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HEIGHTS HAPPENINGS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL NAIDOC Celebrations

Our NAIDOC celebrations have been running throughout the week. Aunty Hazel Rhodes attended our Monday NAIDOC assembly and welcomed everyone to Country, as well as presenting our Aboriginal students with special NAIDOC awards. We counted over 80 parents and community members who attended our assembly and visited our Art Exhibition. We would like to extend our thanks to Aunty Hazel for her contribution and also Uncle Digby (who was the inspiration for much of the artwork featured in the exhibition). We would also like to say a big thank you to Southern Cross Distance Education students who provided great leadership throughout the day organising the group activities. Our celebrations concluded with our attendance and performances at the Showground on Thursday. We took over 100 students to the showground to celebrate Lismore's NAIDOC event (with each Aboriginal student able to choose a non-Aboriginal friend to accompany them to the showground).



Term 2 Week 10
Friday 1 July 2016



CALENDAR

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Canteen Roster

- 18 July – Pupil free day
- 19 July – Help needed
- 20 July – Stacey
- 21 July – Maurette
- 22 July - Maree

Free Dental Assessments

Free dental assessments are available to all Kindergarten students by the Northern NSW Health Department. Please return the permission note so your child won't miss this opportunity.

Vacation Care

Lismore Heights Public School Vacation Care is operating from the 4th - 18th July. We are having a Carnival Day with a jumping castle and BBQ, watching Ice Age 5 at the Lismore Cinema and visiting The Farm in Byron Bay.

For enrolment and booking information please contact Jalyn on 0437 553 057. Thank you.

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.



NAIDOC Treat for Our Sydney Excursion

This week, as part of our NAIDOC celebrations, we are delighted to announce that we have added a new component to our Sydney Excursion which takes place next term. At no extra cost to families, we have secured a walkabout tour of The Rocks with Elder, Margaret Campbell. Aunty Margaret will share with the students Dreaming stories related to the harbour and local flora and fauna, and help the children to understand how these continue to influence Aboriginal people today.

Lantern Parade

A big 'thumbs-up' to everyone who attended the Lantern Parade last weekend, either to walk with the school in the parade or as a spectator. It was a great spectacle and once again brought our wonderful Lismore community together.



Rising Stars

Congratulations to Connor and Josh who both attended the North Coast trials recently in rugby union and touch football respectively. Congratulations to both students for making in to the Northern Rivers teams. Connor will be heading off to Dubbo in the near future to compete in further trials, this time for a place on the State team. We wish him every success.



Goodbye Judi, Hello Steve

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to Judi Byrnes (our trusted and well respected School Counsellor) at the end of this term. Judi has been at our school for over 2 years and has provided outstanding support for our students and their families. I know that both staff and students will really miss her and the invaluable support that she has offered. At the same time we would like to welcome Steve McCluskie to our school team. Steve will be filling the role of School Counsellor at Lismore Heights Public School from the start of Term 3, and we are confident that Steve will continue to provide the same high standard of support that our school has come to expect from Judi. Families and students who would like to meet with Steve are encouraged to visit (or phone) the school on Tuesdays or Wednesdays when Steve is on-site.



School Holidays and Term 3 Start Date

A reminder that the winter school holidays start today (1 July). Term 3 starts on Tuesday 19 July for students. We hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday with their families (be careful those of you heading off to the snow, we don't want any broken bones to start the new term!)

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

LHPS provides anonymous student data to the department of Education outlining the number of students attending the school who receive additional support with their learning and engagement at school. This is consistent with other public schools across the nation. This data will be compiled early in term 3. Parents should note that no student will be identifiable through the data provided. For further information you can visit: www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability

Soccer Success

Congratulations to the Lismore Heights PS soccer team on their well-deserved win against Lismore South PS in the school's knock-out tournament earlier this week. The team put in a fine performance running out 9-1 winners, and earning a place in the next round of the tournament.