



## Calendar

6/12/13—LHPS  
Community Xmas Carols

10/12/13—Yr 6  
Assembly 10am  
Graduation Dinner  
5.30pm

11/12/13—3/6D ice block  
day

12/12/13—Onya reward  
Day— LHPS

13/12/13—"We've got  
talent" Talent Quest  
11.50am

16/12/13—Presentation  
Assembly 10am.  
Class parties

18/12/13—Last day of  
term

29/1/14—Students return  
30/1/14 —Kindergarten  
Start.

4/2/13—Swimming  
carnival Years 3-6

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Breakfast Club.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

LHPS would like to acknowledge the Widjibal-Wybal people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. LHPS would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Bundjalung Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals.

# Newsletter

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## From the Principal

### Christmas Carols

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Carols Evening at Lismore Heights Public School. The evening will commence at 6.00pm with Aboriginal dancing, performed by the school's Aboriginal dancer teams, led by Kevin Anderson. It is important that students who are dancing arrive at the school by 5.30pm. The dancing will be followed by performances from the school Choir and individual class performances. Luke Vassella, who as well as being a local musical legend is also a parent at the school, has also kindly offered to grace us with a performance on the night. And of course, our wonderful P&C will be running a BBQ, the school canteen will open too, and let's not forget the visit from **Santa!!!** It looks like it will be a great evening. We all look forward to seeing you there.



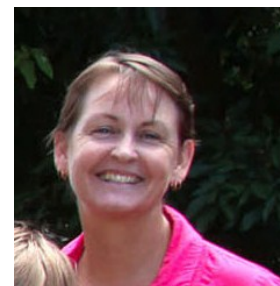
### New Aboriginal Artwork at School



We have two new pieces of Aboriginal artwork which have been hung at the school this week. They are the work of local Aboriginal artist, Robert Smith. The paintings are hung outdoors, one beside the car park and one on the side of the school hall. The school was granted permission earlier in the year by the AECG to commission the paintings. There will be a third painting (this time a mural painted on the wall besides the Kindergarten classes) which will be completed in the near future. The mural will also be designed by Robert Smith and every Aboriginal student in the school will be given the opportunity to be involved in the creation of the mural.

### Congratulations to Mrs Watkins

We need to offer our congratulations to Mrs. Watkins (Stage 2 teacher) who has been offered a new position as Assistant Principal at Walcha Central School near Armidale. While this is great news for Mrs. Watkins, it does mean that we at Lismore Heights are losing an excellent teacher. I am confident that Mrs. Watkins will be amazing in her new role, and I am sure that you will join with us in wishing her lots of luck for the future. Mrs. Watkins will be leaving Lismore Heights Public School to relocate at the end of this week, so not much time to say our goodbye.



Mark Scotton

**Fundraiser—Ice block day**

The students in 3/6D are holding a fundraiser for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Next Wednesday 11/12/13 at recess we will be selling Choc Wedge Ice Creams for \$1 each. The profits will go to The Red Cross to help the communities across the Philippines start rebuilding their lives.

**Swimming Carnival**

Our swimming carnival will be held the second week back next term on 4/2/13. Permission notes will be sent home next week.

**Debating**

Recently I went to Coffs Harbour for the North coast debating team. Four other girls and myself were picked for the team to compete at the Primary Schools State Debating Championships in Sydney. My coach, Mrs Thompson from Alstonville met me at the airport to take me to where we would stay and debate. On the Monday we had our first three debates. We lost our first debate to Sydney and won the next two. On the Tuesday we won our next two debates about made it to the semi final and ranked 3rd. Our semi final topic was "That all primary school children should do compulsory charity work after school". Our team was the affirmative. After about 30 minutes, which was the longest time Mrs Thompson had ever seen, the judges came back and announced the winners were Sydney. It had been a split—one adjudicator went our way the other two their way. Over all it was a great experience.

**Presentation—including Gold ONYA's**

Our Awards Presentation Assembly will be held on Monday 16 December at 10am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Students will be presented with achievement awards and gold ONYA's.

**Gold/Silver/Bronze ONYA Award Day**

The "Wet & Wild" day at Lismore Heights Public School is on Thursday 12 December. Infants students will attend from 12—1pm and primary students from 2—3pm. Cost is an ONYA token.

**Holiday Kids Club**

**When:** 20th—24th January, 2014  
9.30am—12pm daily

**Where:** Presbyterian Church Hall  
(opp Woolies in Keen Street)

**Who:** Primary Aged kids only

**What:** Craft, games, stories, food and lots of fun.

**Cost:** FREE

**Enquiries:** Glenn 0488 770 611

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