On Monday 4th June, 46 students and 4 coaches travelled down the coast and over the mountain to Tamworth to contest the NSWCCC Touch Football Championships. Our teams competed with great team spirit, pride and sportsmanship in what were very trying conditions – wet, blustery and bone chillingly cold.

To their credit our players did not complain and were happy to be out on the field competing.

The Under 15’s Boys touch team played very well in extremely cold conditions. The side played Armidale, MCC, Wollongong, Southern Sydney and CBSA winning 3 of the 5 games and coming 3rd in our pool which unfortunately meant we did not make the semi-finals. In total we scored 11 tries and only had 9 scored against us. Joe Gaynor and Bailey Harris set up some magic tries for Zac Beecher and Tyrone Davis while Harry Sargent and Mitch Wilbow were strong in defence.

Mr Glen Littler (Coach)

**Under 15 Girls**
The Under 15 Girls Diocesan Touch Football team played some very good touch in a pool that included SCC, CGSSSA, Wollongong, Southern Sydney and Wagga Wagga. Their first game was a convincing win against SCC 7-0 with newcomer Zoe Williams very much the talk of our division with her light footwork and deceptive ball skills setting up Riley Eichmann and Jess Towle for tries. The second game against CGSSSA was tight and could have gone either way with the girls losing 3-1. We then played Wollongong (Finalists) and lost 2-1, with impressive defence from Alannah Hemsley, Dakotah Krogh, Jordan Manning and Tahlia Hunter. We notched up a big win against Southern Sydney 7-0 with Tjarra Kilpatrick and Rebecca Connor hitting holes out wide created off excellent rucking from Sinead McNamara, Brooke McCarthy and Brittney Avery. The girls finished with a win against Wagga placing them third in their pool.

It was a pleasure to coach such a talented and nice group of girls!

Erin Gallagher (Coach)
Open Girls:
The Open Girls Touch team represented the Lismore Diocese with great enthusiasm, despite the chilly weather conditions. The team faced four tough round games against Wollongong, Maitland/Newcastle, Parramatta and Wagga Wagga, resulting in them finishing up fourth.

Impressive attacking efforts by Hannah Hollins, Jacqui Moriarty and Brittney Rudd inspired the team, as well as solid defence from Lauren Condon, Claire Coelho and Jenna Lees. A special mention goes to Laura Coleman, who despite having a broken finger, managed to play on the day and have a positive impact in all four games. Laura (4th from the left front row) as also selected in the NSWCCC Open Girls Team to contest the National Titles later in the year.

It was a pleasure to coach a lovely, well manner group of young ladies. They are a credit to their schools and the Diocese.
Cassie Brooke (Coach)

Open Boys
The Open Boys Touch team played strongly in all their games. They were very impressive against Canberra/Goulburn and Armidale/Bathurst, notching up solid victories. It was a tight encounter against Parramatta with the team securing a 2 all draw – this game unfortunately had a negative impact on their confidence as they truly believed they should have won that game.

The final two games were against competition heavyweights Broken Bay and MCC. Despite being defeated by both teams, the boys showed they are capable of competing well against any other diocese. Special mention must go to Macauley Dawson (JPC) and Cameron Kelleher (JPC) for their quality of play. The whole team showed great behaviour and sportsmanship, and each player is a credit to their school and families. Well done.
Mr Warren Lorger (Coach)

Referee Selections:
Congratulations also to our 2 Diocese of Lismore referee representatives who have both gained selection for NSW CCC for state level representative honours. I refer to Josh Harmer (St Joseph’s College Banora Point) and Liam Patience (Mt st Patrick’s College Murwillumbah), and follows their fine performances with the whistle at Tamworth!

Best wishes to Laura (from MacKillop Senior College, Port Macquarie), Liam and Josh.