



LISMORE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Last Newsletter for this Term!

It has been a very busy Term 1 with the introduction of our new Dispositions rewards system, Intensive Swimming Program and the School and Zone Swimming Carnivals, NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5, a mid-term pause whilst we all hunkered down in anticipation of the arrival of Tropical Cyclone Alfred and the deluge of rain that came with it, and, of course, the induction of our School, Class and House Captains. Term 1 officially comes to a close at 3.10pm on Friday 11 April. Term 2 commences for students on Wednesday 30 April (note, 28 and 29 April are staff professional learning days, no supervision for students will be provided by school staff on these days). The rest of Term 2 includes the School Cross Country Carnival (7 May), Lantern Making Workshops (8 May ready for this year's Lantern Parade), community of schools Aboriginal Art Day (9 May), our school production (19 June) and our Stage 3 excursion to Sydney (23-26 June), with much more to follow – watch this space.

New Reward System

Students are responding really well to the new Dispositions reward system. Class token tubes are filling up and tokens are being transferred to the whole school tubes located in the front office. Class rewards happen when a class token tube is full, and once a tube in the office is full, we'll have a whole school celebration.



Captains Assembly

Our Captains Assembly had to be postponed due to the extreme weather event that affected schools across the northern rivers. Now that things are back to normal, we would like to extend our congratulations to all of our elected Captains and Vice-Captains for 2025. These students will form our Student Representative Council (SRC) and will be the voice for students across the school this year. Our leaders for 2025 are: School Captains, Louie J and Amelija C-S and School Vice-Captains, Jayden J and Jillian R-C. House Captains Stapleton, Daniel H and Chaise A and Vice-Captains, Aaliyah R and Alisha D. House Captains Clay, Hope A and Fazie M-Y, Vice-Captains, Poppy G and Maddie F. House Captains Rous, Bodelliah H and Sal M, Vice-Captains Lucy W and Jasper T. House Captains for Wilson, Amelia C and Tyler S, Vice-Captains Olivia S and Bently T. Class Captain for Lorikeet, Ngamu D and Vice-Captain, Sunny L. Class Captain for Possum, Joshua S, Vice-Captain, Karma D. Class Captain for Dingo, Darcy T-C and Vice-Captain Edwin C-S. Class Captain for Echidna, Eddison M, Vice-Captain, Omar A. Class Captain for Goanna, Annabelle W, Vice-Captain, Armin S. Class Captain for Kookaburra, Ethan H. Class captain for Turtle, Reuben G. Class Captain for Magpie, Jarvis C-H. Class Captain for Emu, Levi P-W, Vice-Captain Elspeth C. Class Captain for Platypus, Jacob S, Vice-Captain, Winter N-A.



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ALL SINGING, ALL DANCING
EXTRAVAGANZA!

FEATURING STUDENTS FROM
KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6!

GREASE

Whitebrook Theatre SCU

Thursday 19 June 6.00pm

\$5 Adults

\$2 Under 18

No charge for infants
on knee

A student-family friendly version of Grease is our school production this year. We have amended the storyline, altered the dialogue and changed many of the song lyrics to ensure its suitability for our school students. Please note, we are not encouraging families to watch the movie or listen to the original songs with students.

Student Survey

In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.

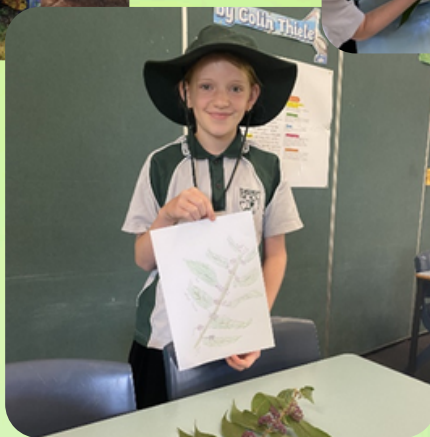
Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/education-data-and-research/nsw-public-schools-surveys>.

DORROUGHBY INCURSION

In week 4, staff from the Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre came to LHPS to run full day incursions for our infant and primary students, kicking off our Living Things STEM unit. Students were immersed in a wonderland of learning, moving to different stations throughout the day.

Primary students learnt about different insects, their features and their importance in our ecosystems, played threatened species games aimed at identifying causes and solutions for protection, discussed and studied the features of different plants before creating botanical drawings and embarked on a school safari, investigating and recording what insects they could find in the school yard. Infants observed insects and animals in our playground, which we later used in class to create various graphs to help us understand and showcase the living things in our school. They also learned about insects and their features, which inspired them to make salt dough models of ants. Furthermore, to enhance their understanding of creating safe habitats for survival, they crafted bird nests out of natural fibres and clay eggs, now displayed throughout our garden. The incursions were fun and informative, with all students engaged with hands-on learning. A big thank you to the Dorroughby staff for sharing their wealth of knowledge with our budding little scientists.



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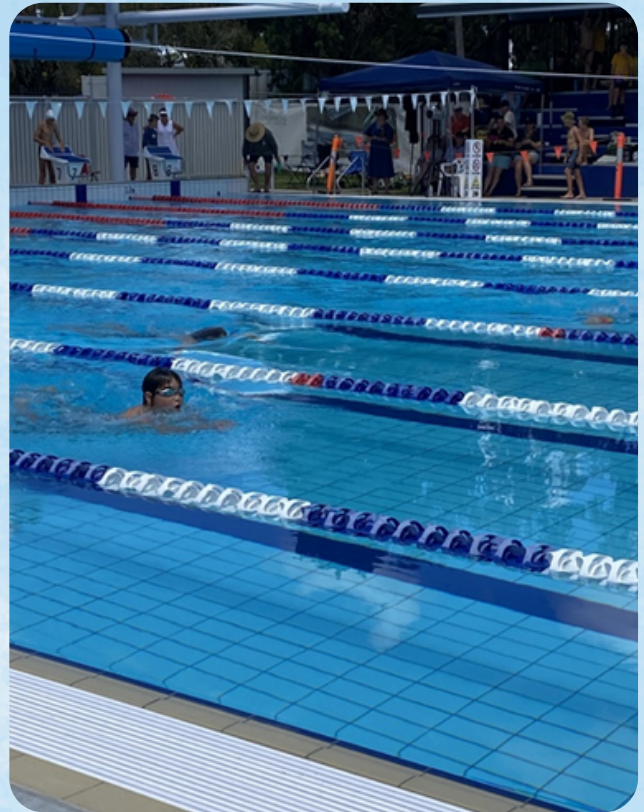


Zone Swimming Carnival: A Splashing Success!

This year's Zone Swimming Carnival was held in Week 5 at the Casino Memorial Baths, and it was a fantastic day filled with excitement, competition, and school spirit! Eleven students represented LHPS, they were: Madeleine, Amelia, Nazarlli, Jeraziah, Lucy, Natalie, Levi, Zazie, Aaliyah, Mia and Rome.

Our superstar swimmers competed in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and individual medley events. Every single student tried their absolute best, with many achieving personal bests, and placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in many of their heats. It was inspiring to see the enthusiasm on their faces as they dove into the pool, and swimming with persistence and determination.

Throughout the day, our students demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship, cheering for one another and encouraging fellow competitors. Well done to all of the students who attended, and a big thank you to all the staff and volunteers at the carnival, as well as parents, carers and family members for supporting the students in this wonderful opportunity.



Sporting Success



Big congrats to Jeraziah and Jayden who both made the selection for the PSSA Rugby League team this term. Yet another amazing example of LHPS aiming high and achieving great outcomes. Well done, boys.

And in athletics, Nazarli made it to State Little Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park where she represented Lismore in Shotput and Discus. Way to go, Nazarli.



P&C

News

Our latest P&C meeting was the AGM and I would like to share with families the names of our wonderful parents who have put themselves forward for elected positions: Nathan Carbery (President), Stephen Davie (Secretary), Tim Williams (Treasurer and Public Officer), Candice Woodward and Kylie Everman (Vice-Presidents). Our appreciation is also extended to those family members who give up their time to attend P&C meetings and provide invaluable support and guidance to our school. The treasurer provided an end of year financial statement and advised that the closing balance for 2024 was \$50,644. It was decided that P&C meetings will now be held regularly on Weeks 3 and 7 each term, commencing at 6.30pm in the school staffroom. We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all family members to attend and be a part of this supportive group.



Easter Hat Parade
Friday 11 April - 2.30pm
School Hall
Everyone welcome!



Year 1 Self Portraits



I am special because I lost two teeth at once.
I like puppies and mangoes because they make my face light up.



I am special because I am kind to my parents.
I like my dog Teddy because he is cute.



I am special because I have heaps of dogs.
I like my cat because she is soft and cuddly.

Lismore Heights Vacation Care Program April 2025

Monday 14 th April	Tuesday 15 th April	Wednesday 16 th April	Thursday 17 th April	Friday 18 th April
Rainbows, Unicorns & Dragons Rainbow Mosaics Quirky Unicorns & 3D Dragon Art *TECH DAY 	IncurSION Gemma - Art with Wings Cost: \$12 1.00 PM TO 3PM 	 Nature Warriors Birdseed Feeders Leaf Dream Catchers Nature Bunnies	Easter Theme Day Easter Egg Hunt  Make-Easter Bunnies and Chocolate-Easter Eggs craft #WHEELS DAY	Good Friday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 21 st April Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY	 Explore the World... Italy Pop Up Colosseum Italian Flag Crafts	 Anzac Activities: Field of Poppies Art Anzac Lanterns with Candle	IncurSION Workshop Cost: \$16  Timeless Fun with Themed LEGO Builds	Friday 25 th April PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 28 th April COOKING/BAKING Make Smoothies Ice Cream Choc Brownies 	GRAFFITI ART FOR KIDS Graffiti Drip Mural Graffiti Your Name	Wednesday 30 th April SCHOOL BACK	#Wheels Day: Bring your bike or scooter. Don't forget - no helmet, no ride. No sharing wheels *Technology Day: BYO device (e.g. iPad), G or PG games only, no WIFI. Devices stored when not in use ** Limited spaces available ** For bookings & new enrolments please contact Lismore Heights OSHC – 0437 553 057	

-Vacation Care service hours are 8am-6pm, pickups after 6pm will incur a late fee of a minimum of \$10 per family.

- Please provide lunch, morning and afternoon tea, drink bottles, change of clothes, sunscreen, hats and covered shoes each day NO THONGS, NO BARE FEET; NO HELMET, NO RIDE. Free bus provided for excursions!

-On excursion days, please sign children in by 9.00am and complete permission forms. As Vacation Care excursions/incurSION costs are based on the number of children booked in, if your child is absent for an excursion/incurSION where a cost is involved, you will be invoiced this cost.

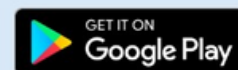
Vacation Care is very busy, and bookings MUST be made in advance. As positions are limited and in high demand this is considered a permanent booking for the Vacation period. Absences will incur a full fee if less than 24 hrs is given. More than 24 hrs but less than 7 days = half fee. More than 7 days = no fee.

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School Attendance and Absences

We recognise that education for your child is important, and regular attendance at school plays an essential role in helping children to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. We also recognise that, on occasions, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences include:

- * being sick or having an infectious disease
- * having an unavoidable medical appointment
- * being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- * exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

We will contact families by text if a student is absent from school. We ask families to notify the school if their child is absent. Parents/carers are required to provide a valid explanation for any absences and provide a medical certificate for absences of 3 or more days. Where an explanation has not been received or where there is not a valid reason for the absence, the school is required to record the absence as unexplained or unauthorised on the student's record.

Attending school on time every day makes a real difference to your child's educational outcomes. Thank you for giving your child the best start in life by ensuring that they attend school regularly and on time.

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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TERM 1

Parent Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1					31 January Staff Development Day • No Students
Week 2	3 Feb Staff Development Day • No Students	4 Staff Development Day • No Students	5 Staff Development Day • No Students	6 All students first day back	7
Week 3	10 Intensive Swimming for selected students	11 Intensive Swimming for selected students	12 Intensive Swimming for selected students	13 Swimming Carnival Yrs 8 and up	14 Intensive Swimming for selected students
Week 4	17	18 Meet the Teacher 4.30-5.30pm	19 P&C 6.30pm - 7.30pm	20	21
Week 5	24	25	26	27 Zone Swimming Carnival	28
Week 6	3 Mar	4	5	6 Inter-school cricket	7
Week 7	10	11	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN
Week 8	17 NAPLAN	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN
Week 9	24 NAPLAN	25	26 Harmony Day assembly P&C AGM - 6.30pm @ Bowlo	27	28
Week 10	31	1 Apr	2 Captain Assembly 10am	3	4
Week 11	7 School Photos	8	9 ANZAC Assembly	10	11 Last day of term

TERM 2

Parent Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	28 Apr Staff Development Day	29 Staff Development Day	30 First day Term 2 for all students	1 May	2
Week 2	5	6	7 Cross Country Carnival	8 Lantern Workshops	9 Aboriginal Art day for selected students
Week 3	12	13	14 Community of Schools Sports Gala	15	16 Young Leaders Conference
Week 4	19 Volunteer Day at Lantern Workshop - selected students only	20	21	22	23
Week 5	26	27	28	29	30 Zone Cross Country
Week 6	2 June	3	4	5	6
Week 7	9 King's Birthday Holiday	10	11 Young Leaders Assembly Year 5 College Roadshow	12	13
Week 8	16	17	18	19 Grease at SCU	20 21st June - Lantern Parade
Week 9	23 Stage 3 Excursion - Sydney	24 Stage 3 Excursion - Sydney	25 Stage 3 Excursion - Sydney	26 Stage 3 Excursion - Sydney	27
Week 10	30	1 July NAIDOC Celebrations	2	3	4