From the Principal

Remembrance Day

At 11 o’clock on the 11th day of the 11th month, staff and students from all classes at Lismore Heights Public School gathered beside the school flags to observe 1 minute silence to honour those servicemen and women who have given their lives in wars, conflicts and peace keeping missions around the world. I would like to acknowledge the beautiful behaviour of all of our children throughout the observance, and draw particular attention to our wonderful School Captains and Peer Support for reading the Ode, lowering and raising the Australian flag, and ensuring that the occasion went ahead in an appropriately thoughtful and respectful manner.

Lismore AECG Meeting

The newly formed Lismore AECG gathered at Lismore Heights Public School this week for a training event. As this was their first gathering at our school, Asia Khan, Reshawn Brown and Sophie McKie met with the AECG members in the school’s Yarning Room to welcome them to the school and to acknowledge that the meeting was taking place on traditional Bundjalung land. Thank you children for showing strong leadership and for representing our school with such pride.

Attendance and Punctuality

Whilst most families ensure that students arrive at school on time every day, there is a small number of students who regularly arrive late and/or miss a significant number of days at school. The Department of Education and Communities recognises the legal requirement for children to attend school, and as such the school has a responsibility to report attendance issues to the Home School Liaison Officer and the Department of Family and Community Services (formally DOCS).

School Captains

Our current Year 5 students who are interested in being appointed as School Captain and Peer Support for 2014 have handed in their nominations and interviews with Mr Scotton will take place shortly. Selected students will then deliver their speeches in front of students from years 3-6.

Miss Maxted maternity leave

Miss Maxted will be commencing her maternity leave on December 2. For the remainder of 2013, class 1/2M will be taught by Mr Conte. All of the students in 1/2M and many of the parents will already know Mr Conte as he was employed at the school as a Kindergarten teacher for the first two terms of 2013.

Intensive Swimming

Intensive swimming begins on Monday 18 to 29 November. Students will leave school at 9.10am for Lismore Pool and return to school at approx. 11am.

Mark Scotton
5 Finger Friends

The PBL team has worked on the 5 Finger Friends this semester. The blue hand gives students strategies to support them in the playground. The 5 Finger Friends gives students the strategies to stop and reflect on how to play safely and respectfully.

Coffs Harbour Excursion

Last week Years 5 and 6 spent 3 fantastic days at Coffs Harbour. The children were able to test their archery skill with a few bull’s eyes being hit. They went canoeing along the creek, ending in a water fight. They got to test their bravery and fear of height in the giant swing, being hoisted up 10m high and released. They then became mud monsters after completing the challenging commando course. Finally they developed their surfing skills at Woolgoolga Beach. Special thanks to Mr King for accompanying us.
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Dianne McInnes—Teacher-Librarian

Kindergarten Does Monet

KW class have been looking at Monet artwork. We looked at many of his paintings and the colours he used. We practised how to put the paint on paper to create our water lilies before we painted our masterpieces.

Check them out next time you’re visiting our classroom.

LHPS Community Christmas Carols

Lismore Heights Public School Community Christmas Carols will be held on Friday 6th December here at school. All classes will be performing, there will be a BBQ and a visit from Santa. The P&C would appreciate some volunteers to help on the night. If you are able to help please let the office know.

Creative Arts

Some of our Stage 2 students presented their 'Bim Bom Drumming' skills at the Lismore Conservatorium Open Day. They performed 3 percussion/drumming pieces and represented our school VERY well. Congratulations to the students involved and thank you for giving up some time on a Saturday to play for our school. Well done!

Sharon Ryan
Creative Arts Coordinator.

Kadina High Year 7 Orientation
Thursday 28th and Friday 29th of November.

Students will have two days of learning experiences, fun and activities.

- Students are to meet at the flag pole at the front of the school at 9.10am where they will be met by their Year Adviser (Mr Flanagan) and by their Peer Support Leaders. They can be picked up from the same point at 3pm.

- Students should wear their current school uniform.
- Please bring a pencil case and some paper.

We will be hosting a BBQ on Thursday night (5 pm at the BBQ Area) for all parents. This is a great opportunity for parents, carers and teachers to meet and to get to know each other. Students are all welcome to attend as well!

Mr Jesse Flanagan - Year Adviser
Mr Ian Davies—Principal

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**Attention!!**
New canteen price list out now. Look out for the orange flyer.

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**MOVIE FUNDRAISER FOR MIA**
Funds raised are to support ongoing care for Mia and her Family

**Ice Age 4 – Continental Drift**

Kadina High School Hall
Saturday 16th Nov 2013
5pm

**ADULTS FREE**
$5/Child or max $20/Family
Tickets at door

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZES, BBQ, CAKE/COFFEE STALL**
**CHOCOLATE WHEEL, LIONS HEADS & TAILS, RAFFLE**
Lismore City
Goonellabah/Wollongbar

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**Reading challenge**
The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge Preview app is a great way for students to find new books and track their progress in the challenge. In addition to browsing the challenge booklist, it includes the ability to track the time spent and place inside each book. Progress bars encourage students to keep reading, and the offline capability means this app works anytime. It’s free to download.

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**Canteen Roster**

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**ART ABOUT AUSTRALIA**
Australia Day Art competition
The Aussie Art competition invites primary school children (K-6) to enter an artwork with a brief description of why ‘Australia is the best place in the world’ for a chance to win a P&O family cruise or a 16GB iPad 2.
The competition closes on 17 February 2014.
Enter the competition: [www.aussievault.com.au](http://www.aussievault.com.au)

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**Where in the world!**
Where do you think Bucket Head is this week?