### Changes Ahead

This week the school’s selection panel are interviewing candidates to fill a vacant teacher position at the school following Mrs. Barker’s promotion at the end of 2012. It is anticipated that the newly appointed teacher will start work at Lismore Heights within the next few weeks.

In addition to this, the number of students at the school has risen steadily this term—we now have 255 students enrolled. The Department of Education and Communities sets staffing levels according to the number of students enrolled at a school, and the increase in student numbers means that we will be allocated an additional classroom teacher at the school. This will allow us to form a new class (hopefully immediately following the Easter Holidays), making 10 mainstream classes in total at the school.

Forming a new class will have a positive impact on class sizes as most classes will have a smaller number of students in them. Of course, what this also means is that we will have to move some students from their existing classes in order to form the new class. We will aim to keep this to a minimum so that as few children as possible in each class are affected. Thank you for your understanding and support with this, and we are sure that these changes will benefit your children. The Kindergarten classes will be unaffected by this change.

Also, over the next few weeks, we will be putting in place a program to support the learning of our more able students in Year 3 and Year 5 ahead of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests which take place in Term 2. Selected students in these year groups will have the opportunity to attend focus lessons to receive targeted support aimed at accelerating and extending their learning in writing and maths.

### Unapproved absences from school

Unfortunately, we are unable to approve any student absence (except for illness) during assessment week: 13th-17th May 2013. At this time, students in Years 3 and 5 are required to undertake testing as part of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). All other students will be undergoing class based assessments to enable us to monitor their progress to ensure they continue to receive appropriate levels of classroom support.

I would like to thank you in advance for supporting the school and your child in ensuring that all family holidays fall outside of these dates.

Mark Scotton
Principal
Our P&C invites all new parents to come and meet the new principal and share your ideas about our school. It is a great opportunity to mix and meet other parents from school and to find out information regarding what is happening within our school community. The meetings aren’t all about fundraising and responsibilities. It’s a great way to meet new parents with children at our school.

A HUGE thank you to those families and staff who donated their time on Sunday 17/2/2013 at the Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser: Painter, Shepherd, Yates, Scarrabelotti, Addison, John-Leader, Drysdale, Irvin, Crick, Fitzgerald, Brokensha, Hatch, Mr Scotton, Lowenstein, King, Vasella, Hogan and Tricia Butcher.

Our goal of covering the infants playground is getting closer. We raised $1200 at the BBQ. Thank you to Bowen’s Pies and Bakery for the bread and Blue Ribbon Meats for the sausages.

Regards,
Fiona Hogan
Vice President.

An important reminder that our next General Meeting on Tuesday 26th, February is in the Library at 6pm. The meeting will start with our school's Vision. This is an opportunity for you to have a say in what changes you would like to see at our lovely school. All parents and carers are invited to attend. A special thank you to Lions Club of Lismore who donated $1,000 from one of their Bunnings BBQ's towards the cover on our infants playground.

Regards
Stacey Yates
President

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 6 March. Envelopes have been sent home earlier this week. If you have not received one please see your classroom teacher. Envelopes for family photos are available at the office on request.

Swimming Carnival
The champions were:
Junior Girl: Kayla Drysdale
Junior Boy: Joel Everson
11 yrs Girls: Erin Miller
11 Yrs Boy: Owen Halpin
12 Yrs Boy: Dylan Phillips and Matthew Watson
12 yrs Girls: Alisha Herington & Katarina Wellings-Fuller.

House Points:
Rous 280, clay 226,
Wilson 220, Stapleton 204

The Protectors
Tuesday, 26 March 2013 2:00 PM  Cost $5.00 each. This is a performance for all students in years K-6. This is a performance targeting anti-bullying. Notes will be sent home closer to the event.

Medical Alert
We have a student at our school with a sensitive immune system. This means any communicable disease/illness eg. Measles, flu, chicken pox, school sores etc need to be reported immediately as these can be detrimental to this child’s health.

House Captains: (from left to right)
Laquisa & Jason—Clay
Katarina & Connor—Stapleton
Kyshyia & Leo—Wilson
Erin & James—Rous

Congratulations to these students.
**All about apostrophes**

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.


**When older kids struggle with reading**

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.


**Multiplication times tables**


**Students attended an football workshop today.**

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**FAST FACTS ABOUT HEAD LICE**

- Head lice are parasites that feed on human blood and live exclusively on humans.
- Having head lice does not reflect a lack of hygiene – they feed on blood regardless of hair cleanliness.
- Head lice do not hop or fly, 95% of lice are transmitted by close contact such as sharing hats, headbands, brushes and pillows.
- Head lice are especially common among kindergarten and school children between the ages of 3-12.
- Head lice vary in colour from greyish white to brown, and are about the size of a sesame seed.

The life span of head lice is 33-35 days

Using a long tooth metal comb is the best way to remove lice eggs from the scalp.

**HOT TIPS**

It is usually advised to treat for head lice a week apart to kill any remaining lice eggs that would have hatched.

It is important to be thorough when treating for head lice. Miss one and soon you will have an infestation again!

Never share hats, caps or combs as that encourages the spreading of head lice.

Plaiting or braiding girls' hair as this can make it difficult for head lice to attach themselves to the bottom of the hair strand.
WORKERS FC’s SOCCER
SIGN ON
Saturday February 23rd.
9am - 1pm at the Club House in Brewster Street
Junior Boys and Girls from 5 to 17 years. Senior Men and Women in all Divisions.

MARIST BROTHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
SIGN ON Saturday 9/2/13 and 16/2/13 10.00am – 1pm
At Crozier Field Lismore – next to Oakes Oval
Enq. Rick Lennon 0408 665554
New players please bring copy of birth certificate, medicare card & passport sized photo

Kadina High School
Information Evening for 2014 students
Wednesday March 13th from 6.30pm in MPC
www.kadina-h.schools.edu.au