From the Principal

Merry Christmas
In this, our last Newsletter for 2014, the staff at Lismore Heights Public School would like to wish all of our school families, students, P&C members and community friends a very peaceful holiday and a Merry Christmas. May your Christmas stockings, bellies and hearts be full to the brim this holiday season.

Goodbye Year 6
This week we held celebration events for our wonderful Year 6 students, commencing with a Graduation Assembly and culminating in a family Dinner/Disco. Congratulations to our super School Captains and Vice-Captains who showed confidence and maturity during the presentation of their speeches at both events. I would like to extend my thanks to our fantastic P&C Committee (led by Trish in the canteen) for their huge contribution to the family Dinner/Disco – they put in endless hours preparing the hall, cooking the delicious food and ensuring that the evening was a success. My thanks also to our committed staff who, at the end of a very busy year, still found the energy and enthusiasm to stay at school late (again!) to show their appreciation and support for our Year 6 students. May we wish all of our graduating Year 6’s all the best for the future. You are great bunch of students, and you have a very bright future ahead of you – now go out there and make it happen!

At this time of year we often have to say goodbye to some families too and so to all of those families whose youngest child is moving from primary to high school at the end of this year, we wish you all well and thank you for entrusting your child’s education to us.

Congratulations Mr Porter!
Many of our families will know Mr Simon Porter. Mr Porter has long been a much-loved teacher at Lismore Heights Public School. For 2015, Mr Porter has been appointed to Southern Cross Public School as Assistant Principal (Support Class). This is excellent opportunity for Mr Porter to ‘step up’ into a Leadership role and this promotion is a reflection of his outstanding commitment to working with students with additional needs in our public schools. We wish Mr Porter well in his new role, and look forward to his return to Lismore Heights Public School at the start of 2016.

Goodbye Staff
We have to say goodbye to three lovely staff members at the end of this year: Narelle Whitehall has been employed at the school in a number of roles over the past 6 years, including Class Teacher and School Learning Support Officer; Gloria Doust who has been with us for the past two years as a School Learning Support Officer; and Maree Davy who has been employed as a Class Teacher at the school throughout 2014. We would like to thank them for bringing their energy and enthusiasm to our lovely school, and we wish them all well and every success for the future.

Please ‘like us’ on the Lismore Heights Public School Facebook page to receive notification of updates.
Presentation Assembly
Next Monday (15th December) we will be holding our Presentation Assembly in the school hall. This is a highly anticipated event for all of our students as they find out who will be receiving the coveted end of year awards for their Stage, as well as finding out which House will be on the Honours list for 2014. Parents are warmly invited to attend and show their appreciation for the recipients of awards at this year’s event.

The Rivers P-12 Community of Schools
For those interested in how the combined Lismore schools are working together, and to keep up to date with The Rivers P-12 projects, there is a new website which is presently under construction at: http://www.therivers.schools.nsw.edu.au/ It is hoped that the website will be up and running very soon.

Important Diary Dates
School closes for students at 3.10pm on Wednesday 17th December 2014.
For current students, school resumes on Wednesday 28th January 2015 at 9.10am.
Our new Kindergarten students will commence school on Thursday 29th January 2015 at 9.10am.
Our school uniform shop will be open on 27th January 2015 between 9.00am-1.00pm.

Mark Scotton

P&C News
Thank you to the following businesses who have generously donated goods towards our raffle. They are: Farmer Charlies, Woolworths, Coles, SportsPower, K Mart, the Hall Family and Let’s Party Lismore. Please support these businesses whenever possible. The winners of the raffle are:
1st prize—Kelly Gawler, 2nd prize—Scott Patch, 3rd - Janette Gibbs. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

Our Christmas Carol Evening