Classes for 2016

We are in the process of planning classes for 2016. The single most important factor in determining how many classes we will have next year is student numbers. Currently it looks as though we will have 9 mainstream classes and 2 support classes next year.

To help us to predict how many students we will have at the start of 2016 (and help us to firm up any decisions as early as possible), can we ask that any families who are moving out of the area and who will not be enrolling their children with us next year, let the school office know as soon as possible. Once we feel relatively confident about our student numbers for next year, we will be able to finalise our classes and plan for which class teacher your child will have in 2016. We understand that both students and parents are always eager to know this information, and we would like to be able to share this with you as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

**HELP NEEDED URGENTLY** Bunnings BBQ

Volunteers are urgently needed to help with Bunnings BBQ between 10-12 and between 12-2pm this Saturday. Our P&C are running a BBQ at Bunning in Lismore. This is always a successful event in terms of raising money for our school, but it requires all hands on deck to make it work. Don’t leave all the hard work to just a few – many hands make light work. And remember, every child in the school benefits from funds raised by the P&C. If you can spare an hour or two please contact Bradley, our P&C president, on tel: 0406782122.

Literacy – Camping style

Our current Kindy class were doing their reading lesson in cubby houses and tents during our power-out day, using torches. Looks like it was fun.
Gnibi Bundjalung Language and Cultural Sharing Day

Both students and staff from the Lismore Community of Schools enjoyed getting together with the wider community at Southern Cross University on Wednesday 25 November. We were Welcomed to Country by Aunty Irene Harrington, welcomed to SCU by Anthony Olive and welcomed to Gnibi by Norm Sheehan. Following a shared morning tea, Glen Rhodes introduced the Bundjalung Language App and school group activities. The day provided an opportunity for senior students to have a ‘hands on’ experience and give feedback on the language programme that is currently being developed. The students were engaged in four activities that included a Photo Scavenger Hunt, A Bundjalung Computer Lesson, Smartboard Interactive Lesson and Elders Sharing Stories. After a shared lunch, staff and students were privileged to share in the presentations from Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples, Indigenous Australian Student Services and Elder Awards. The excitement was obvious amongst students and staff at the endless opportunities that this new language programme will provide to support students in strengthening pride and culture.

Stage 2 Drumming

Students in 3/4L, 3/4C and 4/5Le have just completed their drumming sessions with Jake from the Conservatorium. Skills included maintaining a constant beat, developing a sense of timing, identifying the different sounds of the drums, and reading musical notation. Students explored the basic aspects of musical concepts, focusing on dynamics, tempo, soloing and structure. The workshops also helped develop the students’ listening and communicating skills. Our last lesson together was a loud but rhythmic celebration of what the students had learnt. A very successful program!

See Jake’s advertisement in this newsletter if your child would like to explore drumming further. Jake is available for private tuition. Lessons focus on technique, coordination, groove, music reading and musical styles (rock, blues, funk, jazz, reggae and more). Startup lessons are available throughout the school holidays.

Mrs Le Sueur

PBL Rule of the Week

Stop gossip and Speak kindly

Please speak to your children about speaking kindly to each other or not saying anything at all.

Thank You for supporting PBL
Year 6 Leavers Dinner

Next Wednesday (2 December) is our Year 6 leavers’ dinner commencing at 6.00pm. The event is coordinated by our P&C Committee and is supported by a number of wonderful parents/carers who give generously of their time to prepare, cook and serve a delicious meal. Families with children in Year 6 have previously received information regarding making a booking for the evening. We look forward to seeing many of you there on the night.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly

Our Year 6 Graduation Assembly will be held on Monday 7 December at 10.00am. This is always a lovely event, and is part of our Senior students’ rite of passage as they prepare for moving to high school. Parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to join us.

Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 10 December we are holding our annual Carols by Candlelight event commencing at 5.30pm. This is always a very well attended event, and provides the perfect opportunity for our students to display their talents. This year’s event includes three dance items (including performances by our Deadly Dancers, ‘The Rivers’ Dance Troup, and our school’s LPAF Performance ‘It’s A Hard Knock Life’); Choir performances (featuring Luke Vassella), Class items, and of course — if everyone’s been good – a visit from Santa! The P&C will get things sizzling on the BBQ, and I understand we have a face painter lined up for the evening. All-in-all, it promises to be a great event. Bring along a beach chair or picnic rug and join in fun!

Talent Quest!

Whatever your child’s talent, be it singing or dancing or playing an instrument or juggling or telling jokes, Lismore Heights’ Talent Quest is their chance to get up on the stage and show us what they can do. The preliminary rounds are already underway, and our grand final is scheduled to start at midday on Friday 11 December. It promises to be wildly entertaining affair. Come along and give the children a big cheer!

No Power Day

We may have had no power last Thursday, but it didn’t stop everyone from coming to school and getting on with their learning. Well done everyone. It’s reassuring to know that our lives don’t grind to a halt when the power goes out and the fans, air con and computers stop working. The electricity post, which was sited just outside the school entrance, has now been replaced and everything is back to normal. From what I understand, our Kindies had a great time watching the big trucks and workers in their hi-viz jackets!

Our breakfast club is supported by

Lismore Heights Public School is a proud member of ‘The Rivers P-12’
Be on Time

Regular attendance at school is really important for all students. And it’s not just getting to school that counts, but getting their ON TIME. The start of the day is a crucial time for students as that is when teachers explain and demonstrate what the students are going to learn that day. Students who arrive late often miss out on this very important part of the day. This can lead to students feeling anxious and uncertain about what to do. Teachers will do their best to reassure students and help them to catch up, but we must remember that there are lots of other students who need the teacher’s help too. To help your child feel confident and happy about being at school, please ensure that they arrive at school on time every day.

Step Up Day

What a fabulous time the children had yesterday during the ‘step-up day’. This was a wonderful opportunity for your child to meet and work with some of the teachers and students who will be on their Stage next year. We have intentionally not put students into specific classes (or with specific teachers) yet, as we are still unsure what our enrolments will be for 2016 at this point in time (see above). Our next ‘step-up’ day is Thursday next week.

Vacation Care at Lismore Heights PS

We will be operating these holidays! We will be open from the 17th to the 24th December and will reopen January 4th to the 27th January. The activities program will be available by the end of the month, and kindergarten students starting in 2016 are welcome to attend the service in January. If you are interested in this service enquiries can be made to Jalyn on 0437 553 057. Thank you.

Canteen Roster

30 November – Stacey
1 December – Stacey
2 December – Sally, Leanne
3 December – Nikki
4 December - Maree