Term 3 Week 6 24 August 2013

From the Principal

Robin Hood – The Musical

Didn’t the students do well! Tuesday evening was a roaring success. Thank you all of those parents and carers who came to say how much they had enjoyed the children’s outstanding performances. Can I say a special thank you to the P&C for their enormous effort on the nights, and also to those parents who helped out in the canteen and stayed behind to help put away chairs and sweep floors etc. It was a great team effort and a fabulous night! Well done everyone.

Storm Safety Week

On Tuesday 3rd September, the SES team are visiting Lismore Heights Public School to help the children to understand about the importance of being safe around water, especially during floods. Every class will have the opportunity to meet with the SES team (which is being led by parent and SES worker, Ken Squires). Parents are welcome to join us for the day. The program for the day:

9.30 ED students
10.00 Kindergarten
10.30 1/2M and 1/2RV
11.50 2/3R and IM students
12.20 3/4LE and 3/4W
12.50 5J, 5/6L and 6C

Lismore Performing Arts Festival

On Tuesday 27th August, the school choir and some of the members of our Robin Hood cast will be performing at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival at the Workers Club, Lismore. Tickets for the show can be purchased from the Workers Club. The show starts at 6.30pm sharp!

Aboriginal Committee Meeting

We have an Aboriginal Committee at school and would dearly love for parents to join us for our meetings to discuss how we can better provide for our Aboriginal students. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 28th August at 8.30-9.00am in the school staffroom. Our meetings are fairly informal, so please come and join us for a chat. We will be joined at the next meeting by Jennifer Winfield who will be talking about the ‘Belonging Project’.

Mark Scotton
Greyhound Races
Tuesday 27 August

This is a fundraiser for our school which will go towards new basketball backboards. This is a great family night with meals available at the bistro. Each family will receive one free ticket all other tickets are available at the office for $5 per ticket. Please bring your family and friends along for a great night out. There will also be a meat tray raffle on the night.

We would like to thank our great Sponsors:
Pacific Garage—Ballina
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Liberty Service Stations
Nth Coast Wholesale & Distribution
Nimbin Bakery
Nina & Poppy Pares
Wyrallah Rd Blue Ribbon Meats
Lismore Tractor & Machinery Centre.

Athletics Carnival

Coffs Harbour Excursion

Those students attending the Year 5/6 camp on 6—8 November 2013. Final payments for this excursion are due before the end of term.

Canteen Roster

26 August—Nikki
27 August—Leanne P
28 August—Stacey C
29 August—Tony
30 August—Sacey Y, Kellie
Congratulations to Lily Crick in getting through to the Multicultural Perspectives North Coast Regional final which was held at Armidale on Monday of this week. She competed in the Years 5 & 6 final demonstrating her strong Public Speaking ability. I would like to acknowledge her parent’s efforts to transport her to the venue and back in time for her stellar performance in Robin Hood on Tuesday night!

Di McInnes

Robin Hood Performers
Book Week—next Thursday
Because of our musical this week we are celebrating Book Week next week. The theme this year is "Read across the Universe."
On Thursday 29 August students are able to come to school dressed as either a space theme or as their favourite book character.

P&C NEWS
Thank you to all those families, carers, and staff who attended the Robin Hood Musical. It was a fantastic and entertaining night! Thank you to Nimbin Bakery, Discount Batteries, Tricia Butcher and all volunteers. The profit made from this event will be going towards our junior playground.

Benefits of Under Scheduling your Child
When you're rushing to fit in soccer training, swimming and music lessons, it can be hard to keep hold of the magic stare-into-space, muck-about moments in children's lives.

Whether it involves hiding in a cardboard box or sitting in a tree, those free afternoons can provide the space for ideas and the imagination to run wild, building life skills that some believe are overlooked in a search for sports trophies, concert performances and academic excellence.

"The over-scheduling is a problem not only in its own right – kids get tired and their parents get tired rushing them from one thing to another – it's also a downside that children aren't learning the skills that are important in the early childhood and primary years."

Simple pleasures of free play
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and importantly, foster their imagination. Kathy calls it emotional resilience.

"There's no safer, better place to learn how to play [on your own] and bounce back and get on with things, than in your own home. That's very important in life to learn how to bounce back and have a go and self-initiate." Little kids love to get dressed up. Bigger kids like to have access to board games, Lego and other building materials.

Balance is the key to happy kids

Kindergarten 2014
We are now taking names of children who will be starting kindergarten in 2014. Orientation begins on Wednesday 30 October 2013

Where in the World is Bucket Head?
Bucket Head has been getting out and about recently. Lets follow him on his escapades.
See if you can guess where he is.
Where in the World?