New Initiatives
This Semester we will be contacting Dale Roberts at Lismore TAFE with a view to finding an artist to create new Aboriginal murals around the school. This is a very exciting project and should help to brighten some light and colour to our school.

Once an artist has been identified Dale will talk with the Elders at the TAFE to seek their approval.

We are also looking to appoint an Aboriginal Community & Student Support Officer at the school. We are hoping that the support officer will work across the Lismore community of schools, providing ongoing support for children and their families.

Please look for the Expression Of Interest advertised through the school newsletter and across our community of schools.

Mark Scotton
Principal

Swimming Carnival
Dylan Phillips received 2 firsts and 2 second places in his events. Well done Dylan!
School Attendance Policy

Section 22 of the Education Act (1990) states that it is the duty of the parent of a child of compulsory school-age to cause the child:

(a) to be enrolled at, and to attend, a government school or a registered non-government school, or

(b) to be registered for home schooling with the Board of Studies and to receive instruction in accordance with the conditions to which the registration is subject.

All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided.

Principals are to maintain an attendance register (roll) in a form approved by the Minister. Attendance registers must be available for inspection during school hours by a Board inspector or by any authorised person.

This policy applies to all NSW government schools.

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Encouraging regular attendance is a core school responsibility.

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Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven school days to the school.

Principals must provide clear information to students and parents regarding attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance occurring:

- are responsible for ensuring that attendance records are maintained in an approved format and are an accurate record of the attendance of students.

- must ensure that the school education director is informed of attendance problems and issues. This includes providing regular information about students for whom chronic non-attendance is an issue.
Reading with your child at home

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Good number sense

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don’t add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


Essay planning

Kids often rush headlong into essay writing tasks without thinking through what is required. Effective essay planning can involve brainstorming, mind-mapping, and organisng notes depending on the question and type of response required. These factsheets explain everything.


Skateboard Demonstration

Our school was lucky enough to have Rob Lorific from America come and give our students a display on skateboarding. Rob has been a professional skateboarder since he was 15 years old. He has won 4 medals at the X Games.
This Year on Saturday 22nd June, Lismore Heights Public School is taking part in the Lismore Lantern Parade. We would really like to encourage lots of our students to take part in the parade, walking behind the school banner and carrying their own lanterns.

We are running workshops at school (alongside the organisers of the Lantern Parade) where the children can make and decorate their own lanterns. Workshops will take place on Monday 3rd June and are open to children in all classes. There will be 2 workshops and each will cater for 30 children. Workshop 1 is for students in Years 3/4/5/6. Workshop 2 is for students in Years Kinder/1/2.

The cost of each workshop is $12 and at the end of it every child involved will take away their own lantern. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis as the number of places available at each workshop is limited to 30 students.

Please complete the slip below and return it to the school office with your $12 payment if you would like your child to be involved in the lantern making workshops.

I look forward to seeing you all there with your lanterns on Saturday 22nd June 2013.

Please note: children taking part in the Lantern Parade must be supervised by a parent or by arrangement with an adult from another family.

NB. Lismore Lantern Parade offer workshops at their Lismore base. Any student who is unable to secure a place on the school workshops can make a lantern by contacting the organisers directly.

I would like my child __________________________ (child’s name) to be involved in the lantern making workshops.
My child is in Year ______________ .

I enclose $12 for the workshop (this includes the cost of all materials). I will ensure that my child is supervised by an adult during the Lantern Parade on 22nd June 2013.

Signed ________________________________