - 11.30am Goonellabah Library Story Stones Storyline (2-4 yrs) 10.30am - 11.30am Money Boxes 2pm - 3pm	<b>Wednesday 15 January</b> Lismore Library Story Stones Storyline (2-4 yrs) 10.30am - 11.30am 3D Printing Pen Craft (8yrs+) 1.30pm - 2.30pm 6.30pm - 8pm	<b>Thursday 16 January</b> Lismore Library Story Stones Storyline (2-4 yrs) 10.30am - 11.30am The Toy Drum 2.30pm - 3.30pm Mobile Library (Nimbin) Super Silly Science 11.00am	<b>Friday 17 January</b> Lismore Library Origami 2pm - 3pm Goonellabah Library Toddler Time (2-4 yrs) 10.30am - 10.45am Baby Rhyme (0-4 yrs) 11.00am - 11.30am
<b>Monday 20 January</b> Lismore Library Toddler Time (2-4 yrs) 10.00am - 10.30am Baby Rhyme (0-4 yrs) 11.30am - 11.50am Code Club (11yrs+) 3.45pm - 4.45pm	<b>Tuesday 21 January</b> Lismore Library Bird Chimes 10.30am - 11am Goonellabah Library Storyline (2-4 yrs) 10.00am - 11.30am Scratch Board Space Mobile 2pm - 3pm	<b>Wednesday 22 January</b> Lismore Library Storyline (2-4 yrs) 10.30am - 11.30am Super Soaker Sponges 1pm - 3.30pm	<b>Thursday 23 January</b> Lismore Library Storyline (2-4 yrs) 10.30am - 11.30am Mobile Library (Nimbin) Art Tools Experiences 11.00am - 12.30pm	<b>Friday 24 January</b> Lismore Library Paper Cup Box Creations 10.30am - 11.30am Goonellabah Library Toddler Time (2-4 yrs) 10.30am - 10.45am Baby Rhyme (0-4 yrs) 11.00am - 11.30am

Richmond Tweed  
Regional Library  
Connect. Discover. Share.

Spaces are limited for some programs, please make sure to book for all holiday programs located at Lismore and Goonellabah.

\*Times are subject to change for programs being held at the Mobile Library.

All bookings are essential for Storyline, Baby Rhyme and Toddler Time.

Goonellabah Library  
80 6625 1255  
27 Oliver Avenue  
Goonellabah NSW 2480

Lismore Library  
80 6625 1564  
135 Magellan Street  
Lismore NSW 2480

## Uniting

### Uniting - Carroona Aged Care Home seeking student volunteers.

Students can volunteer their time in a number of different ways: As much as 1-2 hrs per week during school terms, or more on school holidays can positively enhance the quality of our residents' lives and improve your students skills, confidence and academic outcomes. Specifically, our residents would really appreciate interactions that would improve their IT skills, physical dexterity and creative thinking. Contact Jenny Alldis, Leisure and Wellness Coordinator - Carroona Campus on 6624 1572.



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Canteen: 6621 4890

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wiyabal Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.



The Rivers Secondary College - Richmond River High Campus uses STYMIE to support student wellbeing and to support direct action against bullying in our school. The program educates bystanders about their responsibilities and provides an online, independent reporting method, ensuring complete anonymity for students making notifications; creating a sense of safety in 'the crowd'. The use of Stymie will help change the 'culture of acceptance' of bullying behaviours. Students can access Stymie by going to [www.stymie.com.au](http://www.stymie.com.au) and [www.facebook.com/stymieau](https://www.facebook.com/stymieau)

## Important Websites

**RRHC Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/richmondriverhigh>

**The Rivers Secondary College SMORE newsletter** -

<https://www.smores.com/1n9qd>

**Stymie** - [www.stymie.com.au](http://www.stymie.com.au) or [www.facebook.com/stymieau](https://www.facebook.com/stymieau)

**Student online portal** -

[web2.richmondri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login](http://web2.richmondri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login)

**Online Study Skills Handbook** - RRHC / 88success

[www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

## Important Phone Numbers

**Kids HELPLINE** - 1800 551 800

**Lismore HEADSPACE** - 6625 0200

**Mental Health Line** - 1800 011 511

**Beyond Blue** - 1300 789 978

## Canteen Specials Week 10

**Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 December**

There will be a mixed buffet with a variety of hot meals including Nachos, Lasagne, Pasta, Salads and Meat. Not all items will be available each day so check at the Canteen each morning.

## Lockers

Students need to have cleaned their lockers out and returned the key to the Canteen by Tuesday 17 December or their deposit will not be refunded.

We wish all staff, students and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

