



## LISMORE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### Attendance Letter from Secretary of Education, Murat Dizdar

*Dear parents and carers*

*It's been great to have our students back in classrooms and settling into the school year. I know all our teachers are looking forward to a successful 2024 and are excited to work with you to make this a memorable year for your child.*

*The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school. Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing time with friends, missing an important maths lesson or not being included in the selection process for key events. With days missed, years are lost.*

*Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions. Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.*

*If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.*

*If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day.*

*Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow and belong in our equitable and outstanding education system.*

We respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wiyabul 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

# Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight

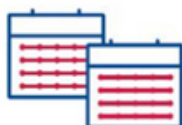
= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week

= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

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To support the department in raising overall student attendance levels, here at Lismore Heights PS we are doing 2 important things. Firstly, we are continuing to recognise those students who attend school every day throughout the week by contacting families on a Friday to acknowledge their child's excellent attendance. Secondly, we are presenting attendance certificates each week in assembly to students identified by their class teacher. These certificates could be for excellent school attendance or significantly improved school attendance. Remember, every school day counts. Let's work together to give your child the best chance of succeeding at school by being present every day.



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### **Captains Assembly**

Our congratulations are extended to all of the students who have been elected as school leaders at Lismore Heights Public School this year. We will be inducting our School, Class and House Captains and Vice-Captains at a special assembly at 10am on Wednesday 6 March. We would like to extend an invitation to the families of all students who are being inducted to attend this special assembly. Families will be invited to the stage to pin the badge on their child as part of the induction ceremony. We look forward to seeing many of you there on the day.

## **IMPORTANT P&C NEWS!**

Our next P&C meeting will be held on 21 February in the staffroom between 6.30-7.30pm. We are at a crucial point in time for our P&C as many longstanding members, who have been the backbone of the P&C for a number of years, are preparing to say goodbye as they no longer have children at the school.

We are therefore looking for fresh faces and new ideas from parents who have an interest in helping keep our P&C going.

Over the years, the P&C have raised tens of thousands of dollars to support building infrastructure (such as the shade cover over the infant's playground) to school resources (such as reading books and sports equipment) to overseeing the operation of the school canteen. This year, they are hoping to fund the installation of air conditioning in the school hall.

P&C members meet for an hour once a month, and plan or assist with fundraising activities when they can. You don't need any skills, just a willingness to do what you can when you can. If this is you, we'd love to see you at the next meeting – it's your chance to meet other families and play a part in your child's education journey.

## How to Help your Child be NAPLAN ready

All students in Years 3 and 5, across the state, participate in NAPLAN tests between 13-25 March. Our aim during the testing period is to ensure that our students are relaxed and quietly confident about undertaking the tests. There are things that you can do to help your child during this time:

1. Plenty of sleep (bed early and no devices for at least an hour before bedtime)



2. Eat well (a healthy breakfast and no sugary drinks in the morning is best)

3. Exercise (regular exercise helps reduce anxiety, promotes happiness and improves self-esteem)



4. Let your child know that they only have to try their best (there are no prizes or awards for perfect scores, so help your child to relax and just have a go)

Holiday leave cannot be approved for any students during the NAPLAN testing period.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Families will be invited to schedule a parent/teacher meeting with their child's class teacher. Meetings will take place week commencing 18 March. Invitations will be sent out through Compass and appointments can be booked via the App. If you are experiencing any issues with downloading the App, please contact the school office for assistance so that we can ensure that you are able to attend a meeting.



## Swimming Carnival

We had the best day, in every respect, at the Memorial Baths for our school Swimming Carnival, and it was lovely to receive positive feedback from the pool manager about our student's behaviour and manners – we are so proud of them all. Students participated in one of two activities on the day: competition in the Olympic Pool or novelty events in the training pool, guaranteeing that everyone had fun. Our appreciation is extended to the parents who came along to show their support, and The Rivers College for allowing some of their high school students to do the timekeeping (many of whom were ex-LHPS captains and vice captains). They did an awesome job, and it was lovely to see them all again, and looking so grown up! Our congratulations are extended Rous who were our House Champions on the day.

We would also like to congratulate our Age Champions: 8 yrs **Nazarlli / Rome**, 9 yrs **Lillian & Annabelle / Ari**, 10 yrs **Lucy / Jeraziah**, 11 yrs **Levi / Niyah** and 12 yrs **Sam / Mystique**.

We would also like to acknowledge our amazing swimmers who qualified for the Zone Carnival: **Niyah, Levi & Sam**. A letter advising dates and arrangements for the Zone Carnival will be sent to families of qualifying students.

And finally, thanks to Miss Harris and Miss Allen who coordinated the event. It was their first time out as co-sports leaders and they nailed it!







One Vision Productions started working with our Aboriginal students in Years 4-6 in Week 3. There was a buzz of excitement in the air as students began clapping and rapping and sharing their ideas as they wrote the lyrics for the song that will be the centre piece of their school performance.





# TERM 1

## Parent Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 1</b>	29 Jan	30 Staff Development Day (pupil free day)	31 Staff Development Day (pupil free day)	1 Feb Students in Years 1-6 start school Best Start Assessments for kindy students	2 Best Start Assessments for kindy students
<b>Week 2</b>	5 Best Start Assessments for kindy students	6 Kindergarten students start school	7	8	9
<b>Week 3</b>	12 Swimming Carnival	13 Meet Teacher BBQ	14	15 One Vision	16
<b>Week 4</b>	19	20	21	22 One Vision	23
<b>Week 5</b>	26	27	28 9.15am Mrs Kolarik Class Assembly	29 One Vision	1 March
<b>Week 6</b>	4	5	6 10.00am Captain's Assembly	7 One Vision	8
<b>Week 7</b>	11	12	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN	15 NAPLAN
<b>Week 8</b>	18 NAPLAN Parent Teacher Interviews	19 NAPLAN Parent Teacher Interviews	20 NAPLAN Parent Teacher Interviews	21 NAPLAN Parent Teacher Interviews	22 NAPLAN Parent Teacher Interviews
<b>Week 9</b>	25 NAPLAN	26	27 9.15am Harmony Day assembly	28	29 Good Friday
<b>Week 10</b>	1 Apr Easter Monday	2	3	4 One Vision	5
<b>Week 11</b>	8 Intensive Swimming	9 Intensive Swimming 3.30-5.00pm Yarn Up	10 Intensive Swimming 9.15am ANZAC assembly	11 Intensive Swimming	12 Intensive Swimming Last day of Term 1