PSSA SMALL SCHOOLS SOCCER KNOCKOUT
The second round of the PSSA Soccer knockout is on next Tuesday 16 June 2015. We will be travelling by private transport to Macksville to play Eungai Public School. The game will commence at 12.00 noon at the North Macksville Playing Fields. These fields are located on the left hand side of the highway, just north of Macksville. It is hoped that there will be a canteen available on the day or the host school will have a sausage sizzle. Please complete the attached permission note for your child to participate in the game. Further details will be sent home when available.

TUCABIA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our combined athletics carnival is on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 at Tucabia Sportsground. This is a fun day where everyone is encouraged to participate. Students will be competing against students from Tucabia and Cowper schools but we will be giving out ribbons only for Wooli. i.e. if a students from Wooli comes second to a competitor from another school then they will be given a blue ribbon as they came first for Wooli. Some races will be Wooli only due to the number of students in a particular age division. A canteen will operate on the day. Travel to and from the venue is by private transport. This is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend. A note will be required for non-attendance. If the weather is inclement please listen to the local radio station as they will give out information as to whether the carnival is on.

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Challenging Play - Risky!

Children both need and want to take risks in order to explore their limits, venture into new experiences and for their development. Any injury is distressing for children and those who care for them, but the experience of minor injuries is a universal part of childhood and has a positive role in child development.

An ideal environment allows for developing and testing skills in safe, creative play. Children need opportunities to:

- Develop skills in negotiating the environment (including risks);
- Learn how to use equipment safely and for its designed purpose;
- Develop coordination and orientation skills;
- Take acceptable risks; and
- Learn about the consequences (positive/negative) of risk taking

Risk does not always have a negative outcome. Many positives can come from taking risks. Therefore, it can be helpful to think as risk being divided into two components:

A CHALLENGE: something obvious to the child where he/she can determine their ability and decide whether to take that risk

A HAZARD: something unseen or not obvious to the child that often results in injury!

Both are Risks

Managing Risk and Challenge

Effective risk assessment and management requires:

- Distinguishing between acceptable and unacceptable risks including:
  - The likelihood of coming to harm;
  - The severity of that harm; and
  - The benefits, rewards or outcomes of the activity.
- Observing the children and identifying those who need greater challenge or specific support
- Establishing and displaying expectations for behaviour
- Actively encourage children to assess risks and possible consequences
- Establish a systematic maintenance program

Benefits of Risk Taking

When considering the benefits, rewards or outcomes of the activity you may include the following:

- Pleasure
- Development of self-confidence and well-being
- Engagement with the natural environment and natural elements
- Learning through experience
- Mixing between different age ranges

By weighing up the positives as well as the negatives of a risk in a playground, providers are more likely to be able to provide for managed risk which is engaging, developmentally appropriate and beneficial for children of all ages.

My child/children______________________________ would like to order a Spinach Triangles.
I have included $2.50 payment per serve with the order.

My child/children______________________________ would like to order Lasagne.
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