



LISMORE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome back!

Welcome back to what promises to be a very exciting term ahead. I'm sure that many families will have heard on the news the recent announcement that funding for all NSW public schools has been cut this year. We want to reassure families that at LHPS our number one priority remains supporting our students and ensuring that teaching and learning programs continue to operate as normal. Key events already scheduled for this term include the GRIP leadership conference for some of our senior students in Week 3, a soccer gala in Week 5, public speaking competition and drama workshops in Week 8, and NAIDOC celebrations and a performance of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' for selected classes in Week 10. As you can see, the term is filling up with exciting events and there's still more to come.

New Aboriginal Design School Shirts



We are very excited to share with families the design for our new Aboriginal pattern school shirts. The shirts have been designed by Aboriginal students at the school with the help of Belinda, our AEO. Belinda said, 'I have been working with the students on this shirt for the past 4 months. During this time the students have strongly suggested they wanted the shirts to feature the Goanna and the Snake, as the Goanna is the Totem for most of our students. The students told me the Goanna is the protector/creator of this area. The story is that the Snake bit the Goanna in Lismore so he left trying to find bush medicine and made his way all the way to Evans head where he rests today on Goanna Headland. The river represents the Wilsons River and its connection to country and the recent floods and how it bought our community together. The meeting symbol is our school and our safe place'.

Parents have been consulted through our Yarn Up meetings and have shared their ideas which have been incorporated into the final design. Three colour options were presented to students, staff and families with black overwhelming coming out as the firm favourite. Shirts cost \$30 each. Students wanting one of the new shirts should place their order at the school office by Friday 17 May.

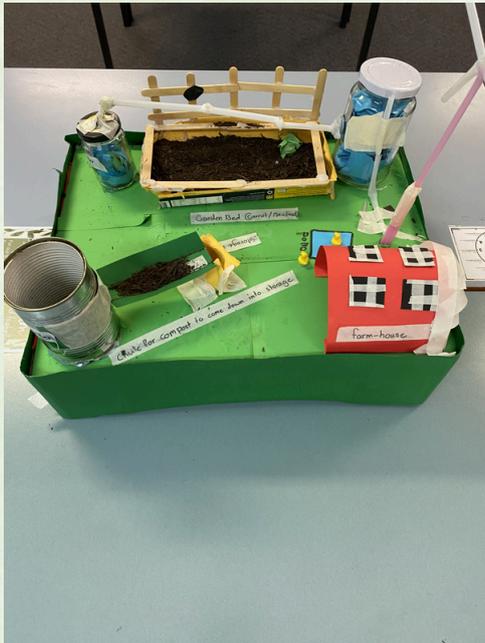
It should be noted that, at this point in time, the Aboriginal design shirts are an 'alternative choice' shirt for students at LHPS. Our normal school shirt remains part of our school uniform.

We respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabul 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

Stage 3 STEM Exhibition

During Term 1, Stage 3 students learnt about the sustainable production and consumption of food and fibre for STEM. After learning about different sustainable solutions, students researched, designed and constructed their own prototypes that could be used in the sustainable production and or consumption of food and fibre. Students then held an exhibition, where they shared their learning with Stage 2 students, parents and teachers - it was a great success! We are feeling hopeful about our future with these bright minds at the helm.



Breakfast Club is proudly



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SRC Rural Fire Service Fundraiser

On Wednesday the 8 May, the Caniaba Rural Fire Service visited our school. All grades were treated to an informative presentation lead by 3 of Caniaba's volunteer bush fire fighters. We were shown lots of equipment used when fighting a fire and were lucky enough to hold a fire hose when it was turned on and practised aiming at a target. We were given the opportunity to sit in the back of a fire truck and listened to a volunteer tell us all about the switches and controls in the front cabin. A few extra lucky people even got to turn the sirens on.

Our school leaders presented the volunteers with an appreciation certificate and the money raised from Term One's SRC fundraiser. We all learnt lots of new things about the volunteer fire brigade in our local area and were very appreciative of their visit.



IMPORTANT P&C NEWS!

We have a brand-new team of P&C executives this year and, as always, we are very grateful of the time that our parents give in supporting our school and keeping our P&C alive and kicking. At our last P&C meeting (9 May) there was further discussion around the proposed installation of air conditioning in the school hall, we are still gathering quotes and hope to be able to progress with this in the near future. Safety concerns were discussed in relation to students who walk to/from school via the Milton Street exit. The main concern being around a lack of footpath. The school has agreed to write to the council on behalf of the P&C to request that the council undertake an inspection of this area at peak times. The P&C also agreed to support two funding requests from subject leaders in relation to transport for sports galas and NAIDOC celebrations. There was an in-depth discussion around the school budget following an announcement of recent cuts to funding for all public schools in NSW, and parent opinion was sought around which learning dispositions should be developed to best assist students with their learning. Learning dispositions are ways of thinking, such as persistence, confidence and being reflective. Our next P&C meeting will be held in the school staffroom on Wednesday 5 June at 6.30pm. All families are welcome.



Our sincere thanks is extended to students, families and staff who attended the Lismore ANZAC March and Memorial Service over the holidays. We are so proud of our students' respectful conduct on the day, and I know that our attendance is very much appreciated by our community.



Lantern Parade Volunteers

On Monday 6 May a dozen Stage 3 students volunteered at the Lismore Lantern Parade Workshop to assist in preparing for this year's parade. The Lantern Parade organisers rely heavily on the work of volunteers every year to ensure that the festival can go ahead. Taking our older students along each year not only assists the parade organisers in preparing for the big day, it is also designed to instil in our students an understanding of the crucial role that volunteers play in our community (be it as members of the Rural Fire Service, the SES, Koala Rescue, Surf Lifesaving or any of the other valuable volunteer roles that are filled by community members in Lismore and the surrounding areas every day). We'll be heading out to the Lantern Parade Workshop with a second group of volunteers on Friday 24 May. Any families wishing to help out are welcome to turn up at the Lantern Parade Workshop on Keen St (just before the Baseball Diamonds) on Saturday mornings between now and June 15.



Mother's Day Breakfast



Cross Country



TERM 2

Parent Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	29 Apr Staff Development	30	1 May	2	3 Schoo Photos
Week 2	6 Lantern Workshop Volunteers	7 Lantern Making	8 Fire Truck in school	9	10 Mothers Day breakfast Cross Country
Week 3	13	14	15 Goanna Class Assembly	16 GRIP Student Conference	17
Week 4	20	21	22	23	24 Lantern Workshop Volunteers
Week 5	27	28 2025 Kindy Parent Meeting	29 Whole School photo Reconciliation Assembly	30	31 Zone Cross Country Soccer Gala
Week 6	3 Jun	4	5 P&C Meeting 6.30pm	6	7
Week 7	10 King's Birthday Holiday	11	12 Y5 The Rivers College Roadshow Young Leaders Assembly	13	14
Week 8	17	18 Public Speaking @ LHPS	19	20 Stage 3 Bottle Rocket Final	21 June 22 - Lantern Parade
Week 9	24	25	26	27	28
Week 10	1 July	2	3 School NAIDOC Celebrations	4 NAIDOC Turf Club	5 Stage 3 Shakespeare Performance @ KHC Last day of Term 2