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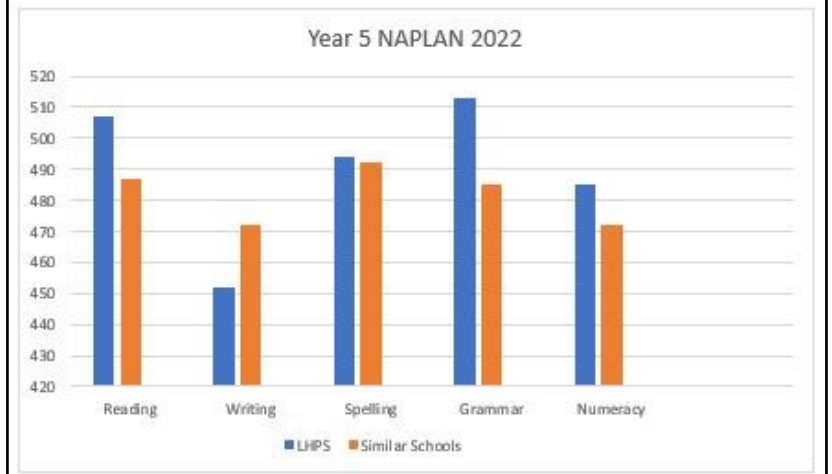
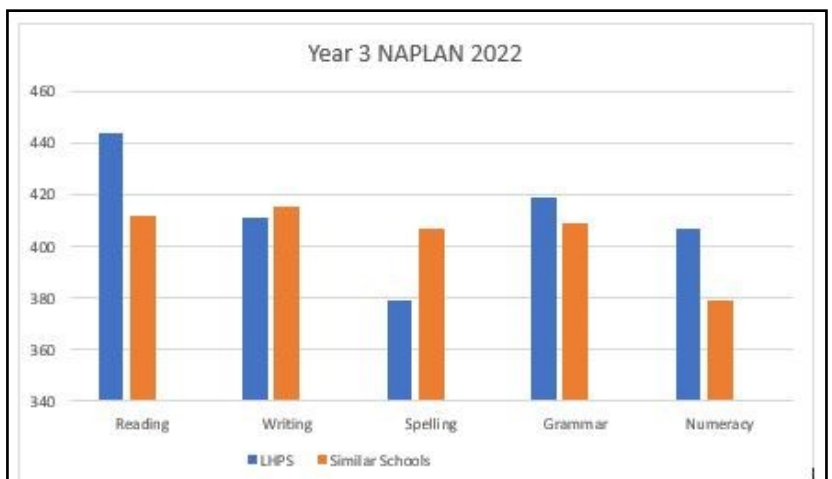
The school's NAIDOC celebrations continued when our Deadly Dancers performed at the Lismore NAIDOC event at the Turf Club. We are so proud of our students and their commitment to sharing their culture with our community. It was also lovely for the students to reconnect with Uncle Gilbert Laurie at the event. Uncle Gilbert is a former student of Lismore Heights Public School and he is always so generous with his time talking to our jarjums.



NAPLAN 2022

We have now received our school's NAPLAN results for 2022. The attached charts provide an overview of the school's achievements. Given the disruption that our students have faced over the past 3 years, firstly with COVID-19 (which continues to impact student attendance) and then with the two floods, we are very pleased with our students' results. It should be pointed out that schools which are identified as being 'similar schools' are not located in the Lismore area and were not affected by the recent floods.

In summary, Reading in both Year 3 and Year 5 shows our students performing better than similar schools across the state. The same can be said for both Grammar and Numeracy in both year groups. This is a very pleasing outcome, and our students should be congratulated on their excellent Reading, Grammar and Numeracy results. In Year 5 average student outcomes in Spelling were above those of students in similar schools whilst there is room for improvement in Year 3. This was an expected result in Year 3 and matches the school's internal data. A new spelling program was recently introduced at the school to address this.



We respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabal Wyabal people, and other peoples of the Bundjalung Nation.

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

Writing outcomes in Year 3 are broadly in line with those of similar schools. We will continue to focus on writing outcomes in Year 5 where students are now using the new writing format, composing their texts using a computer.

Overall, this is a very pleasing set of results, and our students deserve acknowledgment for their efforts and achievements. Well done, Year 3 and Year 5.

Debating

Congratulations are extended to our school Debating Team who performed with distinction at the recent Debating Gala Day held at Wyrallah Road Public School. The team won both of their debates. They now await the outcome of the final Gala Day to find out what position they achieved overall, and whether or not they will progress to the next level of the competition.



Zone Athletics Carnival

Students aged 8+ who qualified went to Byron Bay for the Zone Athletics Carnival. Of these, 4 students placed and will progress to the Regional Athletics Finals.

North Coast Athletics

Last Friday, several children travelled to Coffs Harbour to compete in the Regional Athletics Carnival. Three super stars emerged, placing in their athletics events. Liam finished third in the 11 years boy's discus, Jacob second in both the 100m and 200m and Ethan third in his 100m and 200m. What a brilliant achievement boys, well done!



Guitar/Keyboard Tuition

We are working alongside a local professional musician, Glenn Kellett, to provide guitar and keyboard tuition to students in Years 2-4. Families can use any unused monies in the student's *Flood Grant Fund* to pay for the lessons until the funds are exhausted. Families interested in taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity should complete and return the letter which was sent home recently.

Carnivale 14 and 15 September

Our wonderful P&C will be opening the canteen to sell pre-performance hot food, drinks and cakes/slices on both Carnivale evenings. What better way to start the evening! Families are requested to donate cakes/slices which can be delivered to the school on the day for our P&C to sell. The canteen will close 10 minutes before the performance starts to allow volunteers to take their seats in plenty of time to see the start of the show. Students are required to be back at school by 5.30pm both nights and performances should end by approximately 7.20pm.

Dorrroughby Environmental Centre Incursion

How many body parts does an insect have?

That's right, there are three!

A head, an abdomen and a thorax!

This was just one of the facts we learnt on our Dorroughby Incursion Day last Tuesday!

We also went on a school safari to look for insects and we learnt about the importance of bees. We found out that our school was once part of a rainforest and that as our community grew, we used natural materials such as timber, which caused our animal habitats to disappear leading to extinction. We drew diagrams of insects and made our own imaginary insects using salt dough, twigs, leaves and bark.

Thankyou to Ms Hallam for organising this incursion for us! We loved the outside classroom for the day!



Photos: Dorroughby Incursion 1/2L

Education Week Staff Awards

This year, we are very proud to advise that 2 of our hardworking staff, Amber Coleman (support Class Teacher) and Kylie Greentree (Stage 3 Teacher), have received Education Week Awards from the Director, Educational Leadership in acknowledgement of their outstanding classroom practice and contribution to education. Our sincere congratulations are extended to both staff on receiving this prestigious award.

New Sign at entrance to Car Park

To increase student safety around the school we would like to remind families that the school car park is for authorised vehicles only. This is not a drop-off/pick-up zone. We do have a designated pick-up/drop-off zone at the back of the school on Milton St. We are also extending our school's PBL lessons to include relevant safety information in regard to entering and exiting the school. Can we thank all families for complying with these requirements and putting student safety first.



Attendance

With the disruptions that many of our families have faced in recent months, we understand that getting children to school every day is not always easy. We are here to help! If there are things that we can do to help your child to get to school every day, please let us know. Every day really does count!



EVERY DAY COUNTS....
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Education Week Family Visits



Thank you to all the families who came to visit our classrooms last week. The students loved having parents and grandparents participate in their lessons.

Eco Warriors



Comment from a parent: 'Amazing! Makes me so happy our children are learning such important life lessons. Best school ever!'



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