100% Principal Support for “The Rivers P-12 College” Concept

Thirty two Principals (representing 100% of local public schools) have signed a Memorandum of Support for the Key Directions described in the discussion paper published for public comment in November and December 2012. This is a significant symbol of principals’ intention to work in new and what we believe will be improved ways to provide high quality education for our students.

The first key direction is the formation of a college structure under which all public schools would work. Other key directions include the recommendation for the appointment of an executive officer with line management authority over principals, formation of the Principal’s Executive Leadership Group, a Board of Management including broad community representation and the development of a College Strategic Plan.

Background-2012 Consultation

During 2012 an extensive consultation process was undertaken in Lismore and within the Lismore school communities on the key question: “What are the key elements for building the capacity of public education to deliver improved outcomes for our students in the 21st century?”

A discussion paper was prepared with input from the Lismore Education Advisory Group comprising of representatives from a broad cross-section of the community. The paper recommended Key Directions for building the capacity of public education in Lismore. The response to the discussion paper has been overwhelmingly positive.

The Rivers P-12 College Board of Management

The Board will be established in 2013. This will be an advisory group comprising representatives from our Lismore community who will have input into the strategic directions of the college. The 2012 consultation identified the importance of developing ongoing significant relationships with our community partners. Representation on this Board will be invited from Southern Cross University, North Coast Institute of TAFE, P&C, Primary and High School staff, Preschool staff, AECG, students and the Principals Executive Leadership Group.

What this means for Lismore Heights Public School

In short, this means that local public schools will work together to provide improved learning opportunities and experiences for our children. We will create further opportunities for staff to share outstanding practice across the community of schools. There will be improved community engagement in shaping the direction of education in the Lismore area.

Mark Scotton

From the Principal

Acknowledgement of Country

LHPS would like to acknowledge the Widjibal-Wybal people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. LHPS would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Bundjalung Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals.

Our fantastic foyer display

Artwork by our Kindergarten students
NEWSLETTER

NAPLAN & School Testing

A reminder that next week students across the school will be taking part in National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests or classroom based assessments. This will help us to measure children’s levels of attainment and measure their performance against national standards. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time throughout the week, well fed and well rested – we want every child to have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

School Cross Country

Children who are 8 years and up and finished in the first four places are eligible to compete at the Zone Carnival, This will be held at Corndale Public School, on Friday 24th of May. A bus will be available leaving school at 9:30 and returning at 2:00. The cost of $12.50. The Regional Cross Country is in Lismore on the 7th of June.

Woolworths earn & Learn

Boxes for our school are located at school and Goonellabah and Central stores.

Lost property

We have a lot of non school items in lost property including jumpers, swimmers, towels, goggles, shin pads, and a school bag with pencil case. Please call into the office and have a look. These items will be sent to a local charity at the end of term if unclaimed.

5 ways to a healthy lifestyle

Our school is participating in Live Life Well at School. In the classroom and playground we will be building the knowledge, skills and attitudes of your children to help make them more active, more often, as well as helping students to make healthy eating choices.

At home, with good food habits and daily physical activity the family will be well on their way to a healthy life. Easy to say, but sometimes not so easy to do! Our busy lifestyles can be hard on our family’s health. Rushing to and from school and work can make it hard to find time to be physically active. We can also slip into the habit of choosing unhealthy snacks and take-away foods or spending our free time watching TV or in front of the computer. However, these choices can be dangerous for our health and our children’s health – both now and in the long-term. That’s why it’s so important to stop, take stock and make a conscious decision to follow a healthy lifestyle.

There are five simple ways for your family to lead a healthy lifestyle and get back on track:

♦ Choose water as a drink
♦ Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives
♦ Get active each day
♦ Turn off the TV or computer and get active.

Happy Mothers Day

Mother’s hold their children’s hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

Two of our mum’s – Karen and Rachel helping on our Mothers Day stall.
Cross Country Results 2013

5/6 Years
1st Xavier Brown  Charlotte McEwan- Brokenshaw
2nd Quincy Khan  Abbie Painter
3rd Max Yates  Lauren Vassella
4th Javarii Roberts  Isabelle Schweigert
5th Raiden Brown  Charlie Yates
6th Tyler Fraser  Jiarllli Hope

7 Years
1st Quinn McDougall  Georgia Drysdale
2nd Jyah Jones  Ayla Goetjes
3rd Miles Patch  Jayda Allan
4th Aaron Everson  Millarni O’Sullivan
5th Jahleal Brown  Monique Toohey
6th Christen Young  Luccia Little

8/9 Years
1st Reshawn Brown  Alisha McPherson
2nd Blake O’Sullivan  Emily Hunter
3rd Jai McLean  Chantarll Roberts
4th Kane Williams  Sophie Painter
5th Ethan James  Taiya Kilner
6th Dylan Stone  Aleah Brooks

10 Years
1st Ty Creighton  Natoka Brown
2nd Eddie Allen  Makayla Greensill
3rd Ben Miller  Kayala Drysdale
4th Kynan Davis  Jemima Hogan
5th Joel Everson  Keeley Lowenstein
6th Alex Drew  Kaycee Hope

11 Years
1st Angus Scarrabelotti  Laquisa Khan
2nd Deacon Scafeffer  Alex Strehler
3rd Quillian Dunne  Sophie McKie
4th Brodie Anderson  Erin Miller
5th Jayden Cook  Renae Shepherd
6th Jack Kostyn Smith  Eliza Lambert

12/13 Years
1st Ben Hogan  Alisha Herington
2nd Jackson Yates  Jessica Wilson
3rd Cherome Boyer  Rachelle Collis
4th Kayleb Fawcett  Lily Crick
5th Cody Hunter  Katarina Wellings-Fuller
6th Jim Pearson  Bonnie Belamy

House Points
1st Clay - 172;  2nd Rous -164; 3rd Stapleton - 92;
4th Wilson - 76
Thank you to Bakers Delight at Lismore Central who support our breakfast program every school morning throughout the year. Thank you to the families that support this business.

Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.

The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving. First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish.

What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid’s Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!

For your chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2.

Student banking is on every Monday.

"MESSY CHURCH" at The Lismore Uniting Church commences on Sunday 19th of May 2013 at 4:30 pm, in the Richmond Room of the Red Dove Centre 80 Keen Street. There will be plenty of family fun with games, arts & crafts, a celebration time where we explore things of God, finishing with an easy light meal. For more information contact Evelyn 6621 5801.