



B.C.S. BULLETIN

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Be a Learner

Term 1 Week 9
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The recent flooding in our region has been a devastating event that has impacted and will impact people in many ways for a long time to come. Our thoughts are with those affected and we say "thank you" to volunteers who spend time supporting them in the clean-up and recovery phase. It will be a long road but we know the community will continue to support those in need.

Whilst locally we may have been slightly inconvenienced for a short period of time, many of us have family and friends who have suffered far worse. Spare a thought for those who have lost everything, and one of those is our own English teacher, Ms Schumacher, who will not be returning to school this term. Living in Lismore, Kate and her family experienced the destructive power of Mother Nature first-hand, being rescued from, then losing, their home. We are going to start raising funds to support Kate as well as local schools that were completely inundated with flood water. Students will be involved in non-uniform days and other fundraising events over the course of the year to help provide school supplies for the affected schools and to replace Kate's extensive library. If you would like to donate or have fundraising ideas, please contact the school.

To contribute, our school will participate in 'Vouch for Lismore' to provide vouchers to support families in need. Vouchers are sought for Woolworths and Coles (no alcohol vouchers), Big W, Cotton On, Harvey Norman, House, Kmart, Lowes, along with other small local businesses as they get back on their feet. We are encouraging our families and community to support this fundraiser, either by purchasing a voucher or sending in cash (and the school will purchase the vouchers) to send on.

Our local pre-school was also impacted by floodwater, and we are happy to support them by enabling their re-location onto our school grounds as of this week while their site is being repaired and items replaced. We ask that parents/carers are mindful of traffic, and that drivers take extra care when driving past the school.

DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 1/2 2022

MAR 23	Whole school Merit Assembly 2:30pm Afternoon Tea and P&C AGM 3:30 Library	APR 7	Easter activities Picnic lunch 1:00 and Hat Parade
28-29	School Captains Trip to Sydney	8	Last day of Term 1
30	School Photos	25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
APR 5	Support Richmond River High non-uniform Gold coin donation – wear red	26	School Development Day – no students on site
6	Whole school X-Country	27	Term 2 begins for ALL students

As reported on our Facebook page last week, we are grateful to the Koori Mail, DoE ACLOs and the Singapore Air Force for delivering grocery supplies to our area. The community is welcome to take advantage of these donations by calling the school to organise pick up or delivery. If there are any leftover items at the end of this week, they will be donated to the Louisa Johnson Centre Food Pantry.

Whilst other events have rightly taken our attention recently, COVID-19 continues to be a significant health concern across the country, and we cannot be complacent. Public Health Orders remain, so if a student or a household contact is positive for COVID-19 all household members must isolate for 7 days. Families must register all positive RAT results on the [Service NSW website](#) or [Service NSW app](#). Enter the school name when prompted in the app and advise the school as soon as possible.

If students have any symptoms, please keep them at home and do a Rapid Antigen Test. They cannot return to school until symptoms have gone even if the result is negative. Parents will be contacted to pick up their child if they develop symptoms during the day. If you require any more Rapid Antigen Tests, please contact the school.

Parents/carers are reminded they can simply reply to the student absence text message or call the school to provide an explanation if your child is away. Alternatively, use the slips at the back of this bulletin or complete the online form in the SchoolStream app. It is a legal requirement that a reason is given for all absences.

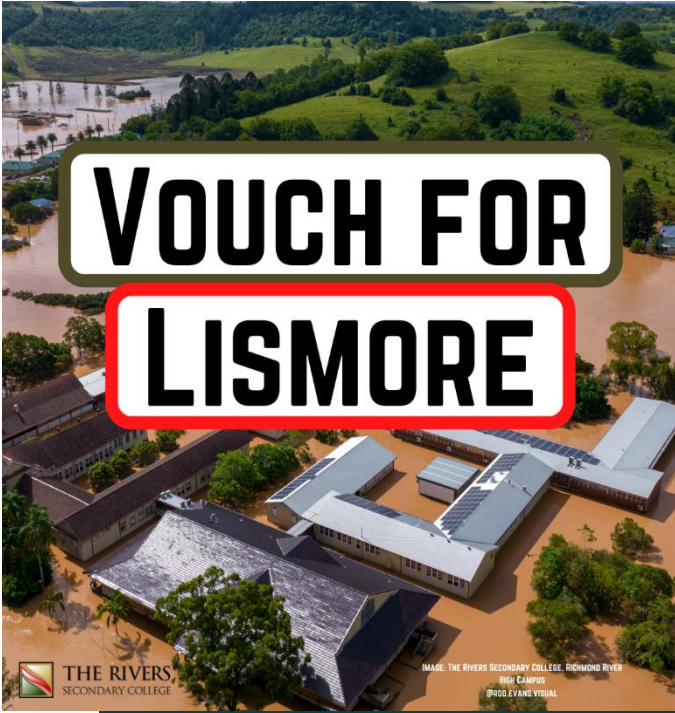
We recently purchased *Yondr* pouches for electronic devices and are in the process of writing procedures for implementation. These will be sent home as soon as possible. The intention is to provide a phone-free learning environment starting in the first week of Term 2. An overview of *Yondr* is available at <https://www.veryondr.com/schools> and a more detailed information note will come home in coming weeks.

We are pleased to welcome back parents on site. The first event will be Wednesday's Merit Assembly at 2:30pm in the Primary COLA followed by afternoon tea and then the P&C AGM at 3:30pm. The Easter Hat Parade on April 7 will also be a highlight.

All parents/carers are encouraged to attend Wednesday's P&C AGM. All positions are vacant. To vote, you will need to become a member by paying \$2.00. The P&C is a great way to get to know other families, learn more about how the school operates, have a say in various aspects of the school and help with events and fundraising. New members are most welcome. Meetings are held once a month. If you are interested but can't attend Wednesdays, please contact the school as the day could possibly be changed.

An ANZAC Day Dawn Service will be held in Bonalbo on Monday 25 April. There will also be services in surrounding towns. All students and families are encouraged to attend somewhere to pay respects to those who have and are serving in the armed forces.

We are looking to create a pool of casual employees to work in the front office. The role requires high level computer skills and good people skills. If you are interested, please send in an expression of interest with resume/work history and contact details of 2 referees. A Working with Children Check and full COVID-19 vaccination are required. Call Catherine Roffey at the school for further information.

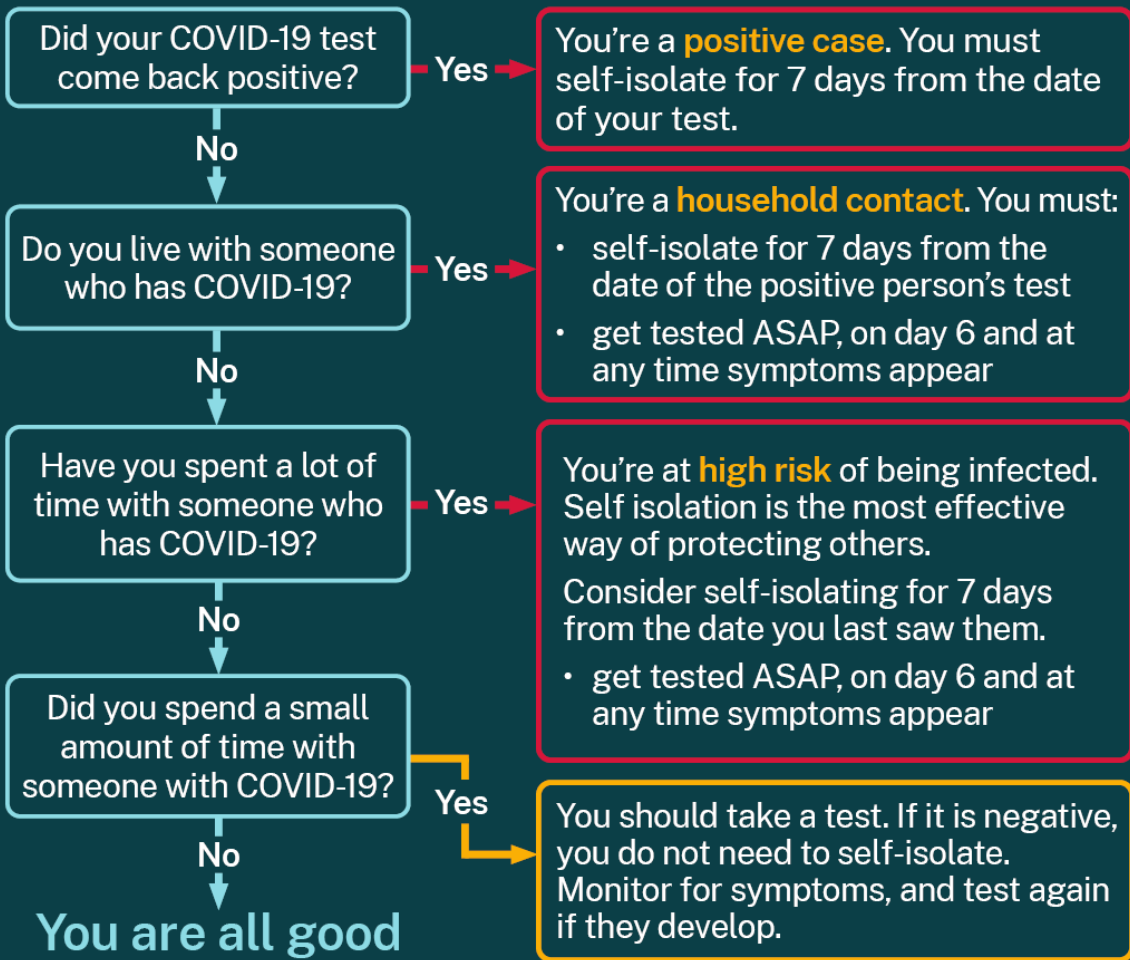


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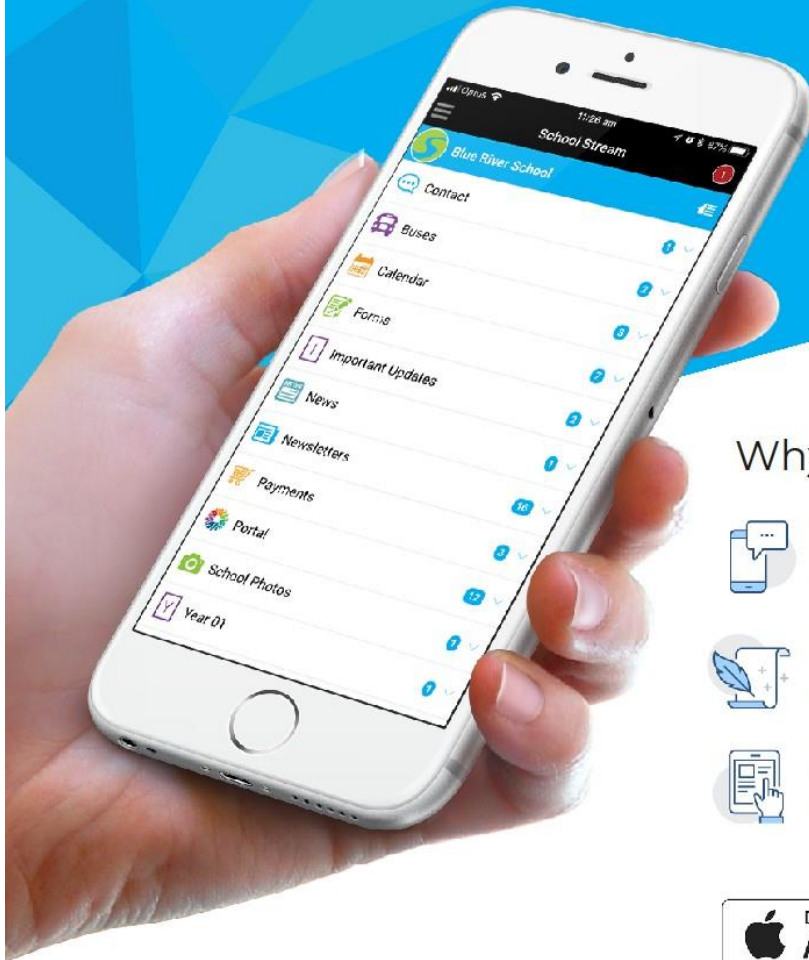


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-  Receive instant notifications for important news.
-  Easily register absentees and excursions.
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.

2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.

3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



Bonalbo Central School-Absent Note

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(Full Name Please)

Reason being _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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