

Heights Happenings



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Principal News

NAPLAN

I would like to praise our wonderful Year 3 and Year 5 students who have shown maturity and commitment in striving to achieve their best in the NAPLAN tests this week.

The test papers have now been sent off for external marking. We anticipate the results will be received sometime around October. A copy of students' results will be sent home once they have been received at the school. NAPLAN tests form an important part of the school's assessment program, providing us with an impartial snapshot of how our students' achievements compare with that of other students across the State. A special word of thanks to the adult helps who came in to school and provided support for our students during the test.



Staffing Changes

Mrs Potts (our school's *Learning and Support Teacher*) has been appointed as *Assistant Principal Behaviour Support* for the Region in a temporary capacity until the end of this term (26 June 2015). This is a great opportunity for Mrs Potts to extend her experience in a leadership capacity, and I am sure that our school will benefit from Mrs Pott's new found skills when she returns to our school next term. For the remainder of this term, Mrs Ryan will be stepping into Mrs Potts' shoes undertaking the role of *Learning and Support Teacher* at the school. Mrs Ryan has a great deal of experience as a teacher at our school and we are confident that she will provide outstanding support for our students in her new role. Ms Urquhart, who has done a wonderful job covering for Mrs Jameson during her absence this term, will be teaching Mrs Ryan's class for the remainder of Term 2. Mrs Ryan will return to her role as class teacher of 1/2R next term.

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wiyabal 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

Wednesday 27 May	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday 28 May	Lantern Making Workshops
Tuesday 2 June – Thursday 4 June	Stage 2 Excursion
Monday 8 June	School Closed Queen's Birthday
Wednesday 10 June	Artwork for Exhibition due
Wednesday 10 June	Kindergarten Information Evening 5-6pm
Tuesday 16 June	Parent Information Session / Student Disco 6-7pm
Wednesday 24 June	NAIDOC Celebrations throughout the day incl. BBQ at 2pm
Thursday 25 June	NAIDOC showground visit

Young Leaders Conference

Last Friday I took eight students to the Gold Coast to participate in the Young Leaders Conference. The conference is an important part of our school's program to develop strong leadership skills among our older students at Lismore Heights Public School. Through a series of engaging activities and stimulating presentations, the students who attended were challenged to identify their own leadership qualities and consider how they can use these to inspire and encourage others. Our eight leaders will be sharing their experiences with others students at the school through a special presentation later in the term. I would like to thank all of those who attended for their positivity, maturity and involvement at the conference. It was a pleasure taking you all, and you made me feel very proud that you are a part of our school. Thank you also to Mrs Gilchrist who accompanied us to the event and helped with supervising our students.

CANTEEN ROSTER

18 May	Robyn
19 May	NEED HELP
20 May	Leah
21 May	Rachael
22 May	Maree

Lismore Heights Public School is a proud member of 'The Rivers P-12'

Student DISCO / Parent Information Session

On Tuesday 16 June we are hosting a student disco and Parent Information Session from 6-7pm in the school library. Parents are invited to attend a practical information session on Mathematics, whilst the children attend a disco at the school.

You don't need to be a maths genius to enjoy this fun session. The focus is on sharing with you some of the ways that we teach maths in school today, as well as giving you some useful tips on how you can help your child with maths at home.

Trish will open the canteen for hot drinks and snacks on the evening.

Lantern Parade Workshops

Lismore Heights Public School is now a well-established supporter of the Lismore Lantern Parade, and this year we will once again join the crowds of lantern carriers that line the streets of Lismore as part of the parade.



The Lantern Parade will this year be held on Saturday 20 June. Students and families are invited to join staff and once again march with us under the school banner. Students who would like to make a lantern in preparation for the parade are invited to attend one of the Lantern Making Workshops held on Thursday 28 May at school. Lantern making costs \$12 per student, and you get to keep the lantern! A separate form has been sent home with sign up slip attached. Places are limited so please book early.

Art (homework) Project

Hopefully by now families are busy working with their children on artwork for our Art Exhibition later this term. The theme (I am sure you will remember) is **'We all Stand on Sacred Ground'**. Artwork can be in any medium and any size: drawing, painting, photo montage, 3D sculpture etc. We are really looking forward to displaying a wide range of artwork that reflects a broad spectrum of abilities and ideas. Finished pieces should be handed in to your child's class teacher by **Wednesday 10 June**.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION SESSION



At Lismore Heights Public School we understand that choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions that parents ever have to make. Our Kindergarten Parent Information Session is designed to help make that decision easier for you.

When: Wednesday 10th June 5:00-6:00pm

Where: Lismore Heights Public School

If you have a child starting school in 2016, we would like to invite you to attend our Kindergarten Parent Information Session. This is an opportunity for you to meet our school Principal, Mark Scotton, and our team of wonderful teachers who make our school an exciting and stimulating place for children to learn, make friends and have fun!

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 27 May at 7pm. Lismore Heights Public School's P&C are an active community of parents committed to make a positive contribution to our school. The funds that they raise, and the decisions that they make, impact directly on the experiences that your child has at school. Be part of that decision making process by coming along to a meeting and sharing your ideas. The P&C is also running a Pie Drive over the next few weeks. Order forms will be sent home on Monday.

PBL

Be Safe and Respectful
Eat your own food

It is important at school that students eat their own food and do not share with others. Sharing food could be unsafe for students who have allergies towards various foods.

Mulch Required

Our school vegetable garden is coming along nicely thanks to Mrs Clarke and students who have elected gardening as their Friday Club activity. We are looking for any donations of mulch to help encourage our veggies to grow. If you have any spare, please see Mrs Clarke. Thank you.

Aboriginal Art Day

Thursday 21 May is Aboriginal Art Day at school. All of our Aboriginal students will be working on artwork which will feature in our end of term Art Exhibition (this is in addition to the family 'homework' art task which is due in on 10 June). We would appreciate help from any parents / carers who can volunteer their time on the day. We will be working in the Bundjalung Room throughout the day. Please see Mrs Clarke or telephone the office on: 6624 3344 if you have any time to spare.