



## Calendar

4/3/14—Pancake Day

6/3/14—RRHS Year 7  
Information night  
5-7.30pm

10/3/14—Assembly  
3/4Le

11/3/14—LHS Yr7  
Information night

12/3/14—KHS Yr 7  
Information night

13/5/14—School Photos

18/3/14—Parent/teacher  
interviews. Yrs 1-6

7/4/14—ANZAC  
assembly 2pm

## Canteen Roster

3 March—Robyn  
4 March—Stacey,  
Leanne, Rachel, Tony  
5 March—Marette  
6 March—Nicole, Lee  
7 March—Tony

**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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TERM 1 WEEK 5 28 FEBRUARY 2014

## From the Principal

### Parent Contributions

General School Contributions for 2014 are now due and can be paid at the school office. Fees are \$50 per student for families who have one child attending the school, and \$70 per family where families have more than one child in attendance at the school. Contributions make a significant difference to the school, enabling us to purchase much needed resources that we would otherwise be unable to afford. This year, we are planning on using the funds to purchase a new photocopier for the School Office. Our existing (and very elderly model) cost us \$10,000 in photocopying and repairs last year. This is a cost that the school cannot afford to maintain. Replacing the old machine with a new one will not only save us money on the cost of each photocopy, but the warranty will enable us to save on maintenance fees, too. Please send payments to the school office in a clearly labelled envelope. Thank you.



*Our wonderful Kinder students*



### 10 Classes for Terms 2-4 2014

We had a large cohort of Year 6 students leave last year (60) and our Kindergarten intake was in-line with that of most years at Lismore Heights (25). In effect, this means that we have approximately 35 students less this year than last year. This means that our teacher entitlement for Terms 2-4 2014 only allows us to run 9 mainstream classes (plus our two support classes). We presently have 10 mainstream classes. This left us with two choices, reduce the number of classes and move students into the new class structures, or retain the present class structures by utilising some of our school funds to pay for the extra teacher for Terms 2-4. We have decided to keep the 10 classes, as small class sizes (we have about 22 students in most classes) has a positive impact on the quality of teaching and learning, and increases the amount of time that class teachers can spend with each child. Keeping 10 classes means that our school budget will be much smaller this year, but we firmly believe that this is the right decision to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

### More Graffiti in School

Sadly, some of the girls in school have taken to writing inappropriate comments on the cubical walls of our newly refurbished girls' toilet. This is disappointing on a number of fronts, not least because the school has recently spent thousands of dollars renovating this area. Please encourage your child to report any incidents of inappropriate behaviour that they see to an adult at the school. This is a lovely school, let's keep it that way.

## Year 5/6 Excursion

Following a discussion at last night's P&C meeting, it was agreed that the school would investigate organising an end of year excursion to either Sydney or Canberra for our Year 5 and Year 6 students. Whilst cost will be a consideration in deciding where we go, quality learning experiences and preferred mode of transport for getting to the locations would be factored in. We will communicate further with families once a decision has been reached. I would like to thank the families who attended the P&C meeting last night and contributed to the discussion. I would urge all parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6 to start thinking about fundraising ideas to help offset some of the costs.

## P&C News

The P&C met last night and discussed a number of issues which are outlined in brief below. A copy of the full minutes will be pinned to the minutes board in the school foyer shortly. Further details can be obtained from P&C members.

Agenda items:

- \* Y6 shirts. Students have been canvassed and have chosen the Year 6 shirt for 2014.
- \* Year 5/6 end of year excursion. Preferred locations: Sydney or Canberra.
- \* Discussion around progress of Infant playground cover.
- \* Annual Financial Statement shared by Principal.
- \* Upcoming events: ANZAC March, Lismore Lantern Parade, Young Leaders Conference.
- \* Term 2 Parents Information Evening / Disco 6.00-7.00pm 29<sup>th</sup> May.
- \* Number of classes for Terms 2-4 2014.
- \* Graffiti at school.
- \* Update on the Rivers P-12 College.

## Aboriginal Team Meeting

Our next Aboriginal team Meeting is before school (8.00am) on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. We will be discussing, among other things, our plans for developing our Aboriginal Art program. All Aboriginal parents are invited and your ideas are warmly welcomed.

## School Toilets for Children ONLY

Can I please request that parents and carers DO NOT use the children's or the disabled toilets during school hours. This is for the safety of all children. Thank you.

## School Photographer!

The school photographer will be attending school on **Thursday 13 March**. Please make sure your child attends school on this day and are in full school uniform.

If you require a Family envelope these can be collected from the office.

*Mark Scotton*



5/6J Creating great portraits



## Canteen

***Our food is great and the service exceptional—just ask us!!!***



Please remember our canteen is open every day for our lunch break. We serve fresh sandwiches, wraps, sushi, BLT's and home made muffins and pikelets. All at a very reasonable price.



### ***Reminder!***

**Pancake Day is on next Tuesday 4 March. Please return your order to the office.**



## IPADS

Our school is participating in the Northern Star promotion to win the school 10 iPads. Please collect tokens from the daily paper and bring into the office.

## Clean Up Australia Day

**Our school will be participating in clean up "our school yard" on Monday 3 March. Please send in a pair of gloves for your child to use.**

## What a way to get your child's belongings organised!!

**This is our next fundraiser - A brochure will be sent home on Monday to students in K-2 classes. They will also be available at the office.**

Make it easier for kids to take responsibility for their belongings and avoid the lost property box by putting a name label on all items that are brought to school.

There is a wide variety of colours and shapes of labels available. So let's label everything—to keep your child's belongings returnable.



## Tennis Champs—Asia and Laquisa (right)

Asia and Laquisa represented our school at the local tennis trials. Congratulations to both girls as they have gained selection to the next level.



## Win a set of 10 iPads for your school.

Start collecting tokens from The Northern Star Saturday 22 February.

The school with the most tokens per student wins. Competition ends 31/3/13.

**Bakers Delight**  
We're for real.

supports our  
Breakfast  
Club.



# Week 6 Focus Rule



## **Be Safe** and **Wear Hat**

Could you talk to your children about why we should wear a hat when we go outside. At LHPS the children know the rule that they wear a hat when we go outside. If they don't wear a hat they have to stay under shelter. Wearing a hat keeps the sun off our head and face.

**The PBL team thank you for your support at home and reminding your children of the important in following our core rules.**

**Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner**



### **KADINA HIGH SCHOOL**

Kadina invites you to our Year 6 into Year 7 2015  
Information Evening  
Wednesday 12 March 6.30—8pm in the MPC.  
*An Innovative Caring School*  
Phone 6624 3133



**PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS YEAR 7 2015**  
**INFORMATION NIGHT**  
**Tuesday 11 March 2014**  
**6:30pm**

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