



LISMORE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone, we hope that you have all had a happy and relaxing break. We are very excited to announce that there are 5 new staff who have started at Lismore Heights Public School this term (with some additional new School Learning Support Offices to join the team shortly). I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Kindergarten students and their families who have joined us this year. As is often the case at the beginning of a new school year, we have had an influx of new enrolments in classes across the school, and we would like to welcome those students and their families to our school, too. Important events to put in your calendar include:

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your
Calendar

- **School Swimming Carnival** for students turning 8+ this year on **13 February** at Memorial Baths in Lismore
- **Meet the Teacher Night** on **18 February 4.30-5.30pm** for mainstream classes (more information below)
- **Best Start parent meetings** for kindergarten families commencing **3 March** (more information below)
- **Captains Assembly** **5 March** at 10.00am
- **NAPLAN assessments** for students in Years 3 and 5 commencing **12 March** (more information below).



We respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wiyabal 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

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2025

We are delighted to welcome our new school leaders for 2025. Jayden (Vice-Captain), Jillian (Vice-Captain), Amelijah (Captain) and Louie (Captain). We are confident that all four students will lead by example, demonstrating pride, humility and dignity as they lead our student body this year.



Breakfast Club is proudly



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NEW STAFF

Welcome to our new staff: Brianna Graham is teaching the Lorikeet Stage 1 Class, covering Mrs LeSueur's leave this term. Therese Smidt is an experienced teacher who previously taught at Lismore South PS, and she will be teaching on the Kookaburra Support Class this year. Kiera Freney is new to Lismore having previously taught at Ourimbah Public School, and she will be teaching the Echidna Stage 2 Class. Kane Speers is an experienced special education teacher who previously worked at Kyogle Public School, and this year Kane will be teaching the Turtle Support Class. We are also very excited to welcome Leon Roach, our newly appointed Aboriginal Education Officer, to the LHPS team.

Leon is a proud Bundjalung man with experience of working as a School Learning Support Officer at Albert Park PS. And finally, we would like to extend our congratulations to Ms Hopkins who secured permanency at LHPS in a Support Class position through merit selection at the end of 2024.



Keira Freney



Therese Smidt



Kane Speers



Leon Roach



Brianna Graham

Meet the Teacher Night

Our Meet the Teacher Night will be held on **18 February** between 4.30-5.30pm. This is an opportunity for families with students in mainstream classes to meet their child's teacher and find out a little about what will be happening in school this year for their child. Note, this is not a 1:1 discussion with the teacher – that comes later in the year. In this meeting, teachers on the same Stage will present to families together, providing an overview of the teaching and learning programs that students will experience this year, along with other relevant information. The school will operate a FREE BBQ on the evening for families and students. Parents of students in a support class will be invited to meet their child's class teacher at an alternate time.

Times as follows: **Kindergarten** 4.30-4.45pm; **Stage 1** 4.45-5.00pm; **Stage 2** 5.00-5.15pm and **Stage 3** 5.15-5.30pm. We have kept the timeslots relatively short so that families with children in multiple Stages have the opportunity to meet all of their children's teachers.

Best Start Parent Meetings

Families will be invited to attend a 1:1 Best Start meeting with the kindergarten teacher later this term. This will be to discuss the outcome of their child's Best Start assessment and to identify strategies that families can use at home to support their child's learning. Individual time slots will be made available, and the kindergarten teacher will liaise with all families to agree a suitable time/date.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 across the state will sit the NAPLAN tests in Term 1 this year. NAPLAN supports our school's assessment processes and allows us to measure students' attainment and progress over time. We will provide information around how families can best prepare their child for NAPLAN in our next Newsletter.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be coming to school on **10 March** to take whole school, class and individual student photographs. Please can we ask that all students come to school in full uniform. Thank you

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NAPLAN

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



Writing



Reading



Conventions of language
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



Numeracy

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.
For more information on NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

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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	28
Week 6	3 Mar	4	5 Captain Assembly 10am	6	7
Week 7	10 School Photos	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	27	28
Week 10	31	1 Apr	2	3	4
Week 11	7	8	9	10	11 Last day of term