Term 2 Week 9 27 June 2014

From the Principal

What a week! I feel so proud to be a part of Lismore Heights Public School. Let’s reflect on what’s happened in the past 7 days:

NAIDOC Week
We kicked-off our NAIDOC celebrations with a special assembly on Monday. Thank you to the wonderful parents and family members who attended the assembly. Thank you also to Aunty Hazel Rhodes for her Welcome To Country and for sharing some of her memories and thoughts with us during our assembly. Those who did attend would have witnessed a significant number of our Aboriginal students performing dances, as well as students reading poetry that they had written especially for the assembly based on this year’s NAIDOC theme, Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond. We also invited Aunty Hazel to place a native plant in our Bush Tucker garden. The plant acts as a symbol of our school’s ongoing recognition that the land on which our school stands is, was and always will be traditional Aboriginal land.

Lismore Lantern Parade
Thank you to the many parents and students who turned up for the Lismore Lantern Parade last Saturday evening. Despite the early downpour, we had a great time parading in front of 30,000 spectators! Well done to Warren King (our P&C Treasurer) and his sons, Aden and Ryan, for their brilliant job carrying ‘The Owl’. And well done to Angie for helping me with the ‘Green Man’. I have had so many people telling how great our school looked with all of the children carrying their lanterns through the streets and into Oakes Oval. Well done and thank you to everyone who turned up.
Our Stage 2 students went on a fun-filled overnight excursion to Lennox Head Sports and Recreation Centre on Tuesday through Wednesday. The students participated in a wide range of activities which challenged them physically and mentally. Activities included, Initiative Games, Archery, Cycling and Rock Climbing. What impressed the teachers most of all was the level of support and encouragement that students offered each other. Through their positive and motivating comments students helped their friends and class mates to achieve things that they didn’t think that they were capable of achieving. I would like to congratulate all of our students on their positive ‘have a go’ attitude and wonderful behaviour.

I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Linton and Mrs Le Sueur for their hard work and the high level of support that they offered the children whilst we were away – for many of our students this was the first time that they had been away overnight without their families, and both teachers made excellent surrogate parents!
Art Exhibition

The school hall was transformed into a stunning art gallery this week, with children's Aboriginal paintings and artwork on exhibition as part of our NAIDOC celebrations. Thank you to Mrs Davy for her inspiration and creativity in preparing our Art Exhibition. And well done students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 on your amazing artworks. I can now confirm that the school has sold 4 of its paintings on display to the State AECG for the sum of $1500.00.

Non-Violent Crisis Physical Intervention Training

The staff in the support classes (alongside selected members of the school Executive) have received training on Non-Violent Crisis Physical Intervention. This enables those staff to deal with isolated incidents which may occur in the school in a safe and professional manner. Non-Violent Crisis Physical Intervention is only used in extreme circumstances and only as a last resort.

P &C News

Thank you to all those people and our valuable volunteers in our school community who supported the Pie Drive and Skate Night. The Pie Drive raised $383.00 and the money will go towards operating and maintenance costs in the canteen and uniform shop. The Skate Night raised $414.70 and that money will possibly go towards a netball/volleyball mini court that has been proposed to the P&C.
I hope you all have safe holidays and our next general meeting will be next term on Wednesday 23rd July, at 7pm in the school's staff room.

Regards, Stacey Yates, President P&C
Sport News

Knock-Out Netball and Touch Footy

Last Wednesday our school netball team played in a carnival against other schools. With only a few experienced player our girls showed tremendous skill and determination to play 4 great games. Whilst they only won one game, they played well and were only narrowly beaten in the others. Congratulations to Asha, Makayla, Brooke, Jordan, Kaede, Asia, Laquisa, Sophie and Kayla. On Thursday many of the girls backed up with a Touch football carnival where we played two games. We beat our first team convincingly and were narrowly beaten in the second game. Excellent effort by Laquisa, Asia, Brooke, Sophie, Ashanti, Natoka, Asha and Jordan.

NAIDOC—Lismore Showground

Remember your 5 Finger Friends and Have a great holiday!