From the Principal

Aboriginal Art Day
On Thursday last week, all of our Aboriginal students participated in a creative arts day aimed at producing artwork which will be featured in an exhibition at the school in Term 2. The day was planned by the school’s Aboriginal Education Team and coordinated by Miss Davy. The feedback from the students was that the day was great fun. I would like to thank all of the students on their excellent behaviour throughout the day, and extend that thanks to the staff who worked really hard to ensure that the day was successful. I am really excited about the exhibition, which will form part of our NAIDOC celebrations later in the year.

We would love to hear what you have to say about Aboriginal education at the school, so why not attend our next Aboriginal Education Team meeting at 8.00am Wednesday 14th May in the school staffroom. Alternatively, come to a Yarn Up with Bronwyn King – look out for the next Yarn Up flyer from Bronwyn early in Term 2.
School Gardens
The school gardens are taking shape with students from across the school working hard to prepare beds and plant crops which will be harvested and used in our school canteen. It is dirty work, but the rewards will make it all worthwhile. We would like to thank the P&C for funding the delivery of soil which has been used to create our new garden beds.

ANZAC Assembly
Thankyou to everyone for the donations towards the care packages for our overseas serving troops. It was a really great response and was very well received by Mr John McDonogh at our ANZAC assembly on Monday.
Lismore Heights Public School will be taking part in the Lismore ANZAC march again this year. Students who would like to march under the school banner are asked to wear their school uniform, a hat and bring a bottle of water. Students should join Ms. Abeleven and Mrs Witchard, Assistant Principals on April 25 at Brown’s Creek Car Park, Lismore at 8.30am ready for a 9.00am start.

Star Athletes
Congratulations to Ashley S, Brooke W and Zac S who will be representing Northern Rivers Zone PSSA to try out for the Regional Hockey Team at Grafton. Ebonie G will be competing in the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Football (soccer) Trials. Good luck students!
Lantern Workshops

Many of our students were busy making lanterns this week (above) in preparation for the Lantern Parade which takes place in Lismore in June. We will keep the lanterns at schools for the time being to keep them looking nice until closer to the time of the parade. We would like all of the students who made lanterns to take part in the parade, and any students who made lanterns in previous years, you are welcome to join us in the parade, too.

Happy Easter

We break up for a well-earned Easter holiday this Friday at 3.10pm. School resumes at 9.10am on Tuesday 29th April. Have a great break, enjoy time with your families and maybe I’ll see you at the Bluesfest if you’re heading that way.

Mark Scotton

Billy Cart Workshop

The students from 3/6P have been participating each week in a workshop learning how to build a billy cart. They have been gaining experience and knowledge using various tools to complete their project. Pictured right is Kynan, Jacob and Deacon

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

A reward has been offered for Little Bucket Head No. 2 & 3. They haven’t slept in their own bed for sooooo long. If you have seen them please bring them to the school office to collect your reward.
Parent Tips

School holiday kids and family camps
It's not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

Managing screen-time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk

Books to boost brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It's also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!).
If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Enrolments
Thank you for a wonderful first term of Music in Schools. Enrolment continues for the school year, so please remember to inform the Conservatorium with 2 weeks’ notice if your child is withdrawing from lessons at any time.

There are vacancies for some instruments, and waiting lists for others – new students please contact the Conservatorium ASAP to be included in timetables for term 2. Enrol online at: www.enrol.nrcac.edu.au

For all enquiries about Music in Schools phone Zoë at the Conservatorium on 6621 2266.