**From the Principal**

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**Kindergarten Orientation**
Thank you to all of our lovely new Kindies for joining us for our Kindergarten Orientation program, and thanks also to the fabulous parents and carers who came along for the information sessions. As part of our Orientation program we held a Teddy Bears picnic on the last day. The children brought their teddy to school and enjoyed a full day at "Big School". We made teddy bear biscuits, danced like a Gummy Bear and did lots of bear activities! We had a very full and fun day! From all accounts the children enjoyed their time with us and we are really looking forward to you coming to our beautiful school next year. Thank you to the mums and nans who joined us for our picnic.

*Kim Witchard*

**Diamond Onya Certificates**
Students who have earned their Diamond ONYA Certificates will be presented with them during next Monday's assembly. Assembly may move to the Senior COLA if it is a very hot afternoon.

**Remembering Darcie**
A beautiful memorial plaque in honour of Darcie has been laid beneath the Jacaranda Tree beside the school oval. In-line with Darcie’s family’s wishes, the plaque is set on a granite base and the inscription carries the phrase ‘Be Yourself because everyone else is taken’. Darcie’s family have been invited to attend the school to see the plaque. In addition to the memorial plaque, a new annual school award has been created bearing Darcie’s name – The Darcie Storer Creative & Performing Arts Award – which will be presented for the first time during our end of year Presentation Assembly. Darcie’s family have been invited to present the award.

**Lismore Heights Has Talent!!!**
Our Annual Talent Quest is on! Students have the opportunity to perform their talents on the stage. Acts could involve singing, playing a musical instrument, dancing, acting, comedy – in fact any act that could be entertaining! Students will go through a Stage Final prior to the Final on Wednesday 17th December starting at 9.30. Please encourage your talented children to participate in this fun event.

*Melanie Le Sueur - teacher*
Double Success!
Congratulations goes out to Ethan who this week competed in the National Athletics Competition in Tasmania. With a throw of 21.16m in the discus, Ethan won a GOLD medal. He then rounded off the competition with a throw of 9.16m in the shot put to secure his second GOLD medal in a National event.

School Shade is a winner
With our new covered shade, the school playground is getting regular use come rain or shine. Thanks again P&C Committee for your efforts and for providing this amazing facility.

Lucinda Awards
On Tuesday morning our very posh Stage 3 students attended the Lismore Cinema to watch a screening of their own movie! Entitled ‘A Classic Historic Legend’, the children wrote their own script, filmed the movie, acted in it and did their own editing. The movie-making program is the brainchild of former teacher, Graham Jessup, and is an established part of our Stage 3 curriculum. To acknowledge the triumphant achievement of our budding thespians, the school was awarded a coveted Lucinda trophy. Congratulations everyone on a fine achievement.

The Real Meaning of Christmas
Drama is a great way for children to learn. This week, as part of the weekly Scripture lesson, students in one class dressed up to re-enact the story of Mary and Joseph’s long journey to Bethlehem to give birth to baby Jesus in a stable.

Canteen Roster
8 Dec—Stacey Y
9 Dec—Karen C, Judy
10 Dec—Leanne
11 Dec—Rachel
12 Dec—Leanne, Maree
15 Dec—Robyn
16 Dec—Tony
17 Dec Leanne, Sally

Week 10
5 Finger Friends
Be SAFE, Be Respectful
Could you discuss with your children the importance of using the 5 Finger Friends when playing. The 5 Finger Friends are 5 strategies that students can use if they encounter conflict. These strategies involve: talking friendly, talking firmly, ignoring, walking away or telling a teacher.

The PBL Team appreciates your support in teaching children the benefits in following our school rules.
Be SAFE, Be Respectful and Be a Learner