

# Heights Happenings



## Lismore Heights Public School

*Aim High*

Friday 1 May 2015  
Term 2 Week 2

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### Principal News

#### ANZAC

What a fantastic turn out there was from Lismore Heights PS students, parents and staff for the ANZAC March last weekend. I counted over 60 students who participated in the event and displayed beautiful behaviour and manners during the ceremony on what turned out to be a very hot day. Thank you to everyone who turned up and showed their support, and a special word of thanks to our School Captains, Kayla and Finn, who carried the school banner and the wreath.



#### Praise for our School Leader

My thanks goes to our Vice-School Captain, Zac, for being a wonderful ambassador for our school. Following hockey trials in Grafton earlier this week, I received the following message from one of the coaches via email: "I would like to congratulate Zac and thank him for his outstanding behaviour and exceptional sportsmanship demonstrated at the Regional Hockey trials at Grafton. He was a wonderful ambassador of his school and it was pleasing to see his skills, teamwork and confidence improve as the day progressed. It was a privilege to coach him." Well done, Zac.

#### NAPLAN

All students in Year 3 & 5 will be sitting the National Assessment Program for Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests between May 12 – 14. Tests will be administered at school and supervised by classroom teachers.

Students in other year groups will be undertaking school based assessments. This allows the school to assess students' current levels of understanding and allows us to plan how we can continue to best support your child with their learning.

*We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabul 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.*

### Calendar

#### Week 3

Wednesday May 6  
Thursday May 7  
Friday May 8

Magic Words K-6 students \$5  
Mothers' Day Stall  
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#### Week 4

NAPLAN Tests

Years 3 & 5

#### Week 7

Stage 2 excursion

#### Week 10

NAIDOC Celebrations

School Contributions are now due.  
One child \$50 - Family \$70

### Road Safety

It has been brought to my attention that some students, whilst walking to/from school, are not paying due care and attention when crossing roads. Please talk with your child if they walk to school and reinforce the need for them to be vigilant and extra careful when crossing roads.

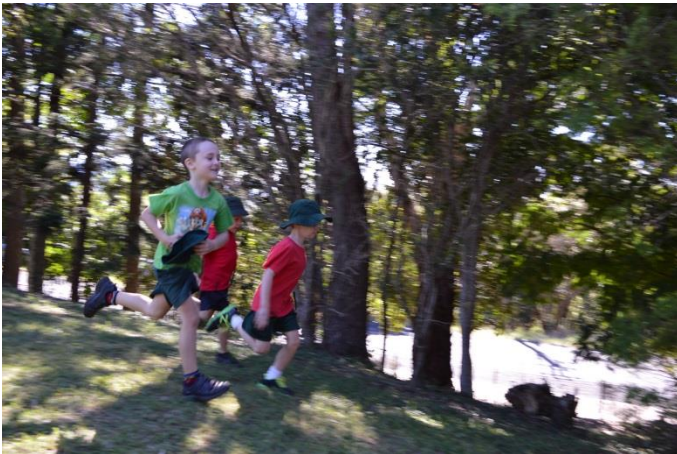
### Cross Country

What a lovely morning we had on Tuesday this week for our annual cross country event with students from all classes participating and having fun in the process. My congratulations are extended to all of those students who achieved entry to the next level of the event. I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic effort made by every student who participated and completed the course. You are all stars in my eyes. Thank you, too, to our wonderful school community who came along and supported our young athletes, and to Mr Conte for organising the event.

#### Cross Country Winners:

5yrs Eli / Natalie; 6yrs Isaiah / Destiny;  
7yrs Javarlli / Zara; 8/9rs Quinn / Ayla;  
10yrs Reshhawn / Emily; 11yrs Blake / Alisha;  
12yrs Ben / Natoka

Our thanks are extended to those parents who volunteered and helped out as marshals for the event. We really appreciate your support.



(Above: some of our amazing athletes)

## Opportunity Class

The DEC offers an Opportunity class at Goonellabah Public school. The class caters for highly achieving academically gifted students. Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement).

The application website closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

## Brainstorm Productions

"The Magic Words" – A Brainstorm Production is coming to our school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at a cost of \$5 per student.

The aim of the entertaining educational theatre is to reinforce the school's anti-bullying focus and to foster respect and dignity. Students will learn about a range of bullying behaviours and the positive life skills that will protect them from these in the future. Permission notes have been sent home previously – additional copies can be obtained from the office.

## Head Lice

We have noted several cases of head lice recently in school. This is a perennial problem in all schools. Please check your children for signs of head lice. The two recommended methods for treating head lice are 'comb and conditioner' and the use of an insecticide.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

4 May – Robyn & Ann  
 5 May – Stacey  
 6 May – Nicole  
 7 May – Marete  
 8 May - Maree