



Calendar

25/11/14—Milkshake Day

25/11/14—Year 5 Advantage Day

26/11/14 and 3/12/14—High School transition days for Year 6 students Lismore High, Kadina and Richmond River.

26/11/14 and 3/12/14—LHPS transition days for students in Kinder through to Y5

5/12/14—Carols by Candlelight

**10/12/14—Year 6 Graduation Assembly
12.00pm Farewell Dinner evening**

17/12/14—Talent quest

17/12/14—Last day of school for students

18/12/14—Staff Development Day

19/12/14—School Closed



supports our
Breakfast Club.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabal Wiyabal people and other peoples of the Bundjalung Nation.

We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.

Newsletter

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From the Principal

New School Captains 2015

On Wednesday of this week, the eight students who made it through to the final stages of the election for the prestigious positions of School Captains and Vice-Captains for Lismore Heights Public School 2015 presented their speeches to the school assembly. I would like to congratulate all of the candidates on having the courage and self-belief to put themselves forward. As a staff, we acknowledge that all of those students who put themselves forward were worthy of being appointed. I would like to congratulate them all on their thoughtful, heartfelt, and at times humorous speeches. Student and staff voting followed the speeches with students from Years 3-5 expressing their preferences. Voting has now concluded and all of the votes have been counted. We will announce the successful candidates during the last week of term.

Safety on Bicycles

If your child travels to school on a bicycle, please ensure that they understand how to remain safe on our roads, and that they comply with road safety regulations. This includes wearing an approved safety helmet (this is a requirement by law) and observing the NSW Road Rules.

The *Transport for NSW* website has advice on staying safe on our roads. You can access the site using the following link:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicyclists/index.html>

Information on laws which apply to cyclists can be found on the following link:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicyclists/cyclingrules.html>

If you do not have access to a computer, your local RTA can provide you with all the information that you need on how to stay safe on our roads.

Staff Success

We would like to extend our congratulations to Ray Arnott (Students Learning Support Officer) on receiving a prestigious award at the Aboriginal Awards Ceremony held at Southern Cross University this week. Ray was acknowledged for his outstanding contribution to the education of Aboriginal students at Lismore Heights PS. Ray is a valued member of our Lismore Heights team, as well as being highly regarded by members of our school community and beyond.

Enclosed Land Act

Please note that during school holiday periods the school grounds are closed to all members of the public. Persons found trespassing on the school grounds during the school closure period will be reported to the police. Please help us look after our beautiful school by reporting any suspicious persons to the local police on tel: 66260599



Year 6 Farewell.

Invitations have been sent home this week for the Year 6 Farewell which will be held on 10 December. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for persons 10 years and under. For catering purposes **RSVP is Monday 1 December.**

Talent Quest

We will be holding the final of the Talent Quest on 17 December. Students will be performing the heats in the lead up to the 17th in front of students in their stage. Students are encouraged to start working on their performances.

Mufti and Ice-Block Day

The PBL team will be holding a "Mufti and Ice Block Day" on Friday 28 November. For the privilege of wearing casual clothes the cost will be \$1 and the purchase of ice blocks will also be \$1.



Maths at Home

Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

How Parents can help at Home.

- Give your child different sized plastic cups and a large plastic container to play with in the bath. Encourage your child to guess how many of each cup will be needed to fill the container.
- Encourage your child to pack away their own toys and books. Talk about how things will fit better depending on the way they are stacked or placed.
- Make a sandpit from a large plastic tub so your child can fill various containers with sand. Sieves, colanders, plastic spoons and bottles, old margarine tubs and funnels are great for sand play.
- Count how many cups of dry pasta or popcorn are needed to fill a bowl.
- Talk about how much you can hold in your hand. Compare how many marbles or small rocks you can hold to the number your child is able to hold.
- Collect a variety of different sized boxes. Encourage your child to see if they can fit the boxes inside each other. Talk about which box is the best to start with and why.
- Fill a shoe box by stacking it with blocks, one layer at a time. Count how many blocks were needed for the first layer and then build more layers.
- 'Hefting' is the balancing of an object in each hand and deciding which is the heavier or lighter. This is a good way for children to compare the weight of objects.
- Drop different objects into a bucket of water or the bath to see which makes the biggest splash. Talk about why some things made a bigger splash than others.

More information is available at:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

Positive
Behaviour
for Learning

Week 8

Sportsmanship

Be **SAFE**, Be Respectful



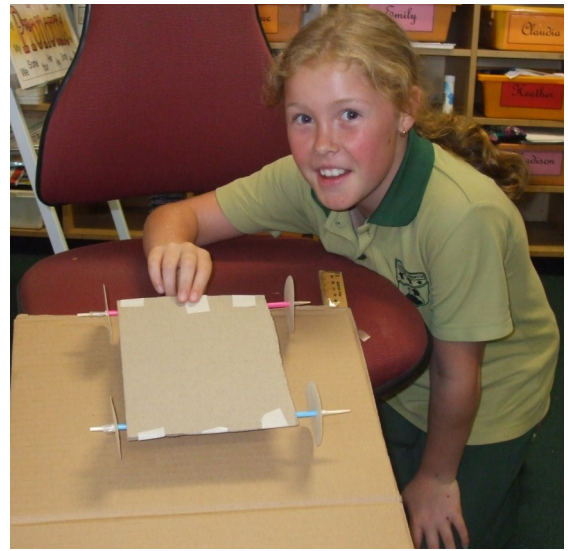
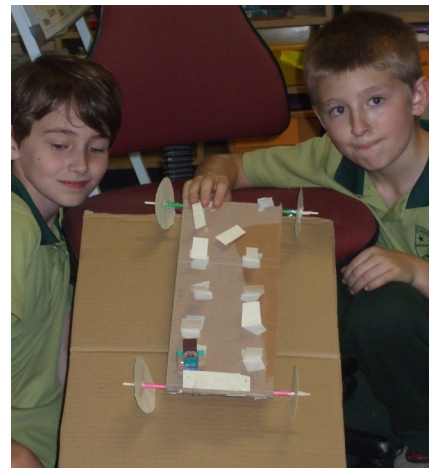
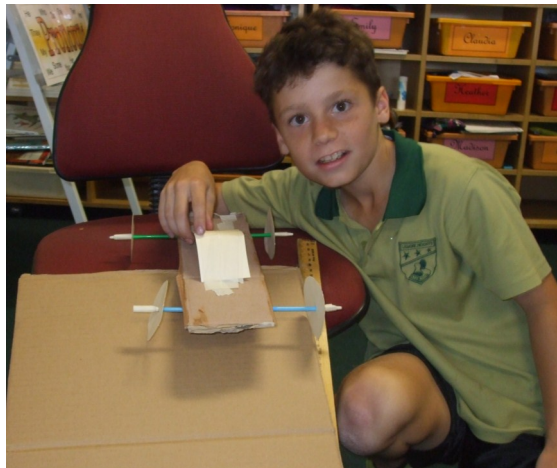
Could you discuss with your children the importance of playing appropriately and being a good sport. Students are encouraged to pick teams fairly. Positive play is always encouraged in all activities.

The PBL Team appreciates your support in teaching children the benefits in following our school rules.

Be **SAFE, Be Respectful and Be a Learner**

In the Classroom

3/4L were given the task of making cars using only cardboard, straws and skewers. There was lots of trial and error, lots of testing and modifying. Keeping the wheels straight was the biggest issue. Some groups managed to make quite successful models.



Classes for 2015

We have now confirmed which classes / Stages teachers will be teaching next year and we are delighted to share this information with parents.

Mrs Witchard will be on Kindergarten; Mrs Jameson will be teaching Year 1; Mrs Ryan and Mrs Elpitiya Baldalge Year 1/2. Years 3/4 will have Mrs Clarke and Mrs Linton. Mrs Le Sueur will have a Year 4/5 class. Ms Rankin and Ms Abeleven will both have a Year 5/6 class. Our support units will be staffed by Miss Smith; 3/6S and Mr Conte; 3/6C.

Christmas Carols

Our Christmas Carols evening on Friday 5 December is a great night where parents and family members can come along and have dinner under the stars whilst enjoying listening to performances by our students.

The canteen will be open serving hot food including vegetarian options as well as cold drinks and snacks.

On the night we will require volunteers to help set up for the evening as well as BBQ operators and help in the canteen. If you can offer some assistance please contact the school office.

Glow sticks will be on sale for \$2 each.



School Uniform Voting

As parents and carers are aware from notifications in previous newsletters, the P&C have been looking at the possibility of changing our school uniform (that is, changing the shirt). Parents and carers have been invited to attend P&C meetings to take part in discussions about the school uniform, and it has been pleasing to see some new faces attending meetings. The P&C recognises that not all parents are able to attend meetings due to other commitments, and they also recognise that it is important to canvass the opinions of those families.

Parents' opinions are now being sought through a survey as to which shirt the school should adopt in the future. There are three options available and parents are asked to select which shirt they prefer. The proposed changes to uniform have been driven in part by the need to identify a new provider, and by the difficulties providers are having in sourcing our current school shirt colour. Whilst the existing colour can be sourced, it has to be specially made as the current shade of green is not a 'standard' colour, and this has implications in regards to supply and cost.

With changing supplier and the issues outlined above, it was decided that now is a good time to consider updating and modernising our school shirt.

It should be noted that any potential change will happen over time.

The suggested timeline (should parents vote for a new design/colour) is as follows:

New shirts phased in from mid-2015 for all new enrolments.

Families who wish to swap to the new design from mid-2015 may do so, but this is optional.

Each new enrolment of Kindergarten students from 2016 onwards will wear the new shirts.

Things for parents to consider:

A 'phased in' approach is common in schools where a new uniform is being introduced

All shirts are designed to match the bottle green pants.

All shirts are the same price!

Below are samples of the three options available (note, the current shirt is one of the options, though the design will be slightly different due to a change in supplier). Because the actual colour is often different to how they look in pictures, we recommend that parents view the shirts before voting. The shirts are available to view in the school reception now and will be displayed at the canteen during our Candles by Candlelight evening.

Voting closes 5 December 2014. Voting slips can be returned to the school office or handed in on the Carols by Candlelight evening on 5 December at the school canteen. Only one vote per family.

A voting slip is attached to this newsletter. For parents who receive newsletters electronically, voting slips are available at the office.

School shirt voting slip

Family name(s) _____

Option 1



Original

Option 2



Mint Green

Option 3



Grey/Green Trim

Place a 'tick' in the box next to the shirt of your choice.

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