Calendar
20/10/14—5/6J Class Assembly 2.30pm
22/10/14—Aboriginal Team meeting 8.00am
22/10/14—P&C meeting 7.00pm
6/11/14—Kindergarten Orientation Day 1 2.00-3.00pm
26/11/14 and 3/12/14—High School transition days for Year 6 students (for Lismore High, Kadina and Richmond River)
26/11/14 and 3/12/14—LHPS transition days for students in Kinder through to Y5
5/12/14—Carols by Candlelight

Canteen Roster
20/10/14—Stacey C, Sally
21/10/14—Leanne, Sally
22/10/14—Nikki
23/10/14—Leanne
24/10/14—Leanne, Maree

supports our Breakfast Club.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabul Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation.

We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.

From the Principal

Kindergarten Orientation starts 6 November

Sydney Excursion
Parents and carers whose children attended our Stage 3 Excursion during the first week of term will already know what an amazing time we had in Sydney, but for the benefit of everyone else let me draw your attention to some of the highlights, and give you an indication of what a great time your children will have when they reach Years 5 and 6.

Our excursion started with a flight to Sydney (for many of the children this was their first time ever on a plane). We stayed in the heart of the city, in Darling Harbour, and our first visit was to the ever popular Powerhouse Museum.

Day two included role play activities in the NSW Parliament House, a walk through the Botanic Gardens to Mrs MacQuarie’s Chair to admire the fabulous views, a tour of the Opera House (where we got to watch the Sydney Symphony Orchestra rehearse) and finally ended the day by walking across the Harbour Bridge—and back!

Day three started with a harbour cruise followed by a trip to Taronga Zoo, where we saw performing seals, a bird show and heaps of scary animals. We ended the day with a visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art. Our final day was spent at the beach at Manly before we headed back to the airport to fly home.

I would like to thank our amazing teachers for their commitment, support and endless smiles, and for taking time away from their families for the week. Also, thank you to Nathan for his support throughout the excursion. And finally, I would like to congratulate our wonderful students for making me feel extremely proud to be a part of such a great school with such fab kids. We had the best time EVER!
High School Transition Days
Students in Year 6 who are attending a public high school when they enter Year 7 have two transition days this term. All three high schools (who are working collaboratively under ‘The Rivers P-12’ banner, are running transition days on the same dates).

On Wednesday 26 November and Wednesday 3 December, Year 6 student should go directly to their respective high schools.

Parents should arrange for their child to get to and from the high school on these days.

Students in Year 6 who are not attending a public high school will be supervised at LHPS on these days.

In-School Transition Days for K-Y5 students
On the same days as the Year 6 students visit their respective high schools, we will be delivering our own in-school transition program. All children in Kindergarten through Year 5 will move up to the next class for a day. So, Kinders will move up to Year 1, and Year 1 students will move up to Year 2, and Year 2 students will move up to Year 3 etc.

This will give all of our students a chance to join other students who will be in their Stage next year. They will also meet the teachers who will be teaching in their Stage next year.

To clarify how Stages work:
Students in Kindergarten are Early Stage 1 students.
Students in Year 1 and Year 2 are Stage 1 students.
Students in Year 3 and Year 4 are Stage 2 students.
Students in Year 4 and Year 5 are Stage 3 students.

Often schools have classes which have children from more than one Stage. So for example, the class could have students from Year 4 and Year 5. This is called a multi-Stage class. Historically, LHPS have usually had at least one multi-Stage class at the school and we may have multi-Stage classes next year, too.

Lismore Show
The Lismore Show is this week (16—18 October). If you are attending the show, please keep an eye out for Lismore Heights Public School’s display. My thanks to the staff who spent time setting up the display which looks great. The display draws attention to many of the creative and performing arts highlights from our school year to date, including Carnivale and the Aboriginal Art Exhibition.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting is next week 22 October at 7.00pm in the school Staff Room. All parents and carers are welcome. Many of you will have seen in last week’s newsletter the new covered shade over the Infant play equipment. We owe much thanks to our P&C for this new facility. Find out how you can make a difference and enhance our school facilities by attending our next P&C meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Week 3 Focus Rule
Be SAFE, Be a Learner

Good Sportsmanship
Could you discuss with your children the importance of good sportsmanship. At school students are encouraged to work as a team and support each other in all activities.

The PBL Team appreciates your support in teaching children the benefits in following our school rules.

Be SAFE, Be Respectful and Be a Learner